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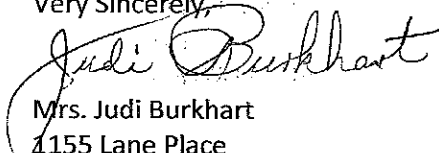
Re: License No: 20180004316
Mobil Gas Station
Duluth and Maryland Avenues
St. Paul, Minnesota 55106

Dear Officer:

Apparently there was a letter set to a few people regarding the above location. I never received a letter and don't know the full contents. I only learned about a letter because I am a member of a Facebook group which was discussing an accident on Duluth and Jessamine Avenues and the Mobil Station was mentioned as a bad location. I added my two cents – which prompted a response which provided me your address and information and advised I write to you. So here's my two cents:

The Mobil gas station has been a trouble spot in many ways and the corner in question (Jessamine and Duluth) is one that suffers from the patrons that leave the station, can't exit to the west on Maryland, so they speed south out of the gas station like it's a freeway. (Duluth is also a direct street to get onto Vento Boulevard.) I live within a block from the station (on Lane Place) and use the alleyway – plus pass through the intersection nearly each day. Those patrons that don't use Duluth as an exit, use the alley adjacent to Maryland as a thoroughfare and speed through as tho it were a city street. The alley is a "T" - so, if residents using the alley between Duluth and Lane Place choose to exit the alley to the north, we have to be extra alert. I mentioned this problem to City Council Representative, Jim McDonough at a City meeting being held to discuss the lanes on Maryland Avenue (which I love). The only problem I have noticed (that affects the problem being addressed) ... cars traveling west on Maryland and probably live on Maryland or Rose Avenue between Duluth and Frank, can't make a left turn on Duluth to use their alley so they exit on Lane Place and drive through the "T" and at a higher than normal speed. Jim was going to check on this! Also, many times, because the turn within the fence of the station is too sharp to get into the car wash, cars line up in the alley to go through, thus blocking the alley for residents. Also, their delivery trucks (not gasoline trucks) park in the alleyway to unload their product. This really gets congested when we have trash haulers, recycling trucks and delivery trucks blocking the alley. I have no idea why so many cars have to park within that little lot – it's a gas station – fill your tank and leave – that's the way it used to be a few years ago when three Minnesota Viking players opened it as a "gas station". Now we have groceries, car wash, restaurant, etc. The house on Duluth (next to the station) had to put up some posts as their grass/yard was being destroyed with trucks and cars driving on it. Even tho that station would be a real convenience for me, I'm afraid to even enter that small lot due to the number of cars zigging and zagging, horns honking, etc. – just glad I don't have to live closer and put up with that traffic! AND ...I can't forget to mention witnessing drug deals last summer! Hmmm, maybe that's the reason for all the cars!

Very Sincerely,


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