

Overby, Jackson

From: Mindel, Mackenzie
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 11:00 AM
To: Charlotte Grant; Gallager, Matthew; Sward, Stephanie; Reinhart, David
Subject: Re: A 14th St. South neighborhood safety concern

Hi Charlotte, thank you for reaching out on behalf of this group of households. I'm looping in our Engineering Director @Gallager, Matthew and Deputy Director @Sward, Stephanie to address your question about installing a mirror. I'm also adding in our Chief Inspector @Reinhart, David to determine whether there is an issue that is not being followed here as well. I'm aware of this corner and even without the hedge, the brick wall itself would be obstructing.

More to come but starting there to get the ball rolling.

Mackenzie Mindel (she/her), MA SISL
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From: Charlotte Grant
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2025 8:23 AM
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Subject: A 14th St. South neighborhood safety concern
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Several neighboring households on the west side of the 400 block of 14th Street South have discussed the need for a wide-angle convex mirror to help us avoid accidents. Our alley opens on Madison and doglegs behind the wide brick mansion at 14th and Cass. A brick wall and hedge at the back of that property create a blind spot at the 14th St. entrance/exit. When large vehicles park near there, it is VERY difficult to see foot or vehicle traffic coming from the left. Alley vehicle traffic is higher than normal since there are two rental homes with parking behind us.

We are all very cautious and go as slowly as we can. Even so, there have been near misses when runners, walkers with phones, or chatting friends suddenly appear. In the morning during the school year, parents with strollers, led by zooming kids on scooters, are a common sight. As new owners of an EV, my husband and I are even more wary since our car may not be heard as it creeps toward the sidewalk.

We are willing to purchase and install a small mirror on a boulevard utility pole by the 14th St. access to reduce

risk to pedestrians. It would also help prevent fender benders with speeding cars delivering kids to Cathedral or other vehicles avoiding West Ave. lights. (Motorcycles and E-bikes often fly from Cass to Madison en route to Market.)

We would like to proceed but do not want to violate any ordinances. Is there a department or particular position of authority we should consult or a permission process? We welcome your advice. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Charlotte Grant, 416 14th St. South

On behalf of Roger Grant, John Hoppe and Bruce Sherman,
Mark and Stephanie Christensen, Holly and Tom Gorman