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MEMBER OF MICHIGAN AND FLORIDA BARS

January 25, 2017

Mayor John O'Reilly
Police Chief Ronald Haddad

c/o Deborah Walling
City Attorney
City of Dearborn

Subject: Ongoing Illegal Parking of Commercial Vehicle in Violation of City Of Dearborn Ordinance (Section 18-356)

Reference: Letter to Mrs. and Mr. Mario Bouchard of November 18, 2016

Dear Chief Haddad / Mayor O'Reilly:

On September 6 and September 30, 2016, my client, Mr. Paul Sheridan, attended Dearborn City Council where he presented preliminary evidence establishing that the good-will of Council, and other City departments, had been abused. Attended by Chief Haddad, Mr. Sheridan responded to Councilman Robert Abraham as follows (quote):

Mr. Abraham: *Another one in the category of 'no good deed goes unpunished.' You try and help somebody; and actually the rules we had in place were sufficient, we overrode our own ordinance to accommodate this individual (Mr. Mario Bouchard), and we'll see how that plays out.*

Mr. Sheridan: *As Ms. Walling knows I stated that I believed, to Mr. Irving; I stated this in an email to both Ms. Walling and Mr. Irving, that I thought you (City Council) were being abused. That was my original theme when it first got approved. That's where I went with this.*

According to my client, the abuse involved verbal and written statements made to City department individuals, on multiple occasions, by Mrs. and Mr. Mario Bouchard. Presuming the truthfulness of these statements, at their meeting of March 1, 2016, City Council resolved as follows :

By Shooshanian supported by Sareini.

3-101-16. RESOLVED: That Mario Bouchard, 22351 Columbia, be and is hereby granted permission to park his commercial vehicle adjacent to his garage in the alley at the rear of his home valid only while his on-call 24 hours a day employment exists subject to all applicable ordinances and the rules and regulations of the Police Department.

The resolution was adopted as follows: Yes: Abraham, Bazzy, Dabaja, Sareini, Shooshanian and Tafelski (6). No: None. Absent: O'Donnell (1).

<http://www.cityofdearborn.org/documents/city-council/city-council-agendas/2016-agendas/3135-march-1-2016-regular-meeting>

The written statement that City Council relied upon was submitted by Mr. Bouchard on January 20, 2016 (Attachment 1). Immediately, the overall inveracity of this submission is demonstrated, but not limited to the following two-fold falsehoods, according to my client:

We have lived at this address since 1988, 15 years of which I have worked as a licensed electrician. For much of this time I have parked either a company van or a company step van in this exact spot without issue.

As was known to them at the time of this submission, and as affirmed to them in the Reference, Mr. Bouchard has never been a licensed electrician. Just prior to this submission, his former employer (Family Heating and Electrical) had endured yet another Bouchard test failure of the entry level Journeyman's exam. Bouchard in not a licensed Journeyman, or a licensed Master electrician, and never has been. His true history, as provided by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), is as follows:

Feb 2003:	Original Michigan Apprentice Registration expired.
Feb 2003 to 2005:	No registrations at any level on file (~2 years).
Late 2005:	Apprentice re-registration.
August 2007:	Apprentice Registration expired.
2007 to 2011:	Not even registered as an Apprentice (4 years)
August 2011:	Apprentice re-registration.
2011 to 2016:	Continuous yearly Apprentice re-registrations.
August 31, 2016:	Apprentice Registration scheduled for expiration.
August 16, 2016:	Apprentice re-registration.

Bouchard's current apprentice registration expires on 8/31/2017 (Attachment 2). However, shortly after his "15 years . . . as a licensed electrician" submission to Dearborn City Council, Mr. Bouchard was "let go" by his former employer.

Regarding the second blatant falsehood, but a truth never offered to the Police Department, we asserted paragraph #5 of the Reference to the Bouchards:

"5. Also, as you are fully aware, you personally gave Mr. Sheridan access to the keys for the large employer work van that you had been illegally parking in the City easement. While you were out-of-town during July 2015, you requested that Mr. Sheridan move the van anticipating that routine police patrols resulted in re-ticketing. Although you never disclosed this truth to your former employer, this fact is known to several neighbors, as well as staff at the Image Hair Salon."

For the truth, regarding why Mr. Bouchard failed to solicit the required commercial vehicle parking waiver approval from his immediate neighbor, Mr. Sheridan, please see the last paragraph of Page 4 of the Reference (enclosed).

Recent Developments and Ongoing Abuse

The Reference includes paragraph #8, which summarizes ongoing behavior by Bouchard:

"8. In truth, it is you that is unapproachable. This was dramatically demonstrated by your abusive profanity and threats against a roofing crew. Your behavior of Tuesday, November 1, 2016 was witnessed by several neighbors, at least five members of the roofing crew, and Mr. Sheridan. Your penchant for causing trouble in the neighborhood included your initial telephone call to the Dearborn Police, insinuating that the crew was blocking access to the City easement, and that they refused to move their work truck. The latter too, was just another slanderous accusation (Incident Report 16-62887)." *

The crux of the Bouchard behavior just described involves his ongoing, illegal parking of a commercial vehicle on the City streets and/or City easement. This abuse involves the vehicle of his new employer (Dan Wood Electrical), and includes parking of their vehicle overnight, over weekends and during periods that Bouchard is out-of-town or not on any duty (Attachment 3).

The Underlying Intent of the Ordinance

The underlying intent of the ordinance: **The maintenance of appeal and home values of the Dearborn residential neighborhoods.**

To this end Mr. Sheridan has already interviewed three area real estate agents and/or companies. **ALL agree:** The parking of commercial vehicles in and around the residential homes of the Dearborn neighborhoods detracts from these values, and decreases appeal. When Mr. Sheridan, and his home owner neighbors, chose to spend their hard earned income, investing in these great Dearborn residential neighborhoods, the enforcement of the removal of unsightly commercial vehicles was a major purchase consideration.

