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Mr. Richard G. Hayman  
Zoning & Building Commissioner  
City of Napoleon  
255 Riverview Ave.  
Napoleon, OH 43545

Re: Hogrefe Auto Parts

Dear Mr. Hayman:

I have now concluded a very lengthy meeting with my clients concerning resolution of the problems surrounding their operation in the City of Napoleon. In their behalf, I would make the following offer in an effort to resolve all of the complaints, which I realize you are receiving from the neighbors. I am setting forth this offer with reference to each of the streets involved, which I hope will clarify our discussions. My clients propose the following action:

1. With reference to the property facing Route 424, my clients would like to explore the feasibility of obtaining the dead end road. It is my understanding that it was discussed some time ago that it might be possible to vacate this road with my clients assuming responsibility for maintenance of this area. They apparently own all of the land which fronts on the road and if this is possible, they will erect suitable screening on the side of the road towards Route 424. They will also move the trailers on the objectionable area, which I believe begins with the trailer immediately to the left of the one which is labeled "Maumee". In place of these trailers they propose to erect a metal building so that they will have suitable storage area. The balance of the frontage I am told has already been cleaned up and the fence and gates will be repaired. They feel they should be able to accomplish this within one (1) year after the road is vacated.

2. With reference to the area fronting on Industrial Street, this does not seem to be a very big problem. The trailers will be removed and the area cleaned up of all

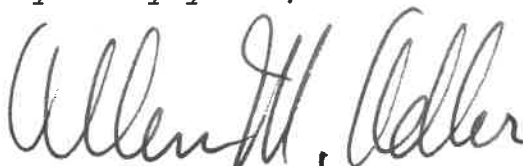
items except the iron within six (6) months. They would like to have two (2) years to move the iron in hopes that the market would come back and they would be able to load it on trucks and sell it rather than having to move it now and trying to sell it later. I do not believe that this is the most serious side of the property.

3. With reference to the Independence Street frontage, I am told that it has been cleaned up for the most part. The trailers have been removed and the scrap which is laying about the ground has also been moved to other areas. If this is not your understanding, please advise at your convenience.

4. The last area would be the frontage towards Oakwood Avenue. It is my understanding from my clients that the fiber drums which you felt had been removed from Route 424, were actually new materials which they had purchased and are not those drums that had previously been stored on Route 424. They feel that this is the original location of the yard and has always been used as a junk yard and should not now have been made illegal by rezoning. In any event, it is my understanding that the city has agreed to remove the foundation to the old building and my clients have agreed to paint the remaining building. They are, therefore, proposing that they will not store any other merchandise in this area and will clean up all items except the iron within six (6) months. They will agree to move the iron within two (2) years, which I understand was the result of an old discussion prior to my representation.

I would appreciate it if you would examine this letter and if necessary, you can discuss it again with my clients. Thereafter, I should like to hear from you with your comments in hopes that we can resolve it to everyone's satisfaction in the not too distant future.

Very truly yours,



Allen M. Adler

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cc: Hogrefe Auto Parts