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Romsa Trust
3225 Michigan Blvd.
Racine, WI 53402

Re: private sprinkler system in public right-of-way

Dear Property Owner,

It has come to the Department of Public Works' attention that a private sprinkler system fronting your property exists in public right-of-way.



A private sprinkler system can be placed in the public right-of-way if given permission by the permitting agency for the public roadway. Under State Statute 66.045, Privileges in streets, permission can be granted to a private property owner for an encroachment or private utility line provided they comply with various stipulations outlined by the local unit of government. This would include, but not be limited to, requiring the private utility to be registered with Digger's Hotline and to be marked in accordance with State Statute 182.0175. The other option is to relocate your private sprinkler system out of the public right-of-way and onto your private property.

Let this office know your preference in this matter by August 15, 2020. If you choose to retain the sprinkler system within the public right-of-way we will schedule this item before the Public Works & Services Committee to review your request and grant a revocable permit.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact my office.

Thank you,

John C. Rooney, P.E.

CC: Scott Letteney, City Attorney
Randy Eschmann, DPW
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