* The Reference is available here: <http://pvsheridan.com/Yaldou2Bouchard-1-18November2016.pdf>

Recent correspondence to the Bouchards here: <http://pvsheridan.com/Yaldou2Bouchard-2-6December2016.pdf>

Another intent of the ordinance involves deletion of the unfair advertising that is projected, by default, when these commercial vehicles are situated in the residential Dearborn neighborhoods.

As clearly established long-ago by the Police Department Traffic Safety Commission (TSC), except in the instance of justifiable and PROVEN emergency need, but not even in the alleged case of “hardship,” the ordinance shall not be waived:

Documents necessary to forward petition to the Traffic Safety Commission:

- **Completed and signed petition form to include signatures of the five heads of household on each side of petitioner's house as well as 10 heads of household for residences directly across the street from petitioner's house.**
- **Photograph of Commercial Vehicle**
- **Affidavit from Employer verifying on-call status and indicating approximate number of times per month the employee will be called in to work.**
- **Any other proof of on-call status and typical work assignments that may assist the Traffic Safety Commission in determining the on-call status of the petitioner. For example: Time-stamped work orders, receipts, dispatch logs, driver logs, etc.**
- **Receipt that indicates payment \$50.00 processing fee (payable at Dearborn Police Records Bureau)**

As Mr. Sheridan explained at the September 6, 2016 City Council meeting, NONE of the basic, legally binding proofs of ‘on-call 24 hour service,’ as required by the long-standing rules of the TSC, were submitted (by the Bouchards); to any division of the City. At that same September 6 meeting, Councilman Michael Sareini stated:

“If the petitioner provides that data . . . I did talk to Bill Irving . . . I do know the Traffic Commission denied it . . . we approved it based on information we received . . . time and time again we have stood on the principle of not rewarding bad behavior or conduct that’s not truthful, or dishonest . . . The notification and misrepresentation . . . that it was a licensed electrician for 24 hour use, and it was like a **hardship** . . .” †

There was and is no hardship, other than that inflicted upon the good intentions of City Council.

Status

Relative to, but not limited to the above, the following status prevails:

Mr. Bouchard is not and has never been a licensed electrician, he is merely registered as an apprentice.

† A complete video of the Paul Sheridan presentation portion to Dearborn City Council on September 6, 2016 is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODcfyUqCujQ>

Mr. Bouchard was not on 24 hour call, emergency or otherwise, while employed by Family Electric, when he submitted his petition to Dearborn City Council in January 20, 2016 (Attachment 1).

Mr. Bouchard is not on 24 hour call, emergency or otherwise, as currently employed by Dan Wood Electric. We have confirmed with his new employer that *“only licensed electricians are sent on 24 hour call.”* The company representative was emphatic on this point. Regardless, Mr. Bouchard is continuing to abuse the ill-gotten waiver, which was approved by good intentions of Dearborn City Council, increasing his fraud to include Police Officer Greb on November 1, 2016.

Although not relevant to, or under the purview of the ordinance, no verifiable “hardship” exists or will be provoked upon the Bouchards by enforcing the ordinance.

Mr. Sheridan and/or Mr. Courtney Morgan have still not received a response to the letter sent to Dearborn City Attorney Debra Walling on May 27, 2016, despite Mr. Sheridan’s formal in-person request for such at the City Council meeting of September 6, 2016. ‡

Conclusion

My client hereby demands that the large commercial truck which is being illegally parked in the City Easement behind 22351 Columbia Street, by Mr. Mario Bouchard, be removed under the authority of City ordinance (Section 18-356), by virtue of the known fact that the original waiver was-ill-gotten, by virtue of the fact that the original waiver has no connection to the new/current Bouchard employer, and under the auspices of extending common courtesy to Mr. Paul Sheridan.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office at any time.

DAVID E GHANNAM, PC



BY: DAVID E GHANNAM

Attachments/Enclosures

‡ Letter available here: <http://pvsheridan.com/Morgan2Walling-1-27May2016.pdf>

ATTACHMENT 1

Mario Bouchard
22351 Columbia Street
Dearborn, MI 48124
313-274-3979
313-657-2064

City Council Member Board
16901 Michigan Ave. Suite 10
Dearborn, Michigan 48126

January 20, 2016

Re: Appeal for alley parking exemption request/possible amendment for city ordinance sec. 18-356

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Mario Bouchard

ATTACHMENT 2



Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

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The license information listed on the LARA website <https://aca3.accela.com/lara> may be recognized as a license and all the authority granted with that specific license. Enforcing agencies should rely on this information to issue permits.

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- BCC Permits
- Plan Review

License Information: Electrical Apprentice MI-6413356

Licensee Detail

License Type: Electrical Apprentice	Type: Individual
License Number: 6413356	Name: MARIO G BOUCHARD
License State: MI	Title:
Business Type: Electrical Apprentice	Address: 22351 COLUMBIA DEARBORN MI 48124
Business Name:	Phone 1: 3132743979
Business License Number:	Phone 2:
Business License Expiration Date:	FAX:
License Issue Date: 02/05/2003	E-mail:
License Expiration Date: 08/31/2017	
License Status: Issued	
Insurance Company:	
Insurance Policy:	

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Attachment 3









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Reference

This is the Reference to the January 25, 2017 letter from Attorney David E. Ghannam to Mayor Bill O'Reilly and Chief Ronald Haddad:

Prior Letter to Mrs. and Mr. Mario Bouchard of November 18, 2016.

