



Warning Letter

July 6, 2015

Christi Kringle, Property Owner
2601 95th Ave N
Birmingham, AL 35207

RE: **VIC-811192-2015-0001**
Iron City Detail Shop
2131 Northpole Blvd
Birmingham, AL 35234

This Letter of Warning is a notification as a result of an inspection conducted at the above-referenced facility on January 20, 2015. During the inspection the following violations were noted:

1. Carwash water runoff from property into the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) otherwise known as the curb and gutter system (See attached photos)
2. Best Management Practices (BMPs) were not being utilized to the maximum extent practicable (MEP) to prevent pollutant discharges from this site as required by state and federal stormwater regulations and City Ordinance.

These deficiencies constitute a violation of the City of Birmingham's Stormwater Protection Ordinance. Ordinance No. 14-198: Chapter 3, §300 "prohibits the discharge of pollutant or waters containing any pollutants other than stormwater unless authorized by Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) or otherwise in compliance with the City's Stormwater Protection Ordinance". The ordinance also requires that BMPs be used to reduce pollutant discharges to the MEP (Chapter 7, §700(c)).

Below are a list of dates and items discussed associated with the above referenced letter of warning:

- February 17, 2015 – Meeting at City Hall with Ms. Christi Kringle (Facility Operator), City Officials Mr. Thomas Miller (Stormwater Administrator), Ms. Angela Moss (Water Pollution Control Technician), Mr. Bert Thomas (City Plumbing Inspector) and Mr. Tommy Goss (Senior Engineering Technician)
 - Ms. Kringle expressed the desire to operate a multiple car hand washing facility



- Due to economic reasons, Ms. Kringle proposed to contain washwater runoff in a 20-ft long trench approximately 4-ft deep and 2 to 3-ft wide filled with sand and gravel to allow washwater to percolate into the ground
- City staff advised Ms. Kringle to seek the services of a Geotechnical or Soil Engineer and provide plans for approval to operate surface water collection system
- March 30, 2015 – Meeting at City Hall with Ms. Christi Kringle (Property Owner), City Officials Mr. Thomas Miller (Stormwater Administrator), Ms. Angela Moss (Water Pollution Control Technician), and Mr. Doug Wisham (Chief Mechanical, Plumbing, and Gas Inspector)
 - City staff contacted ADEM via phone conference to further discuss options
 - Owner/Operator would be required to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for all surface water, stormwater or groundwater runoff from property per ADEM
 - City staff advised Ms. Kringle to submit a site plan with drawings and Engineer's Certificate by a professional engineer to operate a surface water collection system
- April 13, 2015 – Meeting with Ms. Christi Kringle, City Officials Mr. Thomas Miller (Stormwater Administrator) and Ms. Angela Moss (Water Pollution Control Technician)
 - Discussed options for the operation of a mobile carwash with Mr. Vernon Sherman
 - City staff provided Ms. Kringle with a copy of Best Management Practices for Hand/Mobile Carwashes
 - Mr. Sherman was advised to provide Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) to City to operate a mobile carwash
- May 11, 2015 – Meeting with Ms. Christi Kringle (Property Owner), City Officials Mr. Thomas Miller (Stormwater Administrator), Ms. Angela Moss (Water Pollution Control Technician), and Mr. Doug Wisham (Chief Mechanical, Plumbing, and Gas Inspector)
 - Ms. Kringle furnished staff with a photocopied receipt for a 24x21 foot carport, photocopy of a carport and carport set-up agreement
 - Mr. Kringle agreed to complete the permitting process by June 12, 2015 in order to establish two additional bay areas and extend the current sand trap
 - City staff received a letter from Ms. Christi Kringle on May 12, 2015 agreeing to complete permitting by June 12, 2015

The City of Birmingham has not yet received an adequate response/documentation addressing stormwater non-compliance and intended actions since February 17, 2015. In order for your property to be in compliance, the following must be met within thirty (30) business days of your receipt of this letter:

- Provide detailed site plans (3 copies) to expand the current operation from 1 wash bay to 2 wash bays and connected to the County sanitary sewer system for approval accompanied by an Engineer's Certificate
- Obtain all necessary permits
- Ensure sanitary sewer connection from Jefferson County Environmental Services
- Obtain proper business license

Otherwise, all operations related to the washing of vehicles at this location must cease.



Our primary focus is your compliance with the City of Birmingham Stormwater Protection Ordinance. Please understand that continued noncompliance may result in **“a penalty of not greater than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or imprisonment for a period of Christie not to exceed six (6) months for each violation. Each act of violation and/or each day upon which any violation shall occur or continue to occur shall constitute a separate offense”**.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (205) 297-8300.

Sincerely yours,

Angela D. Moss, Water Pollution Control Technician
City of Birmingham
Department of Planning, Engineering, and Permits

Enclosure: (1)

Cc: Andre' Bittas, Director of Planning, Engineering, and Permits
Edwin Revell, Deputy Director of Planning, Urban Design, and Watershed Management Division
Thomas Miller, Stormwater Administrator
Julie Barnard, Assistant City Attorney