COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NOTICE

June 17, 1977

D.C LAW 2-2

"Closing of the Public Alley System in Square 551 Act of 1977".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia
Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act (PL 93-198),
"the Act," the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill
No. 2-66 on first and second readings March 8, 1977, and
March 22, 1977, respectively. Following the signature of the
Mayor on April 4, 1977, this legislation was assigned Act
No. 2-21, published in the April 22, 1977, edition of the

D.C. Register, and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for
a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired and, therefore, cites the following legislation as D. C. Law 2-2, effective June 11, 1977.

STERLING TUCKER

Chairman of the Council

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 11, 1977

To order the closing of the public alley system in Square 551, bounded by Florida Avenue, 1st, 0, 3rd, and R Streets, N.W. (S.O. 74-152).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the "Closing of the Public

Alley System in Square 551 Act of 1977".

- Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that:
- (a) A public hearing was held on November 9, 1976 concerning the proposed closing of the public alley system in Square 551, bounded by Florida Avenue, 1st, Q, 3rd, and R Streets, N.W. as shown on a plat on file in the Office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia (S.O. 74-152); and
- (b) The Council of the District of Columbia, having considered the proposed closing, is of the opinion that the 'public alley areas referred to in subsection (a) should be closed.
- Sec. 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of The Street
 Readjustment Act of the District of Columbia, approved
 December 15, 1932 (47 Stat. 747; D.C. Code, sec. 7-401 et

seq.), as amended by, the Emergency Street and Alley Closing Act of 1976, effective December 29, 1976 (Act 1-184), the public alley areas as shown on the plat filed in the Office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia (S.O. 74-152) are hereby ordered closed, PROVIDED that said order is subject to the condition that the Mount Sinai Baptist Church located on Lot 230 in Square 551 shall be provided with continued utility service, including water, sewer, electrical, gas, and telephone services, without any unreasonable interruption, and PROVIDED further that the District of Columbia reserves a 10 foot wide easement over the entire 110 foot long by 10 foot wide east-west public alley located in the southwestern quadrant of Square 551 and abutting on Lots 230, 826, 828, 870, 871, 905, 906, and 907. Pursuant to such easement, no buildings or other structures may be located within the 10 foot wide easement and the existing right-of-way of the east-west public alley shall not be physically closed to pedestrian and vehicular traffic without the prior approval of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Mount Sinai Baptist Church or any subsequent owner or trustee of Lot 230. Said easement shall automatically terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) the sale or transfer to or acquisition by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the 110 foot long by 5 foot wide northern half of the east-west public alley area to be closed;
- (b) the sale or transfer to the Mount Sinai
 Baptist Church or any subsequent owner of Lot 230 of the 110
 foot long by 5 foot wide southern half of the east-west
 public alley area to be closed;
- (c) the demolition of the existing structure located on Lot 230 in Square 551; or
- (d) the receipt by the Surveyor of the District of Columbia of a written document signed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mount Sinai Baptist Church or any subsequent owner or trustee of Lot 230 in Square 551 and stating that the reservation of said easement is no longer necessary.
- Sec. 4. The Surveyor of the District of Columbia shall record the easement provided for in section 3 of this act on the appropriate plat on file in the Office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia (S.O. 74-152).
- Sec. 5. Immediately after the effective date of this act, the Surveyor of the District of Columbia shall cause a public notice of this order concerning the closing of the public alley area to be given by advertisement and shall

serve a copy of the order on each property owner abutting the public alley areas to be closed in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 4 of The Street Readjustment Act of the District of Columbia, approved December 15, 1932 (47 Stat. 749; D.C. Code, sec. 7-404).

Sec. 6. If no objection, in writing, is made by any interested party within thirty (30) days after the service of the order referred to in section 5 of this act, the Surveyor of the District of Columbia shall record in his Office the order and appropriate plat or plats.

Sec. 7. The Secretary to the Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a true and accurate copy of this act, upon its effective date, to the Surveyor of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect at the end of the period provided for Congressional review of acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 602(c) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.

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