

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

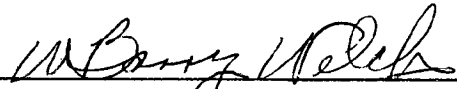
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**PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

DENIED

**TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:**

*The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body*

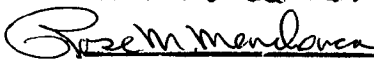
For permission to place metal posts as shown on plan supplied.  
The purpose being the prevention of cars jumping the sidewalk  
and hitting our building and the windows. Also wish to avoid  
any vehicles parking on this sidewalk as it is a vault area.



W. Barry Welch  
Wm. H. Harris  
400 Westminster Mall  
Providence, R.I. 02903

IN CITY COUNCIL  
NOV 5 1981

READ: and *denied*

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FIRST READING  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Rose M. Mendonca  
Clerk

THE COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC WORKS

Recommends Be Denied

Rose M. Mendonca  
Clerk  
October 25, 1981

**H.V. COLLINS**  
COMPANY

General Contractors 99 Gano Street Providence, Rhode Island 02906 Telephone 401 421-4079

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July 2, 1981

Harris Furs  
400 Westminster Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Attn: Dieter Wiegand

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit a unit price quotation of \$315./ea to furnish and install a 4" concrete filled pipe bollard in sidewalk on side of Harris Furs. Total quantities shall be as directed by the owner.

The owner shall obtain permission from the City of Providence to install same.

Option # 1: If a 2" concrete filled pipe is used in lieu of a 4" deduct \$25.00/each.

Yours truly,

H.V. COLLINS COMPANY

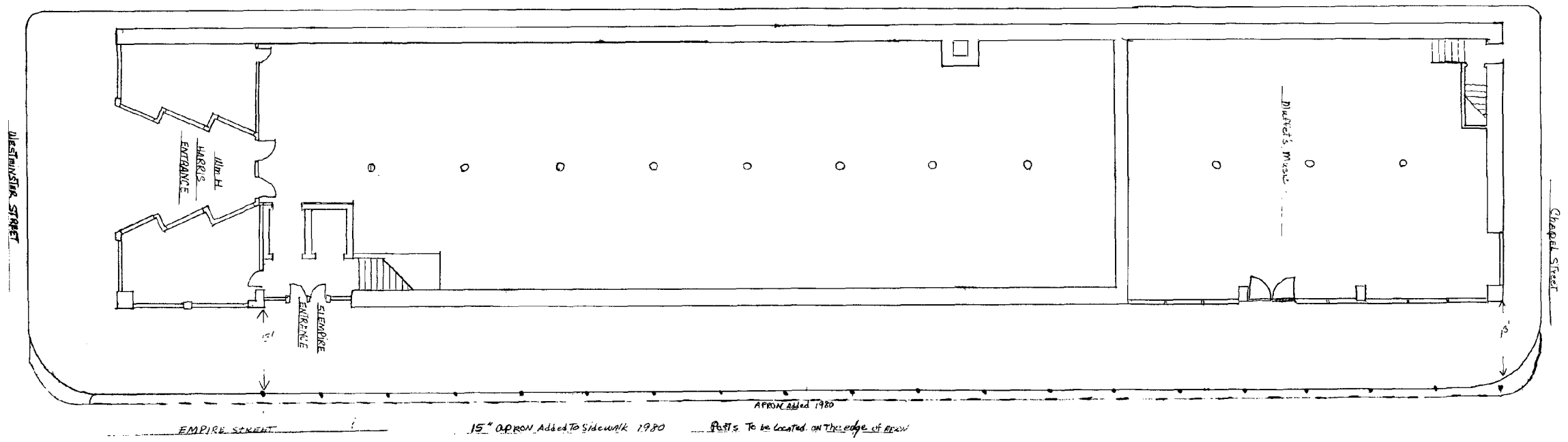


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1/16 square foot approx



City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: October 5, 1981

TO: Merlin A. DeConti, Director of Building Inspection

SUBJECT: ERECTION OF METAL POSTS

CONSIDERED BY: Committee on Public Works

DISPOSITION: Attached is a copy of the above Petition, along with plans, for your study and report back in writing as soon as practical.

*Michael R. Clement*  
FIRST DEPUTY City Clerk



Merlin A. DeConti, Jr.  
Director

CITY OF PROVIDENCE . MAYOR VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.

## Department of Building Inspection

112 Union Street, Providence, R. I. 02903  
421 - 7740

Anthony M. Santagata  
Chief Plumbing, Drainage  
and Gas Piping Inspector  
Joseph F. Kane  
Chief Mechanical Inspector

November 3, 1981

### MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Lawrence K. Flynn, Chairman  
Committee on Public Works

From: Merlin A. DeConti, Jr., Director  
Department of Building Inspection

Subject: Erection of Metal Posts Along Empire Street Curb Line  
Petition Filed by William H. Harris Furs

This petition has been brought before you as a result of legal action taken by the Department of Building Inspection against Mr. Harold Harris of William H. Harris Furs. The legal action taken by this Department resulted from an inspection request by Stanley Bernstein, of the Department of Planning & Urban Development. At the time Mr. Bernstein was prepared to repave the entire sidewalk along Empire Street as long as any deterioration of the structure supports of this sidewalk were replaced at the expense of Mr. Harris.

I was called in to inspect the premises to determine if there was any deterioration of the structure. Because the beams were concrete encased under the sidewalk, it was impossible to determine the condition of the sidewalk other than to state that it was leaking very badly and there had been an undeterminable amount of deterioration. It was impossible to determine the extent of deterioration of the structure supports at that time. I notified Mr. Harris that it was necessary to obtain a structural engineer to determine if the sidewalk was indeed safe since the area under the sidewalk was being used as his office and office for his clerks.

The structural engineer that looked into this problem could not give a specific answer as to whether or not this sidewalk was safe because it was impossible to investigate without ripping up a portion of the sidewalk. Since no one could certify that the sidewalk was safe and since this Department was pressing Mr. Harold Harris in court, this alternate proposal has been brought before you. Mr. Bernstein's funds have since been withdrawn and used elsewhere in the city.

The intent of the proposal is to eliminate the possibility of a truck or car parking on the sidewalk in this area whether for deliveries or by accident. This in effect will eliminate any possible real tragedy from occurring should a car or truck fall through the sidewalk and injure or kill someone working below. This is by no means the proper measure to correct the situation. It will certainly not stop the leaking of the water and further deterioration of the beams and will only eliminate one possible hazard from occurring.

Should this council approve this petition, I would recommend that a sample of the type of post be shown to both the Department of Building Inspection and the Department of Planning & Urban Development because if this treatment is not done properly it could have a negative effect on the opposite side of Empire Street, which is almost totally new construction. Should the post be acceptable to both these Departments I would only recommend an approval for six months, at which time Mr. Harris should be forced by either the courts or by the City Council to properly repair his sidewalk or to fill the vault in altogether.

I strongly recommend that the petition in its present form be held for further study.

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