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Dear Legislative Hearing Officer,

We are writing you regarding the License Application Notification we received for AAA Enterprise Inc at 1324 Arcade Street, St Paul, MN.

We are neighbors to 1324 Arcade Street and have been subjected to many years of the previous business not following the city codes set forth in their license. The worst of this was the numerous amount of customer cars being left on the city street for days/weeks – some not in drivable condition. There was also illegal painting of cars and work being performed all days of the week- all hours of the day and even past midnight. We are concerned about the amount of traffic that is generated by such a business being so close to an elementary school/playground and the high school. The biggest problem is the fact that there isn't a parking lot designated for this business.

We object to the business AAA Enterprise Inc./or Affordable Tire being given a license to operate a tire/auto repair shop at that address.

We are requesting a Hearing on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Person & Jennifer Philippi

Legislative Hearing Officer

310 City Hall 15 West Kellogg Blvd.

St. Paul, MN 55102

My name is Michael Strouse and I live at 1332 Arcade St, 612 720-2009. I am responding to the Notice I received regarding the Application for License for an Auto Repair Garage-Second Hand Dealer, 1324 Arcade St. St. Paul.

I strongly object to this application and yet another "auto repair garage". This property was rented to Superior Auto for the last 4 years and there were numerous parking violations, and other license violations that they were cited and fined for. The license nor the property owner made no attempt to correct the violations and continued their pattern of violations despite being cited and fined numerous times over the 4 year period. If the city does not aggressively prosecute the violations they WILL continue to violate. I can provide 4 years' worth of pictures that document the parking violations at the previous business.

The business seeking a license to operate is named Affordable Tire, its current location is 1118 7th St. St. Paul, and it does have a parking lot as part of the site. According to official records this business has had numerous violations of its license and in fact has an active license violation in the works. Does the city really think that if this business is granted a license there won't be any licensee issues? We need to do a more thorough job vetting not only the license but the property owner as well.

There are several problems. Clearly this property was not built nor designed to house an "auto-repair garage". **There is NO parking lot**, nor is there any area on site that can be made into a parking area for customer vehicles. This business is more suited to a electrical or plumber shop where all the business equipment can be parked inside and not interfere with street parking.

Since there is NO parking lot, the Blvd. on both sides of IVY St. became, and will become, the parking lot for the business. Customer vehicles were parked on both sides of the street as well as in front of the businesses garage doors for days on end. Calls to the St. Paul Parking Enforcement yielded no enforcement of the parking rules in front of this business. I don't see how licensing yet another business of the same kind will have any different results than parking problems and complaints from the residences around the building.

The business that is seeking the license is already moving equipment and vehicles onto the site. Has a deal been negotiated already?

A couple of additional discrepancies in the License Conditions:

The Licensee: AAA Enterprises Inc is not the name of the business that will occupy 1324 Arcade. It will be Affordable Tire, currently located at 1118 7th St. St. Paul.

It states in condition #1 that there is a designated parking plan on file with DSI dated 02/27/2012. How can a business making a license request already have a parking plan on file since 2012 if they have never occupied the property they are requesting a license for? I would think the city would require a site specific plan seeing as how there is no parking lot nor other parking available on site.

This building does not appear to have equipment required to handle and recycle hazardous materials commonly generated by a business "licensed as an auto repair garage" Has the owner been contacted and questioned how he can rent to a business his property may not be able to accommodate legally?

The License Application Notification looks like nothing more than a boiler plate form. This specific form for AAA Enterprises looks almost identical to the License Application Form submitted to the city 4 years ago for Superior Auto and sent to the neighborhood for comment.

While I'm not against "auto-repair garages", the licenses and property owners need to follow the letter of the license and obey the laws in effect. The east side has more than its share of these business and I don't see this particular license applicant being any different than the last one with parking and license condition violations. The property DOES NOT lend itself to this type business.

Regards,

Michael Strouse

1332 Arcade St.

St. Paul MN, 55106

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Cc: Kris Schweinler, DSI Inspector III

Sheffer, Vicki (CI-StPaul)

From: Yvainsimon <yvainsimon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 10:42 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: Re: Objections to a n Auto Repair Garage

Simon Yvain and Chang Vang
Address: 1328 Arcade St

I live right next door to the building.

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 24, 2016, at 11:19 AM, *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing <LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Will you please provide me with your last name and address. Thank you.

From: Yvainsimon [<mailto:yvainsimon@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2016 6:30 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: Objections to a n Auto Repair Garage

Hi,

I am objecting to the license of an Auto Repair Garage next door. The last Garage that operated there caused so many problems. The last business was Superior Auto Repair. They parked all their repair vehicles on Ivy avenue. There is no space at the Auto center to park vehicles. When the school buses come through Ivy Avenue it's always an accident waiting to happen because of the Garage parking it's Repair vehicles on the street. Even though they are not supposed to Auto body paint they still do it. It emits a horrible smell into the neighborhood. I went to talk to them a few times at the Garage. They said they don't care. They store their tires and metal parts and bumpers in the alley and behind the building. There is usually so much garbage and refuse around the building. I am tired of all the noise and garbage and the smell coming from the Garage. I live right next door. I do not want the Garage in my neighborhood.

Simon and Cha
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