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23000 Telegraph Road, Suite 5, Brownstown, MI 48134

November 18, 2016

Mr. Mario Bouchard
Mrs. Nancy Bouchard
22351 Columbia Street
Dearborn, MI 48124

**Re: Demand for Retraction and Apology in Reference to Letter of January 20, 2016
Submitted by Mario Bouchard to City of Dearborn officials**

**Demand for Retraction and Apology in Reference to Repeated and Ongoing
Slanders Committed by Mario and Nancy Bouchard**

Proper Issuance of Auto Repair Expense Payment

Dear Mrs. and Mr. Bouchard,

This demand for retraction and apology is submitted on behalf of Mr. Paul V. Sheridan. It has come to our attention that you have made several false and defamatory statements about him to City of Dearborn officials. The first reference is in the form of correspondence submitted to the City of Dearborn dated January 20, 2016. Because you submitted these written defamatory statements about Mr. Sheridan to Dearborn officials, these statements are and have been subject to further public dissemination under the Freedom of Information Act (Attachment 1).

It is imperative that you retract your letter of January 20, 2016, in its entirety, and issue a written apology to Mr. Sheridan to be shared with the City of Dearborn.

Your false and defamatory written statements include:

1. On January 20, 2016, you advised the City of Dearborn in writing that you have parked a vehicle provided to you by your employer in an alley easement for years and it has never prevented your neighbor from accessing his driveway.

This is known by you to be false. You are aware that the parking of this employer-provided vehicle, in combination with the illegal parking of your many personal vehicles, has frequently interfered with Mr. Sheridan's access to his property. Contrary to your verbiage that insinuates otherwise, this has occurred over several years. Your false portrayal of the facts, in connection with other false assertions in your correspondence, intentionally serves to paint Mr. Sheridan in a false light as a poor and unreasonable neighbor.

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2. On January 20, 2016, your allegation that you maintain the “*entire alley behind your property as none of the other neighbors that border it take care of it*” is known to be patently false:

You do not maintain the area. Your innuendo that Mr. Sheridan does not maintain this easement is also false, and portrays him as a poor neighbor, uninterested in maintaining his surroundings in a responsible order. Mr. Sheridan is an extremely fastidious maintainer of his property and surrounding areas, and did so long before you moved to Columbia Street. This is innate to his effort to maintain his status as a good neighbor, a person well thought of in the neighborhood, and by the City of Dearborn. Your false written portrayal of him purposely portrays him in a poor and unfavorable light to the general public.

3. In your secret submission to the City of January 20, 2016, which you purposely obscured from the scrutiny of Mr. Sheridan, you make the absurd claim, “*In the past he and we have even considered buying the alley from the city.*” You have never considered buying the alley, and in truth have continuously rebutted any overtures from Mr. Sheridan in that regard on the basis of “*financial hardship,*” the exact wording you yourself used in a prior paragraph as a basis to cajole the City into allowing dilution of the commercial vehicle parking waiver.

4. On January 20, 2016, you advised Dearborn City officials in writing:

“We do however; have a neighbor that we believe may be the one reporting the complaints. He has a history of having issues with the neighbors around him for years and he is the neighbor we share the alley with. We have tried to be friendly and on many occasions were, as was he. In the past he and we have even considered buying the alley from the city and we have shared common ground on a few other issues as well. But over the years our relationships has been a bumpy road of sorts. On public service days, when we have to park our vehicles in the alley behind our property overnight, he has mentioned being temporarily inconvenienced, although he can still come and go with ease. We are certainly not sure of this and don’t want to be the cause of any insult or slander but it just seems oddly coincidental and as a result did not ask his signature on the petition because we didn’t want to take a chance and upset him further.”

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This is patently false. Mr. Sheridan has never had any adverse issues with any of his neighbors,¹ and has, in fact, been the source of many kindnesses and favors for other neighbors, as well as yourself, and members of your family. These include free repair of vehicles for you and your family, the free repair and installation of personal computer equipment, whole-house hot water heaters, repeated repair and maintenance of your grounds-keeping equipment such as lawn mowers, snow blowers and lawn edgers.

Further, we have personally interviewed high level officials in the City of Dearborn, including those members of its Law Department. All have confirmed that they readily and immediately recognized that Mr. Sheridan was the person that you coyly identified as “neighbor” and “he” and “*he is the neighbor we share the alley with.*”

5. Also, as you are fully aware, you personally gave Mr. Sheridan access to the keys for the large employer work van that you had been illegally parking in the City easement. While you were out-of-town during July 2015, you requested that Mr. Sheridan move the van anticipating that routine police patrols resulted in re-ticketing. Although you never disclosed this truth to your former employer, this fact is known to several neighbors, as well as staff at the Image Hair Salon (See top photo, Attachment 2).
6. Your accusations, which portray Mr. Sheridan as an unapproachable neighbor, whom frequently makes trouble for you and others, are false and baseless. In truth, he is an unfailingly cooperative, helpful and generous individual, whom is well-known as such to both the neighbors and the City of Dearborn. You have purposely and publically portrayed him in a decidedly opposite manner, raising the need for a fulsome retraction by you.
7. In your secret submission to the City of Dearborn you stated, “*We are certainly not sure of this and don’t want to be the cause of any insult or slander...*” However, your recent behavior confirms that your alleged concerns about “insult or slander” have no credibility, and evidence exists that you fully intended the exact opposite. For example, in addition to the false written statements, it has been confirmed, through extensive interviews with witnesses, that you have repeatedly vocalized false and injurious statements to Mr. Sheridan’s reputation. These slanderous comments have been made to Dearborn officials, to neighbors, to existing and potential business associates, and to the general public. It has been confirmed that your slanders even include a local church

¹ As you know, the only adverse relationship that occurred was the result of your altercation with a neighbor on Oxford Street which concluded with your acquisition of a court-ordered Personal Protection Order (PPO) which, characteristically, was accommodated and funded by the wherewithal and generosity of Mr. Sheridan (Enclosure).

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parish. It is clear that you have no genuine concern about being “*the cause of any insult or slander...*” to our client.

