



AGENDA –APRIL 8, 2008

**INVOCATION
ROLL CALL
RECORDS**

HEARING: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPOINTMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- Pg. 1 Com. from Director Agent, Veterans Service Department – Requesting additional funding
- Pg. 2 Com. from City Planner – Responding to request for opinion on neon signs Downtown
- Pg. 3-5 Com. from Building Commissioner – Submitting Building Permit Record for March 2008
- Pg. 6 Com. from Executive Director – Annual Statement for financial condition of the City of Taunton Contributory Retirement System
(Separate Packet)
- Pg. 7 Com. from Paul Allison, Taunton Fire Department – Requesting assistance with the cleanup of Memorial Park
- Pg. 8 Com. from Donald L. Cleary – Extending invitation for the Elk's Lodge #150 Annual Flag Day Ceremony
- Pg. 9 Com. from Fire Chief – Requesting a transfer from available funds
- Pg. 10 Com. from City Solicitor – Tax Possession Property
- Pg. 11-12 Com. from Juanita Contreras Gallagher, 145 Winthrop St., Taunton – Requesting response concerning junk car removals

PETITIONS

Second Hand Article and Old Gold Licenses

Petition submitted by Jeffrey and Amy Hirtle, 77 Short St., S. Easton requesting a RENEWAL of their Second Hand Article and Old Gold Licenses -DBA- Bay State Traders located at 10 Cape Road.

Claims

Claim submitted by Jean Pierre Pomerleau, 3190 Winthrop St., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his vehicle from hitting a pothole while driving on the Bennett School Access Road near the Oakland Fire Station.

Claim submitted by Stanley Marko, 71 Red Circle, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his vehicle from hitting a pothole on Cohannet Street near #421.

Claim submitted by Lois Horraden, 25 Second St., 3rd Floor, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her vehicle from hitting a pothole in front of her Second Street home.

Claim submitted by Janet L. Almeida, 715 Dighton Ave., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her vehicle from hitting a pothole on Cohannet Street near #430.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

Order for a second reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

Ordered That,

\$6,000,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing (1) various capital improvements to the City's water system, including the development of and improvements to the Dever Wells and the laying and relaying of water mains on various City streets and (2) engineering services for plans and specifications for upgrades and improvements to the water treatment plant and the evaluation of the Harris Street Bridge, and including without limitation with respect to each project all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow **\$6,000,000** and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the City unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection

therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or a security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

Order for a second reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

Ordered That,

\$46,600,000.00 is appropriated, in addition to the \$66,250,000 (\$52,500,000 plus \$13,750,000), previously appropriated for the construction, reconstruction, remodeling, equipping, furnishing and making extraordinary repairs to the Taunton High School and the new Parker Middle School; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow **\$46,600,000.00** under G.L.c.44 7(3) or G.L. c70B or any other enabling authority; that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project; and that the Mayor is authorizes to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

Order for a second reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

Ordered That,

\$2,957,000.00 is appropriated, in addition to the \$16,000,000 (\$12,000,000 plus \$4,000,000) previously appropriated, for the construction, equipping and furnishing of a new Pole Elementary School; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow **\$2,957,000.00** under G.L.c.44 7(3) or c645 of The Acts of 1948 as amended; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

Order for a second reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

Ordered that,

\$625,000.00 is appropriated, for the cost of engineering services for plans and specifications for the development and related improvements to the Dever Wells and for the laying and relaying of water mains on various City streets; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow **\$625,000.00** and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Blackwell

**Rose Marie Blackwell
City Clerk**



CITY OF TAUNTON

MASSACHUSETTS 02780

Veterans Service Department AND Information Center

ARMAND G. PROVENCAL
Director

April 1, 2008

Mayor Charles Crowley and the
Municipal Council

Dear Sirs and Madam:

At this time this office would like to request additional funding in our Veterans Benefits Account #1-543-202-5770 of \$75,000.00.

As you are all well aware, this account supports our Veterans both financially and medically. We have realized a growing amount of clients, medical costs are skyrocketing, and more and more Veterans are in desperate need of our help.

