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To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: License #: 20220000638
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Dear Mr. Fischbach and Department of Safety and Inspections,

I am writing to object to the relicensing of P&S Enterprises Inc, doing business as Haas Collision & Glass Patrick O'Shaghnessy, license number 20220000638, located at 1400 St. Clair Ave.

The business, under its current as well as its previous ownership, has continually failed to meet nearly all of its license conditions. This site is not appropriate for the type or scale of this business. They effectively use the entire corner of St. Clair & Albert as their workshop.

- > the business regularly parks vehicles on the sidewalk/public right of way
- > the business regularly leaves parts outside of the building, and frequently leaves overflow trash and car parts in the alley, outside of their dumpster
- > the business continually stores vehicles awaiting repair and that have been repaired in the street, alley, sidewalk, and boulevard (in fact they also do some work on vehicles in all of those locations)
- > they also regularly operate their business with their garage doors open
- > the business has been cited for failure to maintain its air filtration system (I believe the filters had been completely removed)
- > the business frequently operates after 7:00pm, and on Sundays

This business has been a nuisance for the neighborhood for decades. The street is constantly crowded with wrecked vehicles parked on both sides of the street on Albert, between St. Clair and Stanford. The sound from grinders can be heard most days within at least a half block of the business. A column of paint fumes shooting at least 20 feet above the roof blower stack can be seen whenever they paint, and a strong paint smell is frequently present in the yards and homes within at least a half block of the business.

While we appreciate that the business has tried to move to lower VOC paint, at least 6 long term residents in the homes on the block just east of this business have been diagnosed with cancer within the last decade. While it's great to see the City of St. Paul encouraging mixed use and small family businesses, not all types of businesses are a good fit for residential neighborhoods. I appreciate that, if this license is discontinued, this really isn't completely fair for the current owner, but we know a lot more now about the dangers that an auto body shop presents to residents than we did in the 1970s, when St. Paul allowed this business to become established at this location, despite single-family zoning of the lot. I hope that there might be an option that the city could offer to this business owner to support them in continuing to operate in St. Paul, but in a more appropriate location.

I have attached a number of photos, with their dates, to show you some examples of the inappropriate practices we regularly witness at this business.

Sincerely,

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