8. In truth, it is you that is unapproachable. This was dramatically demonstrated by your abusive profanity and threats against a roofing crew. Your behavior of Tuesday, November 1, 2016 was witnessed by several neighbors, at least five members of the roofing crew, and Mr. Sheridan. Your penchant for causing trouble in the neighborhood included your initial telephone call to the Dearborn Police, insinuating that the crew was blocking access to the City easement, and that they refused to move their work truck. The latter too, was just another slanderous accusation (Incident Report 16-62887).

Further, your recent public diatribe that Mr. Sheridan is somehow responsible for loss of employment is also known by you to be completely false. In truth, it is widely known that you had made blatantly false verbal and written claims to City of Dearborn officials, that you were a “licensed electrician.” As you are fully aware, you are still not a “licensed electrician.”

These recent slanderous statements about the cause of your loss of employment have been made repeatedly by Mrs. Nancy Bouchard to Ms. Devon Maloney, co-proprietor of the Image Hair Salon, and have since been repeated in that setting to other salon employees, including but not limited to Ms. Rebecca Geney, Ms. Carol Christopher and Mr. Daniel Dykas. Again, you have no genuine concern about being “*the cause of any insult or slander...*” to our client.

There are many other falsehoods implied in your secret submission to the City of Dearborn of January 20, 2016, which involve, but are not limited to, your repeated failure to reimburse Mr. Sheridan in a timely and courteous manner. Your most recent abuse of Mr. Sheridan’s generosity involves repair expenses related to your daughter’s Volkswagen. Enclosed we are returning your improperly received and post-dated check of August 2, 2015. Mr. Sheridan was legally and morally correct in his hesitation to accept this payment. Please forward to this office a re-issued, properly dated check in the proper amount, consummating a debt you have owed Mr. Sheridan since July 2015 (See bottom photo, Attachment 2).

Mr. Sheridan has been a resident on Columbia Street in Dearborn for 34 years, and has never been subjected to false or defamatory statements such as those you have made about him. For example, your stated reason of January 20, 2016 to Dearborn City Council, that solicitation of Mr. Sheridan’s approval for a commercial vehicle parking waiver was avoided due to your claim that “*he has mentioned being temporarily inconvenienced*” is nothing more than a diversion:

You are fully aware that your vile behavior and threatening actions against Mr. Sheridan, for merely asking for reimbursement of your daughter’s Volkswagen repair expense, on the evening of July 30, 2015, were the true reasons you were unable to solicit his approval (Attachment 3).

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Demand is hereby therefore made upon both of you to issue a full and complete retraction, in writing, and an apology to Mr. Sheridan for having made these false and defamatory statements. These statements have damaged Mr. Sheridan's reputation, as well as caused him great consternation that you would damage his reputation which he has worked for many, many years to earn, create and maintain, and which is of particular importance to him and the people he serves in his highly esteemed profession.

You must issue your retraction and apology in writing, and we must be in receipt of such within ten business days. Please forward this retraction letter to my attention at your earliest convenience, and if you have any questions do not hesitate to have your counsel call me directly.

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Bryan Yaldou

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Respectfully,

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ATTACHMENT 3

This attachment contains five pages, which document the materials that were returned to Mr. Sheridan on Thursday July 30, 2015. This took place while Mr. Sheridan was not at home, but after the following event:

At 5pm on Thursday, July 30, 2015, Mr. Mario Bouchard launched into **violent yelling and screaming**, at Mr. Sheridan, in response to the last two pages of this attachment.

First Page of this Attachment

Contains handwritten Bouchard note with the acronym **“WWJD.”** This is a grotesque affront to, not only Mr. Sheridan’s religious beliefs, which are well-known to Bouchard, but it represents a vane personal abuse of the Lord’s name over money. (For the record, there was no such day as *“Monday Aug. 2”* in calendar year 2015.)

Second Page of this Attachment

Envelope taped to the side door of the Sheridan residence at 22357 Columbia Street, Dearborn, MI, containing items that related to the repair of the Dayna Bouchard Volkswagen. (The envelope included a meal replacement bar offered to Bouchard in-friendship by Mr. Sheridan.)

Third Page of this Attachment

Cell telephone record to Bouchard residence. Mr. Sheridan was attempting to politely inquire about belated payment of parts-only reimbursement (for Bouchard daughter’s Volkswagen, see photo on page 3 of cover letter).

On Saturday 7/25 and Monday 7/27, calls were attempted while all Bouchard vehicles were present. But with the Sheridan caller ID unmasked, there was no answer.

Another attempt was made to the Bouchard land line (313-274-3979) on “Thursday 7/30.” With the Sheridan caller ID unmasked there was still no answer. Later, on that same day, the second attempt was answered but presumably because the caller ID was masked :

After twenty minutes of listening to Mrs. Nancy Bouchard’s machinations about upcoming lawyer expenses to fund another ‘Personal Protection Order’ (PPO for daughter Kimberly), “budget issues,” “piles of bills,” etc., **Mr. Sheridan did not demand payment**, but instead politely stated:

“Please do the best you can.”

Last Two Pages of this Attachment

Sheridan’s polite reminder note was dropped off at Bouchard residence on Thursday July 30, 2015. This note was discussed for 20 minutes with Mrs. Bouchard. See telephone record, listed as *“2:33pm Thursday 7/30.”*

Upon his reading this note, rather than acting as a neighbor and a gentleman, Mr. Bouchard launched into violent yelling and screaming across the fence at Mr. Sheridan. He did this prior to conferring with Mrs. Bouchard.

Later that evening, knowing the Mr. Sheridan was not at-home, Mr. Bouchard trespassed onto Mr. Sheridan’s property and then sneakily plastered the **“WWJD”** note to Sheridan side door .

WWJD

Please wait till Monday
Aug. 2 to CASH

DAYCO

More Information for DAYCO 83284/3



DAYCO Poly Rib Ball, Flareless, Excess OE Specifications
Effective Length 13.08 / Top Width .82 / No of Ribs 6 / Thickness 9.24

DAYCO approaches the market differently from most of its competitors, believing that one suspension ball construction will not perform best with all applications.

