

Embassy Hotel
200 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

March 31, 2010

City of Ann Arbor, Project Management Services Unit
100 North Fifth Ave.
P.O. Box 8647, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107

Re: Embassy Hotel

City File No.: 2009-020.18(er)

Attention: Mr. Homayoon Pirooz, P.E., Project Management Manager

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CITY OF ANN ARBOR
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Dear Mr. Pirooz,

We received your letter dated March 23, 2010 regarding our underground vault along Fourth Avenue. This letter is to thank you for agreeing to meet with us to discuss the sidewalk closure and hopefully find a solution with your help.

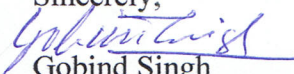
As you know we have been repairing the sidewalk for several years. We also have retained a structural engineer and have received quotes to repair and replace the sidewalk. Initial estimates put the cost to replace the sidewalk well beyond our means.

We are a small business down Ann Arbor and have been here since 1974. We provide a valuable service to many citizens who have been displaced. We have housed, over the years, many homeless people in need of shelter at discounted rates and many times even free. We provide lodging to those who are turned down at many of the "fancier" hotels in town. Mr. Pirooz, we are struggling to stay in business! Our occupancy rate has dropped significantly over the last few years.

We ask that you remove the sidewalk closure fees immediately as we will not be able to pay for that. The structural report does not conclude or recommend an immediate danger of collapse to the sidewalk; we will shore and reinforce the sidewalk until we can resolve a solution.

We are being singled out, at least it seems that way. The corner ramp at our business was not replaced as part of the recent MDOT repairs. Most business in the area benefited repairs except for us. Now the repairs to the corner ramp will compound the cost to replace the sidewalk we hope the City will help us with that. We ask that the City immediately remove the sidewalk occupancy fee. We also kindly request that if there is any possible way to assist us to finance the cost of replacement that you let us know what we can do to start that process.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and we stand ready to respond to any questions to find a solution to this matter.

Sincerely,

Gobind Singh
Embassy Hotel

cc: Members of Council, City Administration, DDA and City Staff