All of the Veterans Benefits paid from this account are reimbursed to the City from the State at a rate of 75%. Of the \$75,000.00 requested, \$56,250.00 will be reimbursed directly to the City of Taunton.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Armand Provencal
Director Agent



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City of Taunton, Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING AND CONSERVATION**

*15 Summer Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780*

*Kevin R Scanlon, Director/ Planner AICP
Michele Restino, Conservation Agent*

*Phone 508-821-1051/ 1043/ 1095
Fax 508-821-1043/1665
www.ci.taunton.ma.us*

April 3, 2008

Honorable Charles Crowley, Mayor
Members of the Municipal Council
15 Summer Street, City Hall
Taunton, MA 02780

RE: Neon Signs Downtown

Dear Mayor Crowley and Council Members,

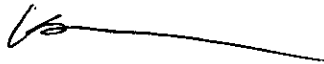
At the April 1, 2008 meeting of the Municipal Council I was requested to provide an opinion on "the current ordinance on neon signs and the best way to maintain some control on the neon signs at the businesses in the downtown area".

Neon signs are currently allowed City wide and are treated the same as any other sign. Signs may not flash or move and businesses are restricted to one free-standing sign, façade signs and no more than 50% coverage of any windows with signs. There are no restrictions on the type of illumination whether it be internally or externally lit, neon, fluorescent or standard lighting.

Restrictions regarding neon signs could be put into place if desired by the Council, either for the whole city or just the downtown, with minor changes to the sign regulations in the zoning ordinance. However, any currently existing neon signs would be grandfathered and allowed to stay until they are voluntarily removed by the owner.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 508-821-1051.

Sincerely,


Kevin R Scanlon,
Director AICP

BUILDING PERMIT RECORD *** MONTH OF MARCH, 2008

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No.	Application for Permit to	Use of Building	Location	Owner	Contractor
618	REPAIR	COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	37 WEIR ST.	JOSEPH G. ALMEIDA/ TRUSTEE OF THIRTY SEVEN WEIR	NATIONAL ROOFING CO.
619	REPAIR	COMMERCIAL SPACE	429 BAY ST.	OGANES TAGESSIAN	JOSE V. DESOUSA
620	ADD TO/ ALTER/REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING W/2 CAR GARAGE TO A 2-FAMILY DWELLING W/2 CAR GARAGE	40 MEESHAWN AVE.	GEORGE MITSIARIS	MALLOCH CONSTRUCTION
621	ERECT	2-FAMILY DWELLING	27 & 29 OLD COLONY AVE.	ANDREW AMARO	SERENITY SIDING & BUILDERS
622	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	57 FLINTLOCK RD.	DELTA PROJECTS INC.	RICHARD & RICHARD CONST. CO., INC.
623	ADD TO	CELL TOWER & COMPOUND	585 WINTHROP ST.	ALFRED DIRICO TRUSTEE/ INDUSTRIAL COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRIAL COMMUNICATIONS
624	REPAIR	MEDICAL OFFICE	72 WASHINGTON ST.	MORTON HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER	L.F. FREEMAN CO.,INC.
625	RAZE	1-FAMILY DWELLING W/ 1 CAR GARAGE	1171 GLEBE ST.	WILLIAM L. WATSON SR.	WILLIAM L. WATSON SR.
626	ADD TO	1-FAMILY DWELLING	95 FREMONT ST.	LILLIAN BETTENCOURT	STEPHEN C. PARCHESCO
627	REPAIR	2-FAMILY DWELLING	12 CAMPBELL CT.	LYNDSEY STRESE	DAVID HENDERSON
628	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	193 BROADWAY	VERA BEACIENSKI	B&D CONSTRUCTION CO. INC
629	ADD TO	1-FAMILY DWELLING	54 KIMBERLY RD.	ERIC & KIMBERLY HIGGINS	B&D CONSTRUCTION CO. INC
630	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	94 LIBBY LANE	STEPHAN NADEAU	STEPHAN NADEAU
631	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	44 WEST BRITANNIA ST.	MARIE & JEAN MOREAU	JEAN MOREAU
632	INSTALL	PELLET STOVE	261 WINTHROP ST.	MICHAEL R. LUNSFORD	MICHAEL R. LUNSFORD
633	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	910 BAY ST.	DIANE CORREIA	DIANE CORREIA
634	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	42 CHERYL CIRCLE	JEFFREY WRIGHT	SURE-LOK HOMES INC.
635	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	270 PROSPECT HILL ST.	CATHERINE KLINE/ ROBERT M. KLINE	CATHERINE KLINE
636	ERECT	A/G SWIMMING POOL	90 ASHLEIGH TERRACE	MICHAEL L. & LORI A. NIXON	MICHAEL L. NIXON
637	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	1 CAINS HILL DRIVE	MICHAEL BERLANDI	MICHAEL BERLANDI
638	INSTALL	WOOD BURNING STOVE	2318 BAY ST.	JOHN DOHERTY	JOHN DOHERTY
639	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	23 NORTHWAY	JOANNE BRAY/ ANAWON TRUST	HEWITT CONSTRUCTION SER
640	ALTER/REPAIR	RESIDENTIAL TO A REAL ESTATE OFFICE	478 COUNTY ST.	DANIEL MANSOUR BARBOUR	MICHAEL LEGER
641	INSTALL	PELLET STOVE	860 GLEBE ST.	WILLIAM & MARIE FERREIRA	ALL PRO CHIMNEY SWEEPS
642	REPAIR	3-FAMILY DWELLING	101 OAK ST.	RONALD DAVIGNON	N.E. ROOFING SYSTEMS INC.
643	ALTER/REPAIR	WAREHOUSE TO A WAREHOUSE/OFFICE	385 MYLES STANDISH BLVD.	VERIZON	SASSO CONSTRUCTION CO.

