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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President
Board of Alders of the City of New Haven
165 Church Street
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Re: ORDINANCE 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.

Dear President Walker-Myers:

I am writing to submit for your consideration the attached ordinance amendment to **Title III-Code of General Ordinances, Chapter 27 – Streets Sidewalks and Public Ways – Section 27-154a Procedure for Requesting the Board of Alders to Order Improvements to An Unaccepted Street.**

This proposed amendment will authorize the City to address long-standing infrastructure challenges on unaccepted streets, which are privately owned and currently fall outside the scope of municipal responsibility. New Haven has thirty-three such streets, many of which are in serious disrepair but remain ineligible for City-funded improvements due to the absence of a formal process.

The amendment establishes a clear and transparent procedure through which a majority of property owners on an unaccepted street may petition the Board of Alders to request improvements. Upon receiving a petition, the Board will review whether the proposed work serves the public interest. If approved, the City may carry out the improvement and assign a fair and proportional share of the cost to abutting property owners through a special assessment.

This ordinance provides the legal framework necessary for the City to respond where safety concerns are significant and private remedies have proven inadequate. It creates a structured path forward for residents who have long lacked a mechanism for coordinated action and municipal support.

We believe this amendment is a critical step toward improving safety, promoting responsible infrastructure management, and supporting neighborhoods in need of relief from unresolved street conditions.

We appreciate your continued leadership and consideration of this important amendment. On behalf of the department, I respectfully request that the Board of Alders approve this ordinance amendment as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,



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