For the car and light-duty trucks, DAYCO's extensive line of demanding drives flared or flared a vehicle. As the suspension ball, DAYCO's commitment to automotive product excellence and innovation is unwavering.

The DAYCO Poly Rib W Profile suspension ball is the most advanced advancement in suspension ball design in over 25 years. Developed through extensive laboratory and actual road testing, this unique OE profile EPDM ball that has been engineered to conform to high standards, wear or misaligned drive and help eliminate noisy ball conditions.

Constructed with a second reinforced EPDM compound, DAYCO W Poly Rib suspension ball delivers the required quality & delivers a...
problems.

DAYCO

More Information for DAYCO 89284

89284™



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DAYCO Import Line Designed for Foreign Nameplate Vehicles

DAYCO's Automotive ball Tensioner features a patented "flat spring" design that's engineered to provide best operating performance in temperature. This reduces the risk of premature failure due to high tension when a new ball is installed. It also maintains the risk of ball equal and collapse, poor accessory performance caused by low tension when the ball begins to stretch and wear. A Teflon strip, secured within the ball, helps to stretch and wear. The flat spring itself is coated to resist spring retraction.

Other superior design features:

- Heavy-duty cast aluminum spring carrier
- and fatigue

ACDelco

More Information for ACDELCD 3341393



Dayco / Nancy / Mario

Please review the photos / file cd (two copies)

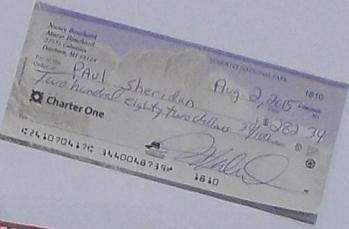
Parts only due:

Alternator	\$ 132.61
Belt and Tensioner	86.41
Oil Dipstick Tube*	11.75
Oil and Air Filter, and oil	39.57
Metric ball temp dipstick	1.00
Stainless clamps for Muffler ratio fix	3.00
Stainless hook-up spring and bolt for Hatch fix	4.00
Two cd's for photo record	0.00
TOTAL DUE (check please)	\$ 278.34

* May arrive at 2317 Columbia this week, watch.



Dayna Mario Nancy
My credit card payment check has already gone out. All VW parts (alternator, belt, oil, filter, etc.) were listed. I began these purchases on July 1.
So my check for \$283.34 is needed by Monday, August 3 (see first attachment)
Paul



PAUL



DAYNA/NANCY/MARIO

WWJD

Please wait till Monday
Aug. 2 to CASH



PAUL V. SHERIDAN
 22357 COLUMBIA ST
 DEARBORN, MI 48124-3431

Page: A-1 of 1
 Bill Cycle Date: 07/12/15 - 08/11/15
 Account: 691872869

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607 280-9790
 PAUL V. SHERIDAN

Call Detail

Time	Place Called	Number Called	Rate Code	Feature Code	Min	Airtime Charges	LD/Addl Charges
Monday, 07/13							
03:16p	ITHACA NY	607-257-2000	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
08:32p	DETROI MI	313-277-5095	RM45		3	0.00	0.00
Tuesday, 07/14							
11:37a	DETROI MI	313-277-5095	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
11:38a	DETROI MI	313-277-5095	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
Wednesday, 07/15							
11:07a	ITHACA NY	607-274-9242	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
11:49a	ITHACA NY	607-274-9242	RM45		10	0.00	0.00
12:57p	ROYAL MI	248-548-3557	RM45		2	0.00	0.00
Thursday, 07/16							
12:08p	FRONTR VA	540-635-7607	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
12:08p	MIDDLE VA	540-454-2161	MME0	M2MC	18	0.00	0.00
03:25p	DETROI MI	313-277-5095	RM45		3	0.00	0.00
07:55p	WALTHA MA	781-647-0622	RM45		42	0.00	0.00
Friday, 07/17							
12:02p	ITHACA NY	607-274-9242	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
Tuesday, 07/21							
12:05p	ITHACA NY	607-274-9242	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
03:08p	DETROI MI	313-277-5095	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
Wednesday, 07/22							
12:15p	ITHACA NY	607-274-9242	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
02:34p	DETROI MI	313-277-5095	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
04:43p	DETROI MI	313-277-5095	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
Friday, 07/24							
08:41a	DETROI MI	313-274-6784	RM45		2	0.00	0.00
08:42a	DETROI MI	313-274-6784	RM45		2	0.00	0.00
Saturday, 07/25							
01:14p	DETROI MI	313-274-3979	5KNW		1	0.00	0.00
Monday, 07/27							
01:05p	NEWBRU NJ	908-239-9239	RM45		29	0.00	0.00
06:17p	VMAIL CL	607-280-9790	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
07:37p	DETROI MI	313-274-3979	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
Thursday, 07/30							
02:33p	DETROI MI	313-274-3979	RM45		20	0.00	0.00
04:28p	ORANGE NJ	973-243-2099	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
04:29p	NEWBRU NJ	908-239-9239	RM45		70	0.00	0.00
Friday, 08/07							
11:30a	VMAIL CL	607-280-9790	RM45		1	0.00	0.00
Subtotal					217	0.00	0.00

Rate Code:
 5KNW = 5000 Night & Weekend
 MME0 = Unltd Mobile to AT&T Mobile
 RM45 = 450 Anytime w/Rollover

Feature Code:
 M2MC = EXPANDED M2M

Data Detail

Time	To/From	Type/Unit	Rate Code
Text Messages			
Wednesday, 07/15			
04:48p	Rcvd 224444	Text Message	TMI10 0.20
Subtotal for Text Messages: 1			0.20
Total Data Detail			0.20

Rate Code:
 TMI10 = Pay Per Use Text/Instant Messaging

Dayna/Mario/Nancy:

My credit card payment check has already gone out, all VW parts (alternator, belt, oil, filters, etc.) were listed, I began these purchases/orders on July 1.