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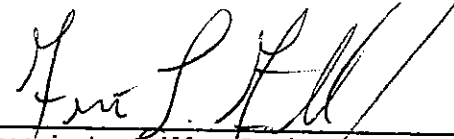
BUILDING PERMIT RECORD * MONTH OF MARCH, 2008**

No.	Application for Permit to	Use of Building	Location	Owner	Contractor
644	ALTER/REPAIR	5-FAMILY DWELLING TO A 3-FAMILY DWELLING	51 PARK ST.	MICHAEL GIROUX	MATTHEW GIROUX
645	REPAIR	CONDOMINIUM	110 DEAN ST. #81	WINDING BROOK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS/ RICHARD RITTENBERG	GEORGE E. O'BRIEN
646	REPAIR	CONDOMINIUM	110 DEAN ST. #84	WINDING BROOK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS/ JOSEPH & JACQUELINE CAHILL	GEORGE E. O'BRIEN
647	ERECT	STORAGE SHED	303 SCHOOL ST.	HERMANO B. ANDRADE	EDUARDO J. ALMEIDA
648	ERECT	1-FAMILY DWELLING	115 SILVER FOX CIR. (LOT 3)	RICHARD BUTLER	ALL AMERICAN MODULAR INC
649	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	7 STETSON ST.	JOSEPH MEDEIROS	HELDER COELHO
650	REPAIR	3-FAMILY DWELLING	7 COLUMBUS AVE.	CARLOS MEDEIROS	HELDER COELHO
651	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	328 CASWELL ST.	WILLIAM TRANMER	ROBERT H. BURT JR.
652	ALTER/REPAIR	PORCH TO SUNROOM	4 VAILLANCOURT ST.	COLLEEN BISSONETTE	PATRICK STEVENS/ BETTERLIVING SUNROOMS
653	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	56 FIRST ST.	JENNIFER HASAN	HOME DEPOT AT HOME SERVICES
654	ERECT	STORAGE SHED	110 DEAN ST.	WINDING BROOKS VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM	TNT CONTRACTING
655	REPAIR	COMMERCIAL BUSINESS	157 WEST WATER ST.	FRANCIS CHRISTOUN	MITCH HEWAULT/ SEAWOOD CONSTRUCTION
656	REPAIR	2-FAMILY DWELLING (PORCH)	693 SOMERSET AVE.	THOMAS PELCHAT	THOMAS PELCHAT
657	ERECT	1-FAMILY DWELLING	130 FIELD ST.	DAISHER INC.	GILBERT BONOAN
658	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	9 ROCKLAND ST.	XAVIER HARNOIS	BILODEAU & SONS CONST.
659	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	432 WINTHROP ST.	EVELYN SILVA	MARK J. WILLIAMS
660	ADD TO	1-FAMILY DWELLING	7 STETSON ST.	JOSEPH MEDEIROS	HELDER COELHO
661	ERECT	SUNDECK	1245 COHANNET ST.	KEVIN P. GUTH	KEVIN P. GUTH
662	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	5 ROCKY RIDGE CIRCLE	SUSAN ROVALDI	J&J HOME IMPROVEMENT
663	ADD TO	1-FAMILY DWELLING	34 GARDEN ST.	KIMBERLY & JENNIFER KROCKTA	KIMBERLY KROCKTA
664	ADD TO	1-FAMILY DWELLING	101 DOWNING DRIVE	MANUEL DEPAULO	LAPOINTE BROTHERS CONST
665	ERECT	TEMPORARY OFFICE TRAILER W/CANOPY	425 JOHN QUINCY ADAMS RD.	GENERAL DYNAMICS	GENERAL DYNAMICS
666	ERECT	1-FAMILY DWELLING W/2 CAR GARAGE	101 LIBBY LANE LOT #4	YVON-NADEAU-DEVELOPMENT	YVON-NADEAU-DEVEL.
667	ERECT	SUNDECK	41 1/2 ROBERT ST.	CHERYL STULL	CHERYL STULL

