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Yes, my name is Brandon Gerster. I'm calling on behalf of J P Slavic enterprises at 1354 Maryland Avenue East, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55106. I am disputing a decision that's going to City Council about keeping one Weed Whacker and a gas can in the basement of our business that we use for lawn care. It's nothing much but one Weed Whacker and one gas can. My dispute here is there's several other businesses in the area that also keep gas powered equipment in their facilities that have never had an issue with this. And then there's also several car auto repair facilities that obviously work on vehicles and have vehicles stored inside their facility with gasoline in them. And then there's small engine repair shops that I know of where there are weed whackers, chainsaws, lawnmowers where they store gas powered equipment inside, and they work on them inside, and they have a lot more of these this equipment on hand than we do. We literally have one gas can and one Weed Whacker that we have to have to keep the grass cut. Here we're not asking for anything much. This have been here for 21 years without an issue. I don't understand why this is coming to light and being such a problem now. Which is kind of crazy to me, considering that we have been inspected every two years for the last 21 years that I've worked here, and we've never had an issue. So, if this is such a danger, why was this never brought up? And why is there so many other facilities and businesses that are able to have gas, gas, automobiles, gas powered equipment, Weed Whackers in their facilities? Even dealerships are allowed to have cars stored inside on the showroom floor for weeks on end with gas in them. And I know this because I do work at a car dealership also. So, I've just trying to figure out why this is not allowed. This is an issue that I think needs to be changed because businesses should have the right to maintain and repair their own property without having to hire an outside service. And we do not have the room to build a shadow garage outside, and especially in the neighborhood where nothing in there would last very long because of theft. So, I just would like to bring up those facts and have that all thought of when you guys make your decision.

Thank you again. If you need to get ahold of me, my name is Brandon Gerster, and you can get call me at 612-666-2117. Thank you, bye.

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