



JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA
ALDERWOMAN, 8TH DISTRICT

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

CHAIR

- Licenses Committee

VICE-CHAIR

- Community and Economic Development Committee

MEMBER

- Steering and Rules Committee
- Zoning, Neighborhoods, and Development Committee

September 18, 2025

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Honorable Members:

Re: Common Council File Number 250737

Attached are written objections to file number 250737 of the Licenses Committee relative to licenses:

Approval with a 10 (ten) day suspension of the Food Dealer license for Abdel Jawad HAMED, based upon the preponderance of the evidence on the police report, aldermanic and applicant testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public, for the premises located at 3249 N 3RD St. ("THIRD STREET QUICK MART") in the 6th aldermanic district.

Approval with a 10 (ten) day suspension of the Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for Younas I MOHAMMAD, based upon the preponderance of the evidence on the police report, applicant and neighborhood testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public; for the premises located at 2707 W BURLEIGH St. ("GAS DEPOT") in the 7th aldermanic district.

This matter will be heard by the full Council at its Tuesday, September 23, 2025 meeting. Pursuant to City Ordinances, a roll call vote will be taken to confirm that all members have read the attached statement and materials.

Sincerely,

JoCasta Zamarripa
Chairperson Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members
City Attorney's Office
Common Council/City Clerk – License Division
CCF 250737



Third Street Quick Mart
3249 N 3rd St
Milwaukee, WI 53212
September 16th, 2025

City of Milwaukee Common Council
Attn: License Division – City Clerk’s Office
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Response to Hearing Notification – Third Street Quick Mart (Food Dealer License)

Dear Members of the Common Council and License Committee,

I, **Hamed Abdel Jawad**, licensee of Third Street Quick Mart, respectfully submit this written response regarding the scheduled hearing on September 23, 2025, concerning the renewal of our Food Dealer license and the proposed 10-day suspension.

First, I want to sincerely acknowledge the seriousness of the incident referenced in the police report of April 24, 2025. This situation involved a new employee who, without our prior knowledge, possessed a firearm in the store. We understand and deeply regret that this incident created a risk to public safety. It was never our intention to allow such a matter to occur, and we take full responsibility as the license holder.

Since the incident, we have taken immediate and proactive steps to ensure this never happens again:

- **Updated Hiring Policies:** All new employees are now subject to stricter screening and background checks.
- **Zero Tolerance Firearm Policy:** A written, posted, and enforced rule strictly prohibits firearms on the premises. Every employee has been formally notified, and violations will result in immediate termination.
- **Staff Training:** We have implemented regular training sessions on workplace safety, community relations, and compliance with city ordinances.

It is important to highlight that aside from this isolated incident, **our store has operated for over a year without any violations, suspensions, or complaints.** We have always maintained a cooperative relationship with law enforcement and regulatory authorities.

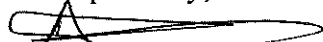
Third Street Quick Mart plays a vital role in the community we serve. Many of our customers are elderly residents, individuals without personal transportation, and working families who rely on the convenience of our location for essential groceries and household items. A suspension or non-renewal would not only harm our business but also place a burden on these community members who depend on us daily.

We are proud of our reputation as a friendly, neighborhood-oriented store. We regularly assist customers beyond just sales—helping seniors carry bags, providing a safe and welcoming environment, and contributing to the positive fabric of our community.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Committee reconsider the proposed suspension and grant renewal of our Food Dealer license without interruption. We understand the trust that comes with this license and are committed to upholding the highest standards of safety, compliance, and service moving forward.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued support of our small business. I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions at the hearing and provide any further assurances the Committee may require.

Respectfully,



Hamed Abdel Jawad

Licensee – Third Street Quick Mart

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☐ **WRITTEN EXCEPTIONS / APPEAL LETTER**

Submitted by the Owner of Gas Depot

To:

Milwaukee City Clerk's Office
City Hall – Room 205
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202
cityclerk@milwaukee.gov

Date: September 17, 2025

Subject: Written Exceptions to Licenses Committee Recommendation — 10-Day Suspension of Gas Depot License

Dear City Clerk and Members of the Milwaukee Common Council,

My name is **YOUSUF MOHAMMAD**, and I am the owner of **Gas Depot**.
I am writing this letter with a **heavy heart and deep concern** for both my livelihood and the people who rely on my business every single day.

