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Terrence F. McCarthy  
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Re: CP6-03, Pearson Parking Lot and Pearson Metal Salvage, Application No. 607386,  
P.C.D.E. File No. 20-451, Located in Section 03, Township 19 North, Range 3 East,  
W.M., Pierce County, Washington.

Dear Examiner McCarthy:

I am writing to correct a statement that was included in the June 30, 2008, letter that Ken Cook sent you on behalf of both of us.

In our earlier letter we stated that this facility is for a salvage yard for wrecked motor vehicles, appliances, and vehicle parts. The decision on Case No. CP6-03 stated the existing salvage yard, which was established when permitted outright, and the proposed expansion of the employee and large vehicle storage/parking facility and caretaker's residence were permitted under Level 2 of Salvage Yards/Vehicle Storage. Level 2 does not make a distinction between salvage of wrecked motor vehicles, vehicle parts, and appliances.

This is the issue that we wanted to clarify for both you and the Pearsons. Even though it is acceptable from Pierce County's land use and zoning perspective for Pearson Metal Salvage to salvage vehicles or parts in addition to appliances, they would still need appropriate State licenses and approvals and would have to operate under those parameters. According to the Washington Department of Licensing, the applicant does not currently have a hulk hauler license. We wanted to avoid any misunderstandings in the future about what is and is not permitted to occur on this site.

The current business is approved as a salvage yard by Pierce County. Any wrecking or processing of waste utilizing heavy mechanical equipment, including motor vehicles and the storage of metal shipping containers, is considered a Recycling Processor Use Type. Such activity is not permitted in the CE zone where this site is located.



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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email, at (253) 798-7016 or [rjenkin@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:rjenkin@co.pierce.wa.us).

Sincerely,



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