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Chicago, Illinois

Re: Ownership of

Dear

The Department of Law has been asked to look into the ownership of the
including the portion located in front of your
residence.

In 1891, the plat for the

was drafted by an
Illinois Registered Land Surveyor and recorded with the Cook County Recorder
of Deeds. The plat set forth all the public streets and alleys contained in the
subdivision as required by the then applicable Illinois statute, which is presently
codified at 765 ILCS 205/1 et seq.. In this plat, is
identified as a City street, with a standard 66' width for such public right of way.
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Under the applicable statute, currently codified at 765 ILCS 205/3, the recording
of the plat constitutes a conveyance in fee simple of all portions that are
identified on the plat as being donated or committed to the City of Chicago, and
such public right of way shall be used for the uses and purposes therein named
and for no other use or purpose, is clearly marked as a public
street in the plat of subdivision. The 66 foot width of this right of way is subject
to use by the general public, except as the same may be restricted by the further
ordinance of City Council (such as, for example, permit parking, handicapped
parking, and the like). Such public use may not be restricted by a private person.


The Department of Law has also reviewed the deed pursuant to which your
family originally acquired title. It is limited to portions of lots and
does not legally describe any portion of the right of way.



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Therefore, under the laws of the State of Illinois, and consistent with your family's deed to you do not own the portion of the public street in front of your house.

Very truly yours,



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