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Subject: Lic No 20130003588 renewal

D & L Food and Gas Inc *dba* D & L Food and Gas
626 Larpenteur Ave W
Raees, Chohan, owner

OPPOSITION to license renewal - Lic No 20130003588

Business exterior

1. Trash and Debris- along entire West side
2. 6 to 7 ft Weeds on West and South
3. Broken cyclone Fence on West side

Interior, safety, health issues

1. Freezers broke and food that had thawed was re-frozen and sold.
2. Expired food sold.
3. Roof has leaked for years, creating puddles on the interior floor, and buckets sit around.

These are habitual problems over years, not just recent issues.

While the owner does make some effort for inspections (wax / buff the floor very nicely) other issues remain year after year). I have always been up front with this owner, notified him directly of issues; but the weeds and trash remain.

Today, I again complained directly to the owner, especially about a large dark green rubbish bag that has been laying on the West side of the bldg since MARCH! (Among, bottles, cans, wrappers and other customer discards) . I told him I was going to have to oppose the license renewal. That got a little action at least.

He sent the clerk out to pick up the large trash bag. **It was crawling with hundreds of red bugs!** Bugs in the bag, on the bag and swarming on the ground under that bag! Bugs I've never seen before in my entire life. I feel this property should now be inspected for what those bugs might be before they invade the adjacent apartment bldg and spread throughout our neighborhood. And unfortunately, all the clerk did is transfer this bag crawling with bugs to the clothing drive box on the West side of their parking lot ... where they will only spread further when the charity group unknowingly makes a pick up!

I realize like myself, our Como neighborhood has aged. I expect some weathering of all structures. However, I don't expect businesses to be allowed to degrade our neighborhood into 7 ft tall weeds, trash and bugs. Como is still a historical neighborhood with visitors to our beautiful Como Park; Larpenteur is a main pathway that carries people from across our nation to our proud, Minnesota State Fair.

IF allowed to remain in business on Larpenteur Ave, then I propose D & L receive a conditional *clean up* provision.

(if there is a system in place to ensure regular checks for adherence to those conditions)

I would greatly appreciate being notified regarding those bugs!

Sincerely, a lifetime member of this community,
Ms Bailey