



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
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December 14, 2005

Dan Tangherlini, Director  
District Department of Transportation  
2000 14th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Carlink Inc. at 1400 Maryland Ave. NE

Dear Mr. Tangherlini:

We are requesting your assistance in ensuring that DDOT pursue enforcement, without delay, of a violation issued September 28, 2005 for occupying public space without a permit. Carlink Inc., a used car lot at 1400 Maryland Ave. NE, applied for a public space permit to occupy the grounds adjacent to their property in order to open a car rental business. The applicant failed to appear at the scheduled Public Space Committee hearing on September 22, 2005. Consequently, the application was closed and referred to the Office of Infrastructure Oversight for enforcement. It is important to note that our Commission unanimously opposed this application.

In a letter dated October 14, 2005, Mr. Lamont Register, Chief of Infrastructure Oversight, provided notice to Carlink that violation was issued on September 28, 2005, for occupying public space without a permit. Specifically, the letter notified Carlink that their failure to remove the fence would initiate fines of up to \$300 per day for violating the public space.

Mr. Tyrone Jackson of the Office of Infrastructure Oversight informed our Commission on October 4, 2005, that a street maintenance crew would be removing the fence shortly. When that failed to happen, we make another inquiry and were told by e-mail on November 15, 2005, that this would happen within two to three weeks. Again, when that failed to transpire, we again requested a date for the fence removal. On November 30, 2005, Mr. Jackson informed us that Charles Stewart, in Street Maintenance, was reporting that the enforcement action would not take place until after January 1, 2006, due to preparations for the snow season and the holidays.

Adding to our consternation, Mr. Stewart subsequently told us that no fines have been levied as apparently the owner of the business is unreachable. If fines had been levied as required by law, the amount owed to the city would total about \$20,000. To put that in perspective, that is equal to our annual operating budget for our Commission. We refuse to accept that by merely being unreachable makes illegal action permissible. We fail to understand why fines are not attached to the property as an unpaid lien. We treasure our public space and request your immediate intervention to ensure the fence is removed, cars towed, and fines levied as required by law.

The public space in question is in the single member district represented by Commissioner Marc Borbely. If you have any questions, please contact him at (202) 544-2447 (home), (202) 557-1083 (cell), or by e-mail at [borbely@anc6a06.us](mailto:borbely@anc6a06.us). We look forward to your response.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A