



**City of Racine, Wisconsin**  
**AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM**

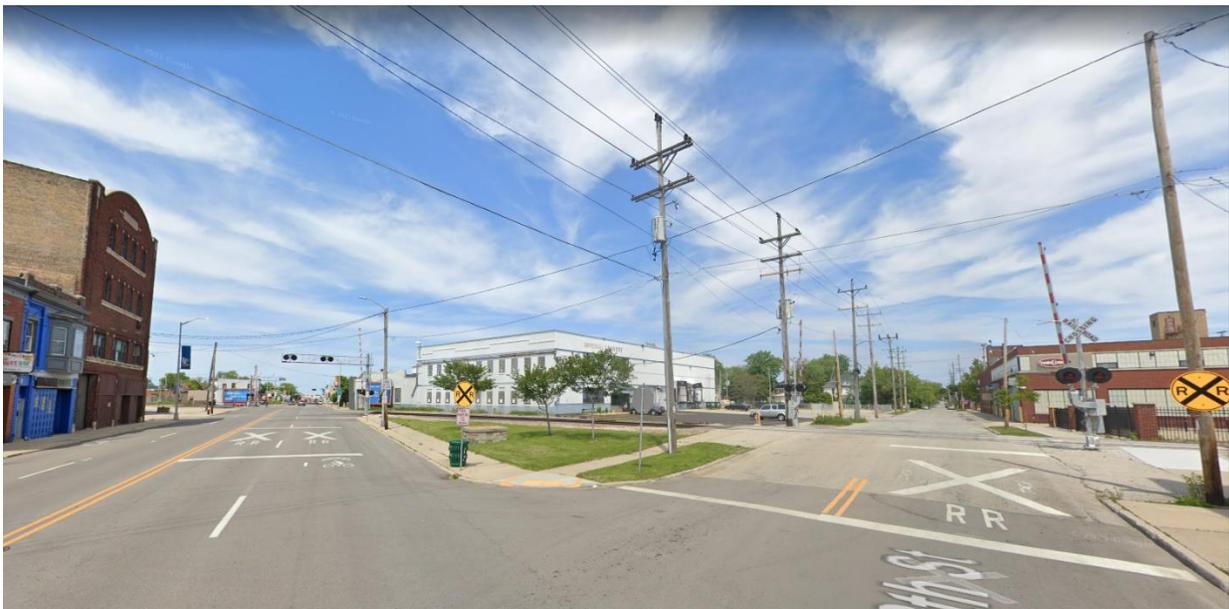
**AGENDA DATE:**

May 31, 2022 – Public Works and Services Committee  
June 7, 2022 – Common Council

**SUBJECT:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the Assistant Director of City Development to establish an easement across City-Owned Property at 1247 Washington Avenue as requested by We Energies.

**PREPARED BY:** Matthew Rejc – AICP, Assistant Director of City Development

**BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:** The City of Racine owns the land at 1247 Washington Avenue and We Energies wishes to route an aerial line across the property to serve customers in the area. This property houses an art sculpture and is generally under the purview of the Department of City Development.



The request is very typical given electrical service is part of modern life and thousands of easements exist throughout the City. If this property were held by a private party, the document would simply be signed by the property owner and We Energies would go about routing the service and connecting the customer(s) to the new service. Because the property is owned by the City, approval from the Common Council is required.

The easement request does not transfer property and simply allows We Energies the right to have the line cross over it in the air. The property is not generally developable as an industrially zoned property of 776 square feet in size. The overhead line will not obstruct the artwork on the property and will be routed as shown in the attachment map from We Energies.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the Mayor, City Clerk, and necessary City staff be authorized to execute the easement document as requested by We Energies.

**FISCAL NOTE:** N/A