



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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Civil Division

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May 14, 2015

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Ward Jefferson, President  
Jefferson Auto Repair  
975 Minnehaha Avenue West  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

RE: Auto Repair Garage license held by Jefferson Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Jefferson Auto Repair for the premises located at 975 Minnehaha Avenue West in Saint Paul  
License ID #: 19990003069

Dear Mr. Jefferson:

The Department of Safety and Inspections will recommend adverse action against the Auto Repair Garage license held by Jefferson Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Jefferson Auto Repair for the premises located at 975 Minnehaha Avenue West in Saint Paul. The basis for the recommendation is based on the following:

On May 8, 2015, an Inspector from the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) came to your establishment for an inspection and documented the following license condition violations:

1. Outdoor storage of tires in violation of license condition #2: *"There shall be no outside storage of equipment or material."*
2. Car parked in the driveway of the lot with a flat tire and missing parts in violation of license condition #3: *"All vehicle on the lot shall be completely assembled with no parts missing."*

Also, license condition #4: *"Vehicles awaiting repair or pick-up by their owners may not be parked on the street or within the public right-of-way."*

3. Car in need of repair work was parked on the street in violation of license condition #4: *"Vehicles awaiting repair or pick-up by their owners may not be parked on the street or within the public right-of-way."*
4. Fifteen (15) vehicles parked on the lot in violation of license condition #5: *"The number of vehicles on the lot shall not exceed fourteen (14)."*

As a result of these violations, per Saint Paul Legislative Code § 310.05 (m) (1), the licensing office will recommend a \$500.00 matrix penalty.

At this time, you have four (4) options on how to proceed:

1. If you do not contest the imposition of the proposed adverse action, you may do nothing. If I have not heard from you by **Monday, May 25, 2015**, I will presume that you have chosen not to contest the proposed adverse action, and the matter will be placed on the City Council Agenda for approval of the proposed remedy.


2. You can pay the recommended \$500.00 matrix penalty. If this is your choice, you should make payment directly to the Department of Safety and Inspections, at 375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806 no later than **Monday, May 25, 2015**. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Payment of the \$500.00 matrix penalty will be considered to be a waiver of the hearing to which you are entitled.
3. If you wish to admit the facts but you contest the penalty, you may have a public hearing before the Saint Paul City Council. You will need to send me a letter with a statement admitting to the facts and requesting a public hearing. I will need to receive your letter by **Monday, May 25, 2015**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing to determine whether to impose the \$500.00 matrix penalty. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement on your own behalf.
4. If you dispute the facts outlined above, you may request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). You will need to send me a letter disputing the facts and requesting an administrative hearing no later than **Monday, May 25, 2015**. At that hearing both you and the City will appear and present witnesses, evidence and cross-examine each other's witnesses. After receipt of the ALJ's report (usually within 30 days), a public hearing will need to be scheduled. At that time, the City Council will decide whether to adopt, modify or reject the ALJ's report and recommendation.

Please note: If you choose an administrative hearing, the Department of Safety and Inspections reserves the right to request that City Council impose the costs of the administrative hearing per Saint Paul Legislative Code § 310.05 (k).

If you have not contacted me or DSI by Monday, May 25, 2015, I will assume that you do not contest the imposition of the \$500.00 matrix penalty. In that case, the matter will be placed on the City Council Consent Agenda for approval of the recommended penalty.

If you have questions about these options, please feel free to contact me at 266-8710.

Sincerely,

  
Geoffrey Karls  
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Dan Niziolek, Deputy Director of DSI  
Ward Jefferson, 790 Iglehart Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104  
Sam Buffington, Community Organizer, Frogtown Neighborhood Association (District 7),  
685 Minnehaha Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN 55104  
Theodore S. Pelzer, 1109 Norton Street, Saint Paul, MN 55117-4768

STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
 ) ss.

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL**

COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

Julie Kraus, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 14th day of May she served the attached **NOTICE OF VIOLATION** and correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

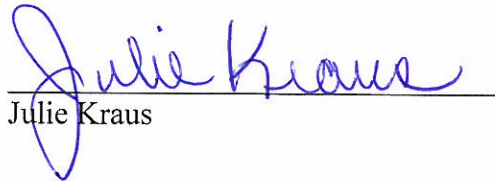
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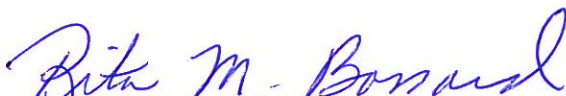
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(which is the last known address of said person) depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

  
Julie Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 14th day of May, 2015

  
Notary Public

