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- 4. Mr. Bundridge's work on cars has led to environmental contamination on the property which the City is addressing in addition to the Notice of Violation mentioned above.
- 5. Chapter 13.40 MVMC was developed in accordance with the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit, which regulates discharge from stormwater systems into surface waters and groundwaters in small municipal separate storm sewer systems in western Washington.
- 6. Under the NPDES Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit, the City is responsible for reporting non-stormwater discharges into surface waters and groundwaters to the Department of Ecology, and having progressive enforcement mechanisms in place to prevent discharges.
- 7. On July 12, 2023, the City received a notification from the Department of Ecology that a report (ERTS #724021) of illegal dumping of vehicle fluids to a storm drain has occurred on the property owned by Plaintiff Mosquera at 21845 SE 272nd Street in Maple Valley, Washington.
- 8. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of the notification from the Department of Ecology.
- 9. On July 12, 2023, City inspector John Upshaw visited the site and confirmed that the storm drain has been used as the dumping point for a significant amount of oil and other fluids. The inspector witnessed open containers near a storm drain that connects to an infiltration pipe (a perforated pipe that infiltrates stormwater into the ground).
- 10. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** is a true and correct copy of photographs taken on July 12th, 2023, which show the oils and fluids from work on cars at the property.

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- 11. The City reported the contamination to the City's Department of Ecology Permit

 Manager, and reached out to the Department of Ecology Toxics Cleanup group to
 request guidance on soil testing parameters. The City has continued to follow up with
 the Department of Ecology Toxics Cleanup group to report the status of the
 contamination on the property.
- 12. The City issued a warning letter to Mr. Mosquera on July 17th, 2023 of the illegal contamination on his property in violation of Maple Valley Municipal Code MVMC 13.40.020. Both Mr. Mosquera, the owner of the property, and Mr. Bundridge, the tenant who caused the contamination, are jointly responsible for the contamination.
- 13. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** is a true and correct copy of the letter sent on July 17, 2023.
- 14. Defendant Mosquera worked with Onsite Environmental to complete the soil sampling required by the July 17, 2023 letter.
- 15. The sample report from September 20, 2023 tested both Diesel Range Organics and Lube Oils in the soil collected from Mr. Bundridge's property (Gasoline Range Organics were not sampled for at this time). The report indicated Lube Oils exceeded Model Toxics Control Act levels.
- 16. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 4** is a true and correct copy of the September 20, 2023 report from Onsite Environmental.
- 17. The City issued a second letter to Mr. Mosquera on November 6, 2023 with the soil sample results. The letter stated that to avoid the site from becoming listed as a toxic site, the area needed to be excavated, and contaminated soils removed and disposed of at a licensed facility. The letter also required further soil sampling, showing that the

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Lube Oils, Heavy Oil and Gasoline Range Organics are below the limits specified in the MTCA. The letter required cleanup and soil sampling to be completed by January 6, 2024.

- 18. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 5** is a true and correct copy of the letter sent to Mr. Mosquera on November 6, 2023.
- 19. On February 7, 2024, the City issued a Notice of Civil Violation and Order (NOV) that formed the basis of the City's Complaint for Warrant of Abatement in this matter. The NOV was sent to both Defendants by certified first-class mail.
- 20. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 6** is a true and correct copy of the NOV.
- 21. Defendants did not appeal the NOV, which would have needed to be filed within fourteen calendar days of the service of the NOV.
- 22. Defendants have not paid the monetary penalties required by the NOV.
- 23. Defendants have not completed the corrective action required by the NOV. In order to comply with the NOV, Defendants would need to remove the asphalt paving around the storm drain and dig down to the infiltration pipe and remove the soil that is contaminated. All soils would need to be stockpiled and covered during removal, and be disposed of at a place that accepts contaminated soils (and the contamination needs to be disclosed to the site). The drain and infiltration trench would also likely need to be removed and replaced, and the City would need to inspect the replacement. Before they fill the excavated areas, they would need to collect samples on each side and bottom or the pit and receive analysis from an accredited lab that show that the samples are below the acceptable levels set by the Department of Ecology. Then the excavated area could be refilled and the asphalt replaced. The City has not received any notification from

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1	Defendants that the property has been abated, or that Defendants have taken any of the
2	steps toward abatement. The City has not been informed about any removal of
3	contaminated soils, or the drain and infiltration trench. And the City has not received an
4	analysis demonstrating that the soil meets MTCA levels.
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6	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing
7	is true and correct.
8	Dated this 13 TH day of June, 2024 at Maple Valley, Washington.
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