



**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS
CITY OF CHICAGO**

EFFECTIVE November 29, 2019

Re: Commissioner Closure Order, Meineke Muffler Shop, 10716 S. Western Ave.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

I, Judith Frydland, Commissioner of the City of Chicago Department of Buildings, pursuant to Chicago Municipal Code Chapter 13-12-120, hereby find that the property commonly known as **Meineke Muffler Shop, 10716 S. Western Ave., 1st Floor**, Chicago, Illinois is dangerous, hazardous and unsafe due to the following conditions.

Electrical Violations

- The electrical system is in a dangerous condition. The power service is damaged, hanging from rear exterior wall and improperly installed. Properly install meter socket at the exterior of building. There is open live wiring, located above drop ceiling in the office area that is not fire rated, which is supplying light fixtures that are not properly grounded or supported. Ceiling tiles are supported by a grid of metal cross bars that can become energized by the live exposed wires. The ceiling must be exposed to such a degree as to afford the electrical inspector full access to determine the extent of the violations. There is a gross overuse of extension cords. The cords must be removed, and additional outlets installed near the equipment. There is open wiring thru out the interior of the workshop. The System III Emergency Lighting System that is in place is not properly maintained or functioning. Provide access and proper clearance to electrical panels which at the time of the inspection were inaccessible. These conditions pose an electrical fire, and electrocution hazard to any occupant. A permit is required by a licensed Electrical Contractor prior to making these repairs.

Egress Violations

- The exit capacity at egress areas has been obstructed and safe exiting from the business has been significantly compromised. Placement of mechanical equipment, oxygen / acetylene tanks and over storage of tires has reduced egress passages to below the required minimum of 36". These conditions are a danger to any emergency responder or occupant.

Fire Safety and Fire Protection Violations

- Fire extinguishers are not properly marked or located. A sign shall be installed and maintained which will mark the location of such extinguisher in a manner legible at a distance of at least 50 feet. Storage of flammable items, untethered oxygen / acetylene tanks, tires, oil-soaked cardboard on the floor at the interior and overflowing 50-gallon oil tanks at the rear are all creating a dangerous fire hazard. There is a total lack of the required smoke and carbon monoxide detectors throughout the property. This is a dangerous hazard to any occupant or emergency responder.

Plumbing Violations

- The plumbing system is in a dangerous condition. The required triple basin drain is not present allowing hazardous volatile waste to enter city sewer system causing an explosion hazard. This is a dangerous explosion hazard to the public at large. The required specialty treated pickled pipe is totally lacking for the acetylene and oxygen delivery systems. This is an extreme fire and explosion hazard. The required back flow prevention devices are missing from the hose stations causing a possible cross contamination to the potable water supply. A permit is required by a licensed plumbing contractor prior to affecting repairs. This poses a dangerous health hazard to occupants.

For the reasons stated above, this building poses an immediate danger to the tenants and occupants of the premises and constitutes an imminent threat to the public at large.

THEREFORE, by the police powers vested in me Judith Frydland as Chicago Building Commissioner, I hereby order that Meineke Muffler Shop commonly known as, 10716 S. Western Ave., Chicago, Illinois, immediately be closed, and remain closed, until the above referenced violations have been corrected and approved by the Department of Buildings. This order shall be enforced by the City of Chicago Police Department. The owner along with owner's agents, managers and contractors, may enter for the sole purpose of remediating violations until further order. Occupants may designate an individual to enter the premises on their behalf to remove personal items from said property. Personal items may only be removed under the supervision of the Chicago Police Department.

Judith Frydland



Building Commissioner

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