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September 26, 2018

Universal Scrap Management
1157 NW 31st Avenue
Lauderhill, FL 33311

Ameritrade II LLC
Andres F. Caicedo
1239 SW 9th Street
Boca Raton, FL 33486

Dear Mr. Caicedo,

On September 18, 2018 the fire department was conducting a fire safety inspection at the Larkdale Elementary School which is adjacent to your property and noticed that the industrial metal shredder/recycler on your site was in full operation causing metal and dust particulates to become airborne within the confines of the schools playground property and the surrounding area. Additionally, officials at the school stated that they no longer allow children to play in the playground because of the conditions that exist with dust, odors and noise emitting from the industrial processing. They also stated they feel heavy ground vibrations when the industrial equipment is in operation. These conditions have also been felt at the fire station to the north of your property. The city is in the process of investigating stress cracks in the building potentially caused by the industrial processing.

On September 20, 2018 an inspection of your property was conducted by members of the Fire Department, Code Enforcement Department, Police Department and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. During that inspection it was determined that numerus unsafe conditions and industrial operations were taking place on the property. The previous use based on our annual fire inspections was scrap storage only with no industrial processing or recycling. In fact during your 2017 annual fire inspection the industrial shredder was not present. On February 28, 2018 the location was issued a cease and desist notice for the operations of the industrial shredder/recycler. As stated above staffed witnessed the shredder in operation in direct violation of the cease and desist.

In compliance with the Florida Fire Prevention Code as adopted by Florida State Statute 633.025 and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lauderhill Chapter 9, the following violations have been cited;

1. City Code of Ordinances Sec. 9-49 - Storage of materials.
 - (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to store or maintain upon any premises, or in any building, or on any vacant land within three hundred (300) feet of any improved property, except in compliance with state law, any combustible or explosive matter, dangerous accumulations of rubbish, unnecessary accumulations of waste, paper, boxes, shavings, or highly flammable materials.
2. All hazardous materials storage and use if permitted must comply with the Florida Fire Prevention Code, Chapter #60 Hazardous Materials and NFPA #400.
3. All flammable liquids handling and storage if permitted must comply with the Florida Fire Prevention Code, #60 Hazardous Materials and NFPA #400. NFPA #704 placarding is required.
4. All debris piles if permitted shall not exceed twenty feet in height and must be separated based on type of materials. Fire Department access shall be provided in compliance with NFPA, Chapter#18.
5. No burning operations shall be permitted.
6. All welding and cutting operations requires a hot work permit in compliance with the Florida Fire Prevention Code, Chapter #41.
7. An approved all hazard mitigation plan shall be provided in compliance with the Florida Fire Prevention Code, Chapter #10.
8. All stacked storage/shipping containers shall be moved down to one level and a building permit will be required.

All violations shall be corrected within thirty days of the receipt of this letter. The use of the industrial shredder must cease immediately. Failure to comply shall result in penalties as defined in Section 9-1, City of Lauderhill Code of Ordinances. This is a serious matter that requires your immediate attention. Feel free to contact me at 954-730-2950.

Regards,


Marc Geletti,
Chief of Fire Rescue

CC: Fire prevention files