BUILDING PERMIT RECORD *** MONTH OF MARCH, 2008

No.	Application for Permit to	Use of Building	Location	Owner	Contractor
668	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	14 HOOVER ST.	GABRIELA FERREIRA	VINCENT BEAUDOIN INC.
669	ERECT	SHED	100 GORDEN M. OWEN RIVERWAY	TRIUMPH HEADSTART	BURT BUILDERS
670	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	189 FREMONT ST.	LYNN GARDNER	LYNN GARDNER
671	INSTALL	METAL CHIMNEY	5 CLAREENDON ST.	CRAIG & ALCINA BONENFANT	THE CHIMNEY GUY
672	REPAIR	1-FAMILY DWELLING	14 FISHER ST.	DACIEL PEREIRA	LEONARD SIMANSKI
673	ADD TO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER	500 WEST WATER ST (M92-L334)	CITY OF TAUNTON	CTS INC.

#673


 Francis L. Avilla, Jr./ Building Commissioner



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CITY OF TAUNTON
Contributory Retirement System
40 Dean Street, Unit 3
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780
Tel (508) 821-1052 Fax (508) 821-1063
www.tauntonretirement.com

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Director:

Paul J. Slivinski

Assistant

Director:

Kathy A. Maki

March 31, 2008

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission
Mr. Joseph Connarton, Executive Director
5 Middlesex Avenue, Suite 304
Somerville, MA. 02145

Dear Mr. Connarton:

Enclosed is the Annual Statement for the Financial Condition of the City of Taunton Contributory Retirement System for the year ended December 31, 2007. The Annual Statement was approved by the Taunton Retirement Board at its meeting on March 28, 2008. This statement is being submitted in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, § 20(5)h, § 23(1)c and § 23(2)e.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully yours,

Paul J. Slivinski
Executive Director

Cc: Hon. Charles E. Crowley, Mayor
Taunton Municipal Council
Taunton Municipal Light Plant
Taunton Housing Authority
Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority

Encl.

1 April 2008

Dear Mayor Charles Crowley and members of the Taunton Municipal Council;

On Saturday April 26,2008, The Taunton Fire Department in conjunction with the Park and Recreation Department, The Taunton Federal Credit Union, The Weir Corporation and Home Depot will be cleaning and sprucing up Memorial Park on Somerset Avenue.

We are in need of manpower and any assistance you can provide us. We hope to start about 8:30 a.m. and will provide a light lunch and refreshments to our volunteers.

Any assistance or guidance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact me at 508-813-6334.

Thank You
Paul Allison
Taunton Fire Dept

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3 April 2008

To: Mayor Crowley and the Taunton City Council

Subject: Elks Lodge #150 Annual Flag Day Ceremony

From: Donald L. Cleary, Program Coordinator

The Taunton Lodge of Elks is again sponsoring the annual Flag Day Remembrance program. We would be honored to have you participate in this activity. The event is scheduled for:

Date: Mon. June 16, 2008

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Taunton Green

A copy of this memo will be sent to Marilyn Greene, the Park and Recreation director and to Chief of Police Raymond O'Berg.

