

Dear City Council members,

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My name is John Vojtech and I am the owner of Afterhours Mobile Service, Inc., DBA Twin City Fleet Repair and also the property it rents at 290 Larch Street. I have owned and operated Twin City Fleet since 2001 and moved to the current location in 2008. When I bought the building and moved into to it, we had 16 employees working two shifts. In 2009 and 2010 a few of our largest and many of our smaller customers went out of business. We struggled financially and were very ill prepared for the slow economic times ahead. We cut our costs, let the majority of our employees go and tried to stay afloat. Over the next few years we incurred a lot debt, but we replaced some of our lost customers and slowly rebuilt the business. In 2014 I found out the office manager/bookkeeper was not making our mortgage payment and our building was being foreclosed on. So I spent a year struggling and scrambling to get the money together to buy the building back from the bank so we did not lose it. In the end of 2015 I bought the building from the bank. I have taken back all the office responsibilities myself and we are finally on a solid track to financial health. The last major thing I have left is to finish is the paving, fencing and striping to comply with my approved site plan.

The work has not been completed simply because I have not had the money to do it. Last year when I finally bought the building back it was too late in the year to pave and I had just spent every dollar I had. This spring I have already begun the excavation, grading and prep work for the asphalt to be laid. But this is the busiest time for asphalt contractors. The price to perform the paving varies drastically and the lower the bid the busier the contractor is. Due to my still precarious financial position I am forced to go with the lowest price bid, which equates to extra time for the work to be done, due to their busy schedules. The fencing contractor is much easier he only needs a week notice and can have the work done in a day. I am asking for an extension until September 15, 2016 before you suspend my license. If my license is suspended before the work is performed that will put me and my employees out of business as without the business revenue I will never be able to afford to pave and bring the site into compliance. I am committed to this property, my business and my current employees, and would love to continue on doing business here.

I would like to address the other violations. We have been moving everything around on the lot to allow the excavation company access to the areas we have to pave so they can grade and fill and do the site prep work. Everything had to be pushed to the back(farthest from the street and site) of the lot to allow their dump trucks and heavy equipment access to the areas we are paving.

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Here are my responses to the listed violations:

1. We are parking ALL of the vehicles in the back TEMPORARILY while the excavation/paving work is completed.
2. Once paving is completed all parking spaces will be clearly marked.
4. The debris is from the reorganization/cleaning of the lot. The lot is currently a worksite and as such, things get set down temporarily as we find a permanent home for them.
6. We are an auto repair shop and work on all years and makes of vehicles for all different economic status customers. Some customers are in a accident and don't have full coverage insurance so they will bring the vehicle to us to just repair the mechanical damage it so they can drive it IE: blown tire, damaged rim, broken headlights. We do not perform body repairs, but we do many bolt on parts that are easily damaged in a accident.
7. We ABSOLUTLEY are not a salvage yard and do not perform any salvage of vehicles.
11. We are using the long term storage area to park all of our customer's vehicles while the excavation/paving work is performed.

15. We have not been financially able to perform the improvements until now. I am asking for a extension until September 15, 2016 to have the property brought into complete compliance.

I have been in business at this location since 2008 with no complaints or other issues with anyone or agency. I am finally in a position to bring the property into compliance I just need a couple more months. If you have any questions please contact me at 651-338-9627

Thank you for your time and consideration,



John Vojtech

Owner