So my check for **\$282 .34** is needed by Monday, August 3 (see first attachment).

Paul

Dayna / Nancy / Mario:

Please review the photos / file cd (two copies).

Parts only due:

Alternator	\$ 132 . 61
Belt and Tensioner	86 . 41
Oil Dipstick Tube *	11 . 75
Oil and Air Filter, and oil	39 . 57
Metric bolt temp dipstick	1 . 00
Stainless clamps for Muffler rattle fix	3 . 00
Stainless back-up spring and bolt for Hatch fix	4 . 00
Two cd's for photo record	<u> n/c</u>

TOTAL DUE (check please) \$ 278 . 34

Update (forgot to add the quart for the power steering; took WHOLE quart! see Sunoco trans fluid bottle in box of parts)

 4 . 00

TOTAL DUE (check please) \$ 282 . 34

* May arrive at 22357 Columbia this week; watch (hand delivered)

ENCLOSURE

Five Pages

Approved, SCAO

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PETITION FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDER AGAINST STALKING (NON DOMESTIC) CASE NO.

Court address Court telephone no.

A Petitioners' Name Nancy/Mario Bouchard 22351 Columbia Street Dearborn, MI 48124 Ages 42/45 313-274-3979 Age [] Petitioner. F Respondent's Name Larry Allen 22372 Oxford Street Dearborn, MI 48124 Age 41 313-359-9852 Age []

1. The petitioner and respondent have never been husband and wife, resided in the same household together, had a child in common, or had a dating relationship with one another

B 2. [] The respondent is required to carry a firearm in the course of his/her employment. [X] Unknown.

C 3. a. There [X] are [] are not other pending actions in this or any other court regarding the parties. Case number 03C246246 Name of court and county 19th Judicial Court Dearborn Name of judge Sobatka, Virginia A.

b. There [] are [X] are not orders/judgments entered by this or any other court, regarding the parties. Case number [] Name of court and county [] Name of judge []

D 4. I need a personal protection order because: Explain what has happened (attach additional sheets)

1) Respondent has previously and recently falsely reported our family vehicle as being 'abandoned' resulting in our vehicle being tagged by the city as such with the potential of being towed. 2) Respondent repeatedly expressed verbal and visual anger when approached with our attempts to discuss the maintenance of the easement. 3) In retaliation, respondent has poured used concrete and piled up yard waste into the easement. 4) Respondent lit off illegal fireworks from his yard directly into our yard which led to one of my enrolled children finding it and causing a safety concern for all. 5) Also in retaliation, respondent has repeatedly parked his mobile home on Pardee which made it visibly impossible to see oncoming traffic or allowing us to pull safely out of the easement. 6) Respondent has used vulgar language and gestures in front of his own children as well as my husband on several occasions. Details are listed on attached Exhibit A.

E 5. I make this petition under the authority of MCL 600.2950a and ask the court to grant a personal protection order prohibiting the respondent from stalking me as defined under MCL 750.411h and MCL 750.411i which includes but is not limited to: [X] following me or appearing within my sight. [X] appearing at my workplace or residence. [X] approaching or confronting me in a public place or on private property. [X] entering onto or remaining on property owned, leased, or occupied by me. [X] sending mail or other communications to me. [X] contacting me by telephone. [X] placing an object on or delivering an object to property owned, leased, or occupied by me. [X] threatening to kill or physically injure me. [X] purchasing or possessing a firearm. [X] other: please see attached Exhibit 'B'.

F 6. I ask the court to grant a personal protection order against stalking: [X] I request an ex parte order because immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or damage will occur between now and a hearing or because notice itself will cause irreparable injury, loss, or damage before the order can be entered.

G [] 7. I have a next friend petitioning for me. I certify that the next friend is not disqualified by statute and is an adult.

I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

H Date Dec. 23, 2003 Petitioner's signature Nancy Bouchard

Form CC - 377

Petition for Personal Protection Order
Against Stalking (Non Domestic)

Exhibit A
(Addendum to Paragraph 4)

Petitioners: Nancy and Mario Bouchard

Respondent Larry Allen

Respondent has been observed using offensive physical gestures,

Respondent has been heard using profane language,

Respondent has been observed shooting illegal fireworks on several occasions, and as recently as September 2003,

Respondent has been, and has recently admitted to making anonymous telephone calls to the City of Dearborn Police Department for the purposes of filing false or misleading police reports that allege that our properly licensed and insured vehicles parked in our driveway or property are "abandoned."

Respondent has been dumping garbage and any other forms of refuse, including but not limited to grass clippings, tree leaves, etc. in the City of Dearborn driveway easement, located off of Pardee Street between Columbia and Oxford, which has been utilized by us for 16 years.

Respondent has been dumping excess housing construction materials, such as uncured concrete, etc., in the City of Dearborn driveway easement, located off of Pardee Street between Columbia and Oxford, which has been utilized by us for 16 years.

Respondent has been allowing his dog to curb in the easement and not properly removing and disposing of the waste.

Form CC - 377

Petition for Personal Protection Order
Against Stalking (Non Domestic)

Exhibit B
(Addendum to Paragraph 5)

Petitioners: Nancy and Mario Bouchard

Respondent Larry Allen

Using offensive physical gestures for the purposes of humiliating, embarrassing and/or inciting us

Using profane language for the purposes of humiliating, embarrassing and/or inciting us

Using profane physical gestures while driving his motor vehicle, for the purposes of humiliating, embarrassing and/or inciting us

Driving his motor vehicle in an erratic or unsafe manner, for the purposes of humiliating, embarrassing and/or inciting us

Spitting in the general vicinities of our home or surrounding areas

Spitting in the general vicinities of our physical persons

Shooting illegal fireworks in any direction at any time

Anonymously telephoning the City of Dearborn Police Department for the purposes of filing false or misleading police reports that allege that the vehicles parked in our driveway or property are "abandoned."

