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April 29, 2015

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Alfredo Salgado, Owner Affordable Tire 1118 – 7<sup>th</sup> Street East Saint Paul, MN 55106

RE:

Auto Repair Garage and Second Hand Dealer – Motor Vehicle Parts licenses held by AAA Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Affordable Tire for the premises located at 1118 – 7<sup>th</sup> Street East in Saint Paul License ID #: 20120004026

Dear Mr. Salgado:

The Department of Safety and Inspections will recommend adverse action against the Auto Repair Garage and Second Hand Dealer – Motor Vehicle Parts licenses held by AAA Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Affordable Tire for the premises located at 1118 – 7<sup>th</sup> Street East in Saint Paul. The basis for the recommendation is based on the following information:

On April 23, 2015, an Inspector from the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) came to your establishment for an inspection. She took photographs documenting the following license condition violations:

- 1. Car repair work being done outside the building in violation of license condition #2: "All repair work shall occur within the building."
- 2. Seven (7) cars on the lot in violation of license condition #3: "There shall be no more than four (4) customer vehicles parked on the lot outside the building at any one time and there shall be no exterior storage of any vehicle parts, tires, oil, batteries or similar items. No vehicle shall be parked on the lot outside the building for more than ten (10) consecutive days."
- 3. Three (3) cars parked on the street in violation of license condition #8: "All customer and employee vehicles must be parked in the area designated on a DSI approved site plan dated 12/27/2012. There shall be no more than six (6) total vehicles parked on the property at any time (maximum of four (4) customer and up to two (2) employee)."
- 4. Trash being stored in the back of a truck in violation of license condition #9: "Trash will be stored in a covered dumpster. Storage and disposal of vehicle fluids, batteries, tires, etc. shall be in accordance with the Ramsey County Hazardous Waste regulations."
- 5. Cars parked in the public right-of-way in violation of license condition #10: "At no time shall vehicles be parked in the driveway or in the public right-of-way (street or alley). Vehicles awaiting repair may not be parked or stored in the public right-of-way (street or alley)."
- 6. Tire display left outside after the business is closed in violation of license condition #19: "Tires displayed outdoors for sale must be stored inside the building when the business is closed. Outdoor display of tires is restricted to the area shown on the approved site plan on file with DSI dated 12/27/2012 (against the east side of the building at the northeast corner of the building)."

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This is the second incident of violations to your license conditions within the past twelve (12) months, therefore; per Saint Paul Legislative Code§ 310.05 (m) (1), the licensing office will recommend a \$1,000.00 matrix penalty.

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

- 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 11, 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 \$1,000.00 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 11, 2015. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Payment of the \$1,000.00 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 11**, **2015**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing to determine whether to impose the \$1,000.00 matrix penalty. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement on your own behalf.
- 4. If you <u>dispute the facts</u> 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 11**, **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 11, 2015, I will assume that you do not contest the imposition of the \$1,000.00 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,

Assistant City Attorney

cc: Dan Niziolek, Deputy Director of DSI

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Alfredo Salgado, 1951 Nortonia Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55119

Deanna Abbott-Foster, Executive Director, Dayton's Bluff District 4 Community Council, East Side Enterprise Center 804 Margaret Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106

Hill Properties, Inc., 488 Wabasha Street North, Unit 208, Saint Paul, MN 55102-1165

## AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

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

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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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015

Notary Public