On **July 22, 2025**, my license was renewed, and everything was in good standing. Just a **couple days later, in July 2025**, an incident occurred near my property that has now resulted in a **recommended 10-day suspension** of my license.

I am asking you to please **reconsider this decision** because it is **not only unfair to me as a business owner, but also unfair to the neighborhood I serve and love**.

1. The Incident Did Not Happen on My Property

The shooting that day **did not take place on my property**. A group began to fight and the victim got shot off my property quickly within a moment.

I want to be clear: **this was not caused by my business, my employees, or anything happening on my property**. Yet my business is being punished for something that **spilled over from somewhere else**.

2. My Security Guard Risked His Life and Deserves to Be Heard

My security guard, **Mr. Willie Luckett**, has worked hard to keep this property safe. On that day, he saw the fight. He stepped outside to break it up, but **then he saw men with guns**.

In that moment, he had to make a life-or-death decision:

- stay outside, pull out his phone, and risk being shot for “snitching,” or
- retreat to safety inside the store and call police from behind a locked door.

He chose life. He chose safety.

Here are his own words:

“I ran back inside the gas station to call the police but by the time I came inside to call the police, they was already here in 1.2 seconds... I was never not going to call the police. I was scared and wanted to make sure I was going to do so in a safe place.”

No one ever asked him why he didn’t call right away.

No officer questioned him. The Committee never heard from him.

This entire suspension is being decided without hearing the truth from the man who lived it.

Mr. Luckett has a **long history of calling the police and protecting this business**. He is deeply hurt that his good reputation is being damaged without anyone asking for his side.

I am begging you: **please allow him to testify. Please let his voice be heard.**

3. I Have Obeyed Every Rule and Done Everything the City Asked Me To Do

Since that day, I have done **everything asked of me** and more, because I want this business to be a positive place in the community:

- Installed new high-definition security cameras
- Installed LED lights around the building for better visibility
- Removed the bus stop (through the county) that was attracting loitering
- Cleaned and repainted the property
- Replaced security personnel
- Joined and attended Amani neighborhood meetings
- Supported local events, including giving away **50 book bags to neighborhood kids** at a back-to-school drive

I have worked hard to **follow every rule, improve safety, and build trust** with the people around me. I am proud of how far this business has come.

4. This Gas Station Is a Lifeline for This Neighborhood

Gas Depot is not just a gas station. It is a **pillar of our community**.

People come here at all hours to buy milk for their babies, snacks for their children, gas to get to work, or food to take on their night shift.

If this store is shut down for 10 days:

- dozens of families will be forced to travel far to meet basic needs,
- my employees will lose pay they depend on,
- and all the trust and progress we've built with community groups will be shaken.

We have worked so hard to be part of the solution, not the problem.

Punishing us for something **we did not cause** will only hurt the very people we all want to protect.

5. I Am Asking for Fairness, Not Favors

I am not asking for special treatment.

I am only asking for **fair treatment** for the **truth to be heard**, for **all evidence to be reviewed**, and for **the voice of my security guard to be included** before any final decision is made.

We are not the enemy here.

We are a small local business trying to keep people safe, serve our neighbors

☐ **My Request**

I respectfully ask that the Common Council:

- **Remove the 10-day suspension from my license**
 - Allow my security guard to **testify in person** so you can hear his account directly
 - Consider the full record of **my good-faith efforts, and community commitment**
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Emotional Statement from the Owner

Honorable Members of the Common Council,

I am asking from my heart that you allow my security guard, Mr. Willie Lockett, to be heard in person. He was there. He saw everything. He also saw guns that night and in that moment, he had to make a choice to protect his life and the lives of others.

No one has ever asked him what he saw or why he acted as he did. Yet this entire suspension is being placed on my business based on assumptions about his actions, not his words.

Mr. Lockett has protected this property and called the police many times. He has risked his safety for this community. On that night, he ran to safety to call for help and the police were already arriving within seconds.

Before punishing this business, please hear the truth from the man who lived through that terrifying moment, and review all the evidence we are prepared to provide. My business and this neighborhood deserve fairness and fairness begins with listening.

Thank you for your time, your hearts, and your commitment to justice.

Thank you for your time, your understanding, and your compassion.

I believe in this city and this community, and I will continue to work with you to make it safe and strong.

