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Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 4:46 PM
To: David Hoban; Joanna Zimny; Mai Vang; Russel Balenger; Dan Dodge
Cc: Polly Heintz; Stephanie Harr; Kristin Koziol; Angie Wiese; Marcia Moermond
Subject: RE: 817 Marshall - Vehicle abatement

David,

Thank you for this thorough explanation. I really appreciate it. And I've had a chance to talk to Marcia Moermond in some detail about this today.

I remain confused on Rev Pittman's seeming lack of understanding that he could appeal the vehicle abatement order, and perhaps it was his failure to absorb the details on the letters sent to him.

Our process is generally clear to those of us who work here, but not necessarily to the people we work with in the community. In any event, I really appreciate the follow up from you and our staff to come to a resolution here.

Again, thank you,

Jane

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CM Prince,
To supplement the helpful information Joanna provided:

The file for the inoperable vehicle at this property has been open since October 31, 2022. It was being handled by Inspector Otis Warner.

According to our files, there were 18 entries between 10/31/22 and 5/15/23 by Inspector Warner for everything from reinspection's, extension requests, and excessive consumption fees (5 total). An appeal of the EC's was to be heard on 4/4/23 and a second scheduled for 5/2/23. Both were re-scheduled to be heard together on 5/16/23. No decision was made on the fees at that time since the vehicle was scheduled to be donated and removed according to the Pittman's, and Inspector Warner had agreed to cancel one of the EC sees if this was done by 5/19/23.

A re-check of the vehicle on 5/22/23 revealed it had not been removed, as agreed. The license plates had been changed and were now current, but the vehicle was still inoperable and had flat tires. Notes reflect that the EC that was to be cancelled would now stand and a new EC was issued at that time for non-compliance with a reinspection date of 5/30/23.

DSI visited the property again on 5/30 and the vehicle was still inoperable and had flat tires. Before sending a tow order for the vehicle, we agreed that a new Vehicle Abatement should be issued for seven days to reflect the new license plate number and the current vehicle condition before issuing a tow order. Mr. Pittman called when he received this New vehicle abatement and we explained that the vehicle must be operational or it could not be on the property. Mr. Pittman admitted that the vehicle had a timing belt issue and did not run. There is no garage on the property for storage.

We are trying to balance working with folks and enforcing the ordinance. We are open to discussions on how to improve the ordinance, if that is of interest. Please reach out with any questions or if you want to discuss more.

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CM Prince,

They currently have 4 Excessive Consumption fees under appeal (2 of which are being discussed tomorrow; 2 are forthcoming). The orders are not for expired tabs or on an unapproved surface, I believe the issue(s) are that the tires are flat and it appears undrivable. The original orders were issued 10/31/22 and are only able to have a timely appeal now because Kedrowski issued the new orders with the updated plate number. Rev. Pittman did state in our 5/16 hearing that it has tabs and insurance but it isn't working. I've let the front desk know he will be appealing.

(copying Kristin on this as well)

Thank you,
Joanna



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The plates expire in October 2023, so they are still current.

It is also unclear to me why Rev Pittman is paying repeated fines, when he believes he is allowed to park the car on a permitted surface on his own property.

I'm not sure why he has not been encouraged to appeal the underlying order that the vehicle is improperly situated,

Jane

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CM Prince, CM Balenger, et all

I just spoke with Mr. Pittman, he is coming down to appeal the new Vehicle Abatement Order today. We're already speaking them tomorrow about their ongoing Excessive Consumption bills for the same matter. Inspector Kedrowski appears to have issued new orders simply because the plates were changed.

Thanks,
Joanna

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All,

Can he still appeal this before Wednesday, the date of abatement?

Shall I have him call to appeal it? He has been ill at home, so is unlikely to be able to come in.

Whom should he call regarding making the appeal?

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All,

I got a call today from Rev. Richard Pittman who is having significant difficulties dealing with DSI. **DSI has threatened to tow the car and impose a \$1K fine on June 7.**

It is clear Russel, that we should look into this. Rev Pittman has been working with an inspector by the name of Otis Warner, and was following his direction. Now, Otis has been pulled off the case and his boss Rich Kedrowski is cracking down, **and it is a vehicle on his property** on a cement surface – not in the alley, and it has current plates on it.

We have until Wednesday – Mai & Joanna, can you fill us in on this?

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