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August 5, 2025

Hon. Ellen Cupo, Chair Legislation Committee Board of Alders, City of New Haven 165 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Chair Cupo, Vice Chair Furlow, and Members of the Legislation Committee:

RE: OR-2025-018: ORDINANCE AMENDMENT APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES, TITLE III, CHAPTER 27 - STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC WAYS - SECTION 27-154a PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING THE BOARD OF ALDERS TO ORDER IMPROVEMENTS TO AN UNACCEPTED STREET.

Please accept this letter in support of the proposed ordinance setting forth a procedure for requesting the Board of Alders to order improvements to an unaccepted street. This ordinance will address a long-standing problem faced by unaccepted streets throughout the city, including Kenter Place in Ward 26.

I would like to explain the situation on Kenter Place as an example of the importance of this proposed ordinance. The pavement on Kenter Place is badly in need of repaving and was, in fact, given the worst grade in the ward for street condition in the most recent street surface review. Nonetheless, Kenter Place cannot request city paving through the normal processes of the Resource Allocation Committee, as it does not qualify as an "accepted street."

Kenter Place does not meet the city's engineering standards to be considered an "accepted street" because it is too narrow, and it is not feasible to bring the street into compliance with these standards. In order for Kenter Place to become an accepted street, it would need to be widened significantly at the homeowners' expense. Such changes would be cost-prohibitive for homeowners and would require demolishing the garages at many of the homes.

Kenter Place is a vital street for the 18 households that use it as their only vehicle access to their homes. Four of these homes have Kenter Place addresses with both their front doors and driveways on Kenter Place. Fourteen others have addresses on other streets but have their sole driveways on Kenter Place and use Kenter Place as the only means of access to and from their homes by car. It is not feasible for the neighbors to coordinate and pay for paving on their own.



The proposed ordinance has three crucial aspects. First, the ordinance establishes a procedure through which all homeowners who benefit from the paving will be required to pay. Second, the ordinance enables paving by the city, which can be done at a lower total cost, as the price can be negotiated in bulk with the city-wide paving contract. Third, the proposed ordinance allows for the cost to be spread over time, so that the homeowners do not need to make a payment all at once.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Kenter Place resident David Heilbron, who has taken on an active leadership role in coordinating neighbors to seek solutions to the paving situation over the last few years. Attached please find signed petitions that he obtained from the majority of the households to support the proposed ordinance. I have received no communication from Kenter residents to oppose the proposed ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration of this written testimony.

Sincerely,

Hon. Amy Marx Alder, Ward 26

Attachments (11 signed petitions)

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Kenter Place Neighbors In Support of Proposed Ordinance to Allow Improvements to An Unaccepted Street

The below household is supportive of the proposed ordinance to amend the Code of General Ordinances, Title III, Chapter 27 - Street Sidewalks and Public Ways - Section 27-154a in order for the Board of Alders to order improvements to an unaccepted streets. We support the implementation of the proposed ordinance in order to promote harmony among homeowners, to provide safer streets for all of New Haven's residents, and to reduce the financial burden for those required to make necessary street repairs.

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