Dumping garbage and any other form of refuse, including but not limited to grass clippings, tree leaves, etc., in the City of Dearborn driveway easement, located off of Pardee Street between Columbia and Oxford, which has been utilized by us for ~~X~~ years.

Dumping of excess housing construction materials, such as uncured concrete, etc., in the City of Dearborn driveway easement, located off of Pardee Street between Columbia and Oxford, which has been utilized by us for 16 years.

Allowing the respondent or any members of his family to approach our property. Through the city easement in attempts to 'curb' his dog or give attention to our dog.

PROOF OF SERVICE

TO PROCESS SERVER: You must serve the copies of the petition for personal protection order and file proof of service with the clerk. If you are unable to complete service, you must return this original and all copies to the court clerk.

CERTIFICATE / AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE / NON-SERVICE

<input type="checkbox"/> OFFICER CERTIFICATE I certify that I am a sheriff, deputy sheriff, bailiff, appointed court officer, or attorney for a party (MCR 2.104(A)(2)), and that: (notary not required)	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> AFFIDAVIT OF PROCESS SERVER Being first duly sworn, I state that I am a legally competent adult who is not a party or an officer of a corporate party, and that: (notary required)
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I served a copy of the petition for personal protection order against stalking by:

personal service
 registered mail, delivery restricted to the respondent (return receipt attached)

on:

Respondent's name	Complete address of service	Day, date, time

I have personally attempted to serve a copy of the petition for personal protection order against stalking on the following respondent and have been unable to complete service.

Respondent's name	Complete address of service

Service fee	Miles traveled	Mileage fee	Total fee
\$		\$	\$

Signature _____

Title _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me on _____, _____ County, Michigan.

Date

My commission expires: _____ Date Signature: _____

Deputy court clerk/Notary public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the petition for personal protection order against stalking on _____

Day, date, time

Signature of respondent

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY	A	PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDER AGAINST STALKING (NON DOMESTIC) <input type="checkbox"/> EX PARTE	B	CASE NO.
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D	Full name of respondent (type or print)* <u>Lawrence W. Allen, Jr.</u>	Social security no. (if known)	Driver's license number (if known)				
Height <u>6'4"</u>	Weight <u>220 lbs</u>	Race* <u>Cau.</u>	Sex* <u>M</u>	Date of birth or Age* <u>11/03/62</u>	Hair color <u>BLK</u>	Eye color	Other identifying information

*these items must be filled in for the police/sheriff to enter on LEIN; the other items are not required but are helpful

Date: _____ Judge: _____ Bar no.

1 This order is entered without a hearing. after hearing.

THE COURT FINDS:

- 2. A petition requesting an order to restrain conduct prohibited under MCL 750.411 h and 750.411 i has been filed under the authority of MCL 600.2950a.
- 3. Petitioner requested an ex parte order which should be entered without notice because irreparable injury, loss, or damage will result from delay required to give notice or notice itself will precipitate adverse action before an order can be issued.
- 4. Respondent committed the following acts of willful, unconsented contact: (state the reasons for issuance)

IT IS ORDERED:

5. _____ is prohibited from stalking as defined under

Full name of respondent

MCL 750.411h and MCL 750.411i which includes but is not limited to:

- following or appearing within sight of the petitioner.
- appearing at workplace/residence of the petitioner.
- approaching or confronting the petitioner in a public place or on private property.
- entering onto or remaining on property owned, leased, or occupied by the petitioner.
- sending mail or other communications to the petitioner.
- contacting the petitioner by telephone.
- placing an object on or delivering an object to property owned, leased, or occupied by the petitioner.
- threatening to kill or physically injure the petitioner.
- purchasing or possessing a firearm.
- other: _____

6. Violation of this order subjects the respondent to immediate arrest and to the civil and criminal contempt power of the court. If found guilty, respondent shall be imprisoned for not more than 93 days and may be fined not more than \$500.00.

7. This order is effective when signed, enforceable immediately, and remains in effect until _____
 This order is enforceable anywhere in the United States by any law enforcement agency when signed by a judge, and upon service, may also be enforced by another state, an Indian tribe, or a territory of the United States. If respondent violates this order in a jurisdiction other than this state, respondent is subject to enforcement and penalties of the state, Indian tribe, or United States territory under whose jurisdiction the violation occurred.

8. The court clerk shall file this order with _____ who will enter it into the LEIN.

9. Respondent may file a motion to modify or terminate this order. For ex parte orders, the motion must be filed within 14 days after being served with or receiving actual notice of the order. Forms and instructions are available from the clerk of the court.

10. A motion to extend the order must be filed 3 days before the expiration date in item 6 or else a new petition must be filed.

Date and time issued

Judge

MCL 600.2950a,

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

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The following statement made by Bouchard to the City of Dearborn:

We have lived at this address since 1988, 15 years of which I have worked as a licensed electrician.

As Bouchard is fully aware, he is not, and has never been a “licensed electrician.” The status of being licensed; the professional stature of claiming to be licensed requires extensive continuous employment experience and the passing of the State licensing exams.

Although attempted many times, Bouchard has never passed the Journeyman’s or Master’s Electrician exam in any state. In fact, it is his taking and re-taking of the Journeyman’s licensing exam that confirms that Bouchard is fully aware that the above screenshot is not merely a misstatement, but an outright fraud. The central purpose of passing the exam is to be licensed.

Since moving to Michigan as a citizen of Canada, Bouchard has repeatedly registered and re-registered merely as an apprentice (Registration #6413356). The apprentice registration process, available to anyone, exacts a fee of \$15.00. An apprentice is not a “licensed electrician.”