Thank you,


Donald L. Cleary

(508)822-3662

<dlcleary@comcast.net>



FIRE DEPARTMENT

TAUNTON, MASS 02780

Office of Chief
Leman W. Padelford
50 SCHOOL STREET

Tel. 508-821-1452

Fax 508-821-1495

ROSE REGO
Administrative Assistant

April 3, 2008

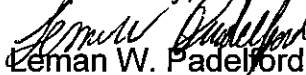
Mayor Charles Crowley, members of the Municipal Council
Taunton City Hall
15 Summer St.
Taunton, Ma. 02780

Mayor Charles Crowley;

I respectfully request the transfer of three-thousand five-hundred fifty one dollars and seventy five cents (\$3,551.75) from available funds to account number 1-220-202-5235 for the purpose of purchasing radio equipment for the "new" Engine #1.

Thank you in advance for your timely processing of this request.

Respectfully,


Leman W. Padelford
Chief of Department



City of Taunton
LAW DEPARTMENT



15 Summer Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780
Phone 508-821-1036 Facsimile 508-821-1064
cotlawdept@tmlp.net

CHARLES CROWLEY
MAYOR

STEVEN A. TORRES
CITY SOLICITOR

April 4, 2008

Charles Crowley, Mayor
Members of the Municipal Council
City of Taunton
15 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Re: Tax Possession Property

Dear Mayor Crowley and Members of the Municipal Council:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 16, please declare that the City owned property on Norton Avenue, identified as parcel 36-252, is surplus ready for sale and disposition.

Additionally, please be advised that we have scheduled a public auction for Friday, April 18, 2008 to sell three tax possession properties and the above referenced Norton Avenue parcel. The tax possession parcels are identified as three (3) residential lots located on South Precinct Street, identified as parcels 130-61, 130-39 and 130-120.

We will once again be utilizing the services of Daniel J. Flynn & Company to auction the above-listed properties. As you may recall, Mr. Flynn conducted the previous auctions we have held which have been very successful. We are hopeful to have similar results with the auctions scheduled on April 18, 2008.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,


Steven A. Torres
City Solicitor

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cc: Committee for Public Property

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Juanita Contreras Gallagher

145 Winthrop Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

April 4, 2008

Mayor Charles Crowley
Council President A.J. Marshall
Members of the Municipal Council
City Hall
15 Summer Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley and Members of the Municipal Council:

I am writing to request the city respond to the illegal and non licensed "junk car dealers" popping up all over the city. Many residents and businesses are concerned about these prohibited activities the extraordinary advertising for the removal of "JUNK CARS" and the illicit practice of broadcasting these services on signs throughout the city by non licensed entities.

The auto salvage industry is considered one of the largest industries in the world. It ensures the production of recycling, promoting and ensuring the perpetuation and reuse of iron and steel. Auto salvage dealers are the largest providers of recycled vehicle products and the single most important business in steel recycling and vehicle procurement. The auto salvage industry and the iron and steel recycling industries would be non existent without the individual auto salvage businesses. The small neighborhood "junk yard" is now considered a salvage recycling facility. The past year has shown an impressive increase in revenue compared to prior years for both ferrous and nonferrous products due to the current market and costs for any metal. Most companies have made significant investments in technology to create an advantage with respect to vehicle procurement and inventory management as well as maintain a strong display of environmental responsibility and accountability..

I reside in Taunton and my family and our company has been in the auto salvage industry in Boston for over 45 years. We work with auto recyclers nationwide a daily basis. These companies large or small are mandated to not only provide a service but to also be environmentally responsible. Salvage yards are required to be licensed, possess all of the necessary permits for hazards and flammables, retain site cleanliness, assure properties are appropriately zoned, maintain the proper occupancy permits, provide training and safe conditions for personnel, affirm all vehicles are accompanied with identification by title or suitable representation, assure all fluids are precisely drained, attest all depleted fluids are legally disposed periodically, and determine all vehicles are properly removed, dismantled and disposed.

It is very disturbing to realize that due to the increase in the price of steel and metal everyone and their brother has become a back yard auto remover. They are unquestionably not recyclers. They get a tow truck, ramp truck or even a landscape trailer. They put signs everywhere. There are numerous advertisements in newspapers and even on the trucks they drive. These guys have no license, no permits, their trucks are not required the regulation or state and federal certification as those businesses with licenses, they don't have dealer or repair registration and plates therefore have no accountability to the Registry of Motor Vehicles, they have no training nor do they care how and where the hazardous materials end up. This is certainly not recycling. It's someone trying to make a FAST BUCK without the essential stipulations demanded of the licensed salvage facility.

