



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



Meeting Date	01/06/2021	Department	Code Enforcement
Agenda Item	4.d Consider Approval of a Junkyard Permit Renewal Brown's Exit 27 Salvage, Inc.		
Est. Cost	n/a		

Background Information

This agenda item is the consideration of a junkyard permit renewal for Brown's Exit 27 Salvage, Inc.

A current report from CEO McNeill and Fire Chief Sieberg is attached. Per CEO McNeill's request, another conditions for license renewal agreement be signed (please see attached as a sample of what was signed last year).

CEO McNeill and Fire Chief Sieberg will be present to answer any questions.

Requested Action	'I move to renew the Junkyard Permit for Brown's Exit 27 Salvage, Inc. with another renewal permit agreement being signed.'
City Manager and/or Finance Review	The City Manager recommends the above action.
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
	2 nd Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
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CITY OF GARDINER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT



Chief Richard Sieberg

November 19, 2020

12/18/2020

City Manager Landes,

On November 23rd CEO McNeill and myself inspected Brown's Exit 27 Salvage. During the walk through it was apparent a few items needed to be corrected before the licensing process could move forward.

The roads did not provide adequate access for emergency vehicles. Also the area reserved for hazardous liquid containment was not usable.

CEO McKneill explained to the business owner that these needed to be taken care of before any approval could be given.

Recently CEO Mckneill went back for an additional inspection, finding these issues resolved.

At this point the Fire Department has no concerns allowing this process to move forward.

Sincerely,

Richard F Sieberg
Gardiner Fire Department
Fire Chief

Memorandum

To: Christine Landes, City Manager

From: Kris McNeill, Code Enforcement Officer/Assistant Planner

Date: 18 December 2020

Re: Brown's Junkyard permit renewal (971 Brunswick Av, 011-008-A)

The Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Kris McNeill completed the annual inspection with Darryl Brown Jr. and Fire Chief Sieburg on November 23, 2020. Several concerns were noted and discussed while on site.

The access roads throughout the yard were full of parked vehicles preventing access for emergency vehicles as well as safe travel around the yard. These roads being clear was a condition of renewal last year and part of an agreement signed by the property owner.

The concrete pad used as a location to remove liquids from scrap vehicles was full and inaccessible. The safe removal and disposal of these fluids is an important practice that needs to be followed to protect the environment from pollution and to prevent employees and customers from exposure and hazards of these substances. This pad being clear was also a condition of last year's agreement.

One metal roll-off had been filled with tires from the tire pile in the lower portion of the yard and brought up to the upper part of the yard. The removal of the tire pile was an agreed to goal in the agreement and it was partially completed.

The last part of the agreement was to clean up the appearance of the parking area on Route 201. During the inspection, the lot was packed full but did appear more orderly and was comprised of sale vehicles in better condition than the ones out there last year.

After speaking with the City Manager, it was decided that I would request several issues be corrected prior to putting the license renewal on the Council agenda. I informed Mr. Brown that I would need to see the access roads clear and the concrete pad open and usable. He agreed to complete these item.

I returned on December 15, 2020 to inspect. I was able to walk the whole yard. The roads had been cleared and widened. The concrete pad was accessible and in use.

I suggest that the license is renewed with the condition that another agreement is signed. This new agreement could include specific goals and deadlines.

Brown's Junkyard Conditions for License renewal

November 26th, 2019

This agreement is to record the items discussed during the inspection that took place on November 25th, 2019. Kris McNeill the Code Enforcement Officer and Al Nelson the Fire Chief met with Darryl Brown Jr. and toured the property. During the tour we discussed several concerns and conditions that have been ongoing issues for years. Mr. Brown expressed a willingness to correct these issues.

The co-owners and applicants (Darryl Brown Jr. and Sr.) have submitted their application for an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard Permit renewal at 971 Brunswick Avenue, city tax map 11- lot 8A, for Council approval. In an effort to bring the junkyard into compliance, we are documenting the current concerns as well as plans to correct them. The issues and concerns are as follows:

- The lower field near the highway contains 2 roll-offs, a large pile of tires and some remaining scrap metal. Mr. Brown will move the tire pile up to the front of the yard to facilitate disposal with outgoing vehicles. The roll offs will be removed if possible.
- Access roads are crowded and would not allow access to emergency vehicles. Mr. Brown will widen roads and keep all roads clear. An effort will be made to reduce the overall number of vehicles on the property to provide more space.
- The front used car lot bordering Brunswick Avenue is overgrown, overcrowded and needs additional screening. Mr. Brown has agreed to do a general clean up and reorganization of all the vehicles parked there to improve the roadside appearance and to repair or add screening to improve the appearance of the property from Brunswick Ave.
- The reclaimed oil storage area and pad are not accessible and need to be utilized as intended. Mr. Brown will clear the vehicles that are currently blocking access to the pad. He will develop a plan for storing the used oil. This plan will be approved by both the Fire Chief and Code Enforcement.

By signing this agreement all parties agree to the items listed above. Regular inspections will be performed to monitor progress. If progress is not seen towards correcting these agreed upon issues, the junkyard license may be revoked or not renewed next year.

Darryl Brown Jr.

Date

Kris McNeill CEO

Date

Al Nelson Fire Chief

Date