It is widely considered a breach of professional etiquette and integrity to claim such (as shown in screenshot above of Bouchard’s “15 years . . . licensed electrician” claim, submitted in-secret to the City).

Detailed true history of Bouchard, as provided by Electrical Administrative Board - Lansing, Michigan :

- February 2003: Original Michigan Apprentice Registration expired.
- February 2003 to 2005: No valid registrations at any level on file with State (~2 years).
- 2005: Apprentice re-registration, Electrical Administrative Board - Lansing, MI
- August 2007: Apprentice Registration expired.
- 2007 to 2011: Not even registered as an Apprentice (4 years)
- August 2011: Apprentice re-registration, EAB - Lansing, MI.
- 2011 to 2016: Continuous yearly Apprentice re-registrations, EAB - Lansing, MI.
- August 31, 2016: Apprentice Registration scheduled for expiration.
- August 16, 2016: Apprentice re-registration.

Bouchard’s current apprentice registration expires on 8/31/2017 (please see attached).

Bouchard’s assertion (red box above) of January 20, 2016 as submitted in-secret to Dearborn City Council regarding his license status is known by him and co-defendant Mrs. Nancy Bouchard to be false.

As is well-known, it is a crime to submit knowingly false information to any level of U.S. government.



Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Announcements Logged in as: Paul Sheridan Collections (0) Cart (0) Account Management Logout

The license information listed on the LARA website <https://aca3.accela.com/lara> may be recognized as a license and all the authority granted with that specific license. Enforcing agencies should rely on this information to issue permits.

- Home
- BCC Licenses
- BCC Permits
- Plan Review

- Dashboard
- My Records
- My Account
- Advanced Search

License Information: Electrical Apprentice MI-6413356

Licensee Detail

License Type: Electrical Apprentice	Type: Individual
License Number: 6413356	Name: MARIO G BOUCHARD
License State: MI	Title:
Business Type: Electrical Apprentice	Address: 22351 COLUMBIA DEARBORN MI 48124
Business Name:	Phone 1: 3132743979
Business License Number:	Phone 2:
Business License Expiration Date:	FAX:
License Issue Date: 02/05/2003	E-mail:
License Expiration Date: 08/31/2017	
License Status: Issued	
Insurance Company:	
Insurance Policy:	

▶ Related Records

▶ Public Documents

Mario Bouchard
22351 Columbia Street
Dearborn, MI 48124
313-274-3979
313-657-2064

City Council Member Board
16901 Michigan Ave. Suite 10
Dearborn, Michigan 48126

January 20, 2016

Re: Appeal for alley parking exemption request/possible amendment for city ordinance sec. 18-356

Members of city council;

I am respectfully requesting to appear before the board and appeal a recent decision by Traffic /Safety Commission to deny a 24 hour parking permit for my work van to be parked in the alley behind my garage.

We have lived at this address since 1988, 15 years of which I have worked as a licensed electrician. For much of this time I have parked either a company van or a company step van in this exact spot without issue. This vehicle is absolutely critical to my livelihood and a highly valued compensation from my employer. It is a new 2015 van that is not unsightly in any way. Without the 24 hour availability of this vehicle I would no longer have transportation to and from Madison Heights, where I work. It is impossible to predict how often I get emergency calls or when. Having my work vehicle located miles away would hinder my response time to those who need these services.

Losing this vehicle will also cause me and my family financial hardship. We are not in a position to afford any additional vehicles and this company van also allows me to carry the necessary tools, equipment and bulky supplies required to perform my trade. Losing the van could potentially mean losing my job. The van is parked at the inside dead end of the alley directly behind my property and has never been in the way of alley maintenance nor has it ever prevented my neighbor from accessing his driveway.

We have always been very diligent on keeping the alley clear of leaves, cutting the grass and picking up trash that is dropped from time to time and packing down the snow. Although we live at the inside dead end of the alley, we maintain the entire alley as none of the other neighbors that boarder it take care of it. We care for it as we do our own property.

In 2004-5 my wife spoke with then Mayor Giudo who assured us that our vehicles both personal and work related would be allowed to park in the alley without offence. Well, that was obviously years ago yet we have never had an issue until recently.

We just want to continue living and working as usual. We've received several warnings and a couple of tickets prior to finding a very temporary place to relocate the work van and we don't see a permanent solution other than receiving the variance being requested by this letter.

Every officer that came out to mention the ordinance agreed it was outdated and many of the neighbors that signed my petition were also surprised how much effort the city was putting into removing my van which was not at issue with any of them. After being told by officers that came out that there were several complaints, we find it difficult to understand this since every one of our neighbors wasn't bothered by the van being in the alley and they understood its presence there.

We do however; have a neighbor that we believe may be the one reporting the complaints. He has a history of having issues with the neighbors around him for years and he is the neighbor we share the alley with. We have tried to be friendly and on many occasions were, as was he. In the past he and we have even considered buying the alley from the city and we have shared common ground on a few other issues as well. But over the years our relationships has been a bumpy road of sorts. On public service days, when we have to park our vehicles in the alley behind our property overnight, he has mentioned being temporarily inconvenienced, although he can still come and go with ease. We are certainly not sure of this and don't want to be the cause of any insult or slander but it just seems oddly coincidental and as a result did not ask his signature on the petition because we didn't want to take a chance and upset him further.

We were eventually referred to Sgt. Steve White who told us "to do what we had to do and if we had any trouble to see him", but we hate to continue to involve him as we are sure he has many more important things to do. We tried covering the van with a tarp to hide the work related writing but were still asked to remove it from the alley.

Since our house and garage were built in 1942, the dimensions of the garage door will not allow for me to park my work van inside.

Please look into my request and find it in your heart to allow the permanent exemption for parking my work van in the alley. I have included all the required documentation to support my request and look forward to attending a hearing or providing whatever is additionally required regarding this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Mario Bouchard

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