What is definitely more disturbing is the effect this illegal activity has on the licensed salvage facility. My business is in Boston but I appreciate the Class III Salvage Dealers in our area. These businesses have been around for a long time when prices were not always so high yet they remained through all the lean times. Now when business should be booming they are forced to compete, not with legitimate businesses but with non licensed individuals having no accountability to anyone including the Department of Revenue, the IRS or for that matter the City of Taunton and especially the environment.

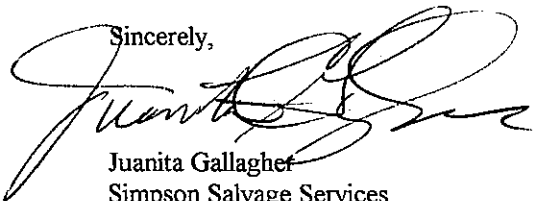
The state loses through unreported revenue and the city losses through income generated by license and permits as well as the lack of accountability and any revenue produced by mandatory enforcement from these illegitimate businesses or the individuals running them. It is wrong and incredibly unfair that licensed businesses are forced to lose revenue daily because of this issue.

Salvage vehicles purchased by fraudulent means or thieves have a negative impact on legitimate auto recyclers, repair shops and dealers and eventually result in costs or inconvenience to consumers. Criminal activity relative to vehicles is based on a lack of organization and enforcement. Unscrupulous and unlicensed individuals will always take advantage of that lack of organization and enforcement. As auto recyclers we continue our commitment to work with legislators to enact responsible government to serve the best interests of the public, law enforcement and the salvage industry. An auto salvage yard is a professional automotive recycler dedicated to the needs and causes as well as the responsibilities and accountabilities of the salvage industry and the consistent manufacture of recycled metals. It may not always be the most desirable or the most attractive but it is without question the most demanded and the most productive.

The local salvage yards are shareholders in our community. We own homes, pay taxes, elect officials, support schools and sports, attend churches and common events, share history and look ahead to building better neighborhoods, vibrant commercial districts and industrial areas. There should be a allegiance to legitimate businesses. A properly approved business should never have to contend with an unauthorized entity. The city should abolish these unlawful business practices. Improper signs or posting for unlicensed auto salvage should not be allowed and newspapers should be encouraged to request correct identification concerning business advertisements. Law enforcement should prohibit the illegal operation and transportation of vehicles with out appropriate licensing. Police departments are allowed by principle to examine tow, ramp and car carrier trucks for the required registration, insurance, mechanical, material, safety and operational equipment as well as operator identification and authorization. The General Laws of Massachusetts with reference to Chapter 90 & 140 are primarily designated to the auto industry principally for auto salvage, sales and licensing. The fees and fines associated with these infractions are considerable.

It should not be a struggle to operate a business when your with in the guidelines of the law however it should not be permitted to operate a business without these guidelines. City officials and law enforcement need to eradicate this problem and allow individuals that have always conformed and complied with the regulations and licenses to continue without duplicitous contention.

Sincerely,



Juanita Gallagher
Simpson Salvage Services
A Division of Simpson Moore Auto & Simpson Companies



APRIL 8, 2008

HONORABLE CHARLES CROWLEY, MAYOR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDREW J. MARSHALL
AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PLEASE NOTE: THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN
SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008 STARTING AT
5:30 P.M. IN THE CHESTER R. MARTIN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS

5:30 P.M.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
2. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING.
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES & ENROLLED BILLS

1. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS CREATING AN ORDINANCE TO HOLD BUSINESS ACCOUNTABLE TO MAINTAIN A LEVEL OF AESTHETICS ON THEIR BUILDINGS
2. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR, CITY CLERK, POLICE CHIEF & FIRE CHIEF TO REVIEW THE BANDING ESTABLISHED BY CIVIL SERVICE FOR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE

1. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR THE TRASH BAGS
2. MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF INSTALLING CAMERAS IN HIGH DUMPING AREAS
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

RESPECTFULLY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Ellis".

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
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