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Delco Lp
1146 Rice Street
St. Paul, MN 55117

Re: 776 Desoto Street – Zoning Violation

Dear Property Owner:

On October 28, 2015 you were sent a letter explaining that the operation of an unlicensed recycling collection center at the above referenced location was in violation of zoning code conditions. This property is zoned I1, light industrial zoning district.

Inspection Observations:
The inspector observed that there were piles of metal stored on the exterior of the parcel.

Pertinent Code Sections:
Under Chapter 66 of the City of Saint Paul Legislative Code a recycling collection center is a permitted use in an I1 light industrial zoning district provided that the following conditions are under Section 65.783:

(a) The facility shall not abut a property zoned for residential use.

(b) In the B3 business district, all handling operations, equipment and materials, including trailers, shall be completely enclosed in a building not exceeding five thousand (5,000) square feet, except for drop-off stations not occupying more than five hundred (500) square feet of the site.

(c) In industrial districts, all processing and handling operations shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building. Outdoor storage of materials shall be within covered containers or behind an opaque screen meeting the requirements of Section 62.107 on three (3) sides. Such outdoor screening shall be located at least three hundred (300) feet from any residential district.

(d) The facility shall be free of litter and any other undesirable materials and cleaned of loose debris on a daily basis.

(e) The facility shall be screened pursuant to Section 63.114 if it is located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of a residential use district.

The property is also in violation of Chapter 408.01 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code:

No person shall engage in the business of operating a recycling collection center or a recycling processing center within the City's limits without a license. A separate license shall be held for each business premises or auxiliary location with the City.

Orders:

The referenced location was previously licensed as a recycling collection from 1994 to 2009, however, the business license lapsed and in order to obtain a new license the referenced property must conform to the current zoning requirements.

1. Immediately cease operation of the business or remove all of the scrap metal from the premises

OR

2. Obtain a variance of conditions a, c, and e listed above from the Board of Zoning Appeals and obtain the required recycling collection center business license.

You must comply with this order within 30 days from the date of this letter. Failure to comply with this order will result in the removal of all materials left on the exterior of the property, and you will be assessed a fee based on the cost of the removal. Additionally, your Certificate of Occupancy may be revoked if you do not come into compliance with the zoning conditions required for a recycling collection center.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-266-9088, or jerome.benner.II@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Regards,

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DSI Inspector I