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MEMBER OF COUNCIL, CITY OF PITTSBURGH



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Director Kenney,

As you well know, Iron City Brewing has repeatedly failed to meet its obligations to the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority. Despite the Authority's attempt to recover \$1 million in outstanding debt, Iron City Brewing has yet to deliver those funds. I have just learned that on October 21, 2009, Iron City Brewing applied for a demolition permit for five structures at 3340 Liberty Avenue at an expected demolition cost of \$500,000. If Iron City Brewing can afford to spend half a million dollars on demolition, they can certainly find the funds to pay \$1 million in PWSA debt.

The demolition of these properties could very well undermine PWSA's attempt to recover what it is owed. I request that the PWSA immediately move to lien the property in question in order to secure the ratepayers interest in Iron City Brewing assets. The permit will be issued within 15 days of the requested date if we do not act right away. We cannot continue to ask PWSA ratepayers to pay for debt that Iron City is clearly capable of paying for themselves.

I look forward to your response.

Patrick Dowd  
Member of Council

cc: Mark Nowak, Thorp Reed  
PWSA Board Members

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