

July 13, 2018

Via Email & U.S. Mail to Atty. Skarda & Atty. Kraus

**Ms. Therese Skarda**  
Assistant City Attorney  
**City of St. Paul**  
400 City Hall  
15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55102

**RE: MC Auto Repair & Tire Services: Lic. No. 20160000541.**

Dear Ms. Skarda:

I have been in contact with your assistant Julie Kraus this week, and Julie have agreed to give me a few days after July 9<sup>th</sup> to respond to your letter dated June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, "Notice of Violation". I have also talked to the Inspector, David Edi personally to ask questions, and we have worked to address the issues he raised. I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter, and appreciate your courtesy. Please consider the following response and proposal.

**Responses to May 11<sup>th</sup> Inspection:**

1. Additional vehicles have been removed.
2. We are working on ordering a new handicap parking sign.
3. The cones were used to block traffic driving through MC Auto parking lot as a shortcut to avoid the intersection on a daily basis. But we understand from talking on 7/11 with Inspector David Edie, in order to change the term on license we will have to hire license contractor to remove it and permanently close it. Until then, we will not have cones there during the day, but understand it is ok at night.
4. Property owner will put parking stripes down. Regarding the 8 foot landscape area on the corner of Dale and Maryland, last year property owner had told me that one of the inspectors had told him that we did not have to put any trees in because once they start growing, they would block driver's view. We currently have low shrubs with 1 tree and small to medium-sized bush in place. However, per my phone call on 7/11 with Inspector David Edie, we will contact Jeff Fischbach at 651-266-9106, regarding request to remove trees off original terms of license.
5. As for the building, per Inspector David Edie, there is nothing wrong with building. He said the building is fine. The whole condition was put in as part of the licensing condition. The building is not in violation.
6. The white van has been removed.
7. The tires have been removed.
8. Vehicles missing body parts have been removed.
9. 7/11 Per Inspector David Edie, no sign permit was filed for MC Auto building sign. I was not aware of filing a permit because the sign had been there since the first owner. From my understanding from last year, we only needed a permit if signs are displayed on the outside of

the building for advertising purpose. Inspector David Edie said we will need to pull a retroactive permit for MC Auto sign. He said to contact Ashley Skarda at 651-266-9013 to get sign permanently approved.

10. Display tires for sale will be brought in each night.

**Responses to June 6<sup>th</sup> inspection (if not included above):**

1. Additional vehicles have been removed.
2. White sedan vehicle has been removed

**MC Auto Plans to Proceed to Notice of Violation:**

I have spoken with the Property Owner/Landlord, Tim McGuigan, and we are agreeable to admitting the facts, and respectfully request that since these were our first notices of violation, we will bring everything up to code/compliance but ask to waive the \$500 penalty.

In my phone call on 7/11 with Inspector David Edie, waiving or reducing fines will be up to the City Attorney's office, you or Ms. Julie Kraus.

In further follow-up, I also spoke on 7/11 by phone with Julie Kraus, gave explanations to above violations, and asked her to waive or reduce fine. Unfortunately, she advised it is not up to her but is up to the City Council. **We respectfully request that hearing, and will admit to the facts but contest the fine.** (Julie Kraus email: [Julie.kraus@ci.st.paul.mn.us](mailto:Julie.kraus@ci.st.paul.mn.us))

Thank You Both,

Bee Lee for MC Auto Repair

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