With respect and sincerity,

[Owner's Full Legal Name] YOUNAS. MOHAMMAD
Owner, Gas Depot 4th - 975-1082
[Phone Number]
[Email Address]

Owner's Statement to the Council

Dear Council President and Council members,

My name is YOUNAS MOHAMMAD and I want to start by saying this: I understand how serious this situation is. I know how much this community means to you and it means just as much to me.

I know you are trying to protect the people who live here, and I want you to know that I want the exact same thing. I see these families every day. I see the children coming in with their parents, the elders who walk here for milk or bread, and the neighbors who depend on us being here.

What happened in July 2025 was heartbreaking. It scared me, and it hurt me because this is my home, too. But I want you to know: I have done everything you've asked me to do. I've added new lights, new cameras, new security, cleaned the lot, joined community meetings, and worked closely with neighborhood leaders.

I'm not asking for this Council to overlook what happened. I'm asking you to see my heart to see that I am here to be part of the solution.

I care about this community. I care about its people. And I am committed to working with you to make it safer and stronger.

Please accept my appeal so we can prove why we feel you should take away the 10-day suspension, and let's continue to improve safety together as partners, not as opponents.

Thank you for everything you do to protect our neighborhoods.

YOUNAS MOHAMMAD
Younas Mohamad

I, Younas Mohammad, hereby affirm that I was, and remain, willing to provide the surveillance video of the incident to the MPD and to make it available for the Licensing Hearing, consistent with my actions in prior years.

Signature: 

I, Younas Mohammad, is stating that I was and am willing to make surveillance video of the incident available for MPD & for Licensing Hearing.

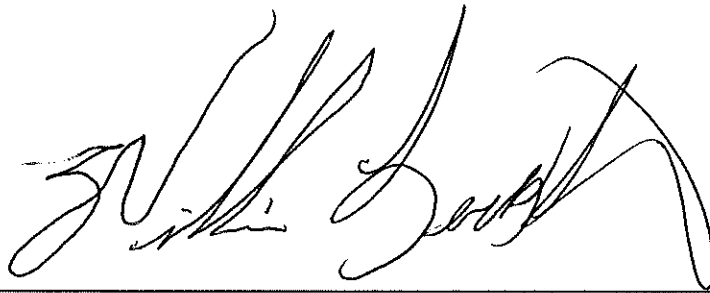
I, Younas Mohammad, affirm that the shooting incident on July 2 , 2025, at approximately 10:45 PM did not occur on my gas station property.

Signature: 

I, Younas Mohammad, is stating the shooting did not take place on my gas station property.

I, Willie Lockett. I was standing in the gas station when the victim came in the gas station. His wife was telling him to come on, then he went outside He walked down some and then the man came from across the street and chased him through the parking lot. Then I came outside to break up the fight but I seen two men with guns, so I ran back inside the gas station to call the police but by the time I came inside to call the police, they was already here in 1.2 seconds. I will like a chance to speak at the hearing to tell my side of the full story. I want to add that I am known for calling the police at this gas station. Police never asked me why I did not call the police. I want to add that I was never not going to call the police. I was scared and wanted to make sure I was going to do so in safe place inside gas station after I saw men with guns.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willie Lockett", written over a horizontal line.

Rebuttals for Common Objections

If they say: "The security guard didn't call the police fast enough."

Rebuttal:

"Imagine standing outside and seeing two men with guns.

Mr. Lockett had to choose between risking his life or getting to safety to call for help.

He chose to live and that does not make him negligent, it makes him human.

He has called the police many times before and was never asked for his side until now.

He deserves to be heard before judgment is passed on him and on this business."

If they say: "This incident shows the gas station is unsafe."

Rebuttal:

"This tragic moment didn't happen because of the gas station, it just happened near it.

Hundreds of people visit daily without trouble.

Crime is citywide. Punishing the only neighborhood gas station for violence that came from the street is not justice, it's abandonment.

We should be building with the businesses who care, not fully breaking them."

If they say: "We gave warnings before and nothing changed."

Rebuttal:

"Since those warnings, Mr. Muhammad has done everything asked of him and more:

new cameras, new lights, new security, removing a bus stop, cleaning the lot, and worked towards joining Amani meetings.

Owner is showing growth, not defiance.

Owner is doing everything in his power to meet the City's expectations while still serving the people who depend on him."

If they say: "We need to send a message with this suspension."

Rebuttal:

"A suspension won't send a message to criminals, it will only punish a man who did nothing wrong and take away a safe place from the people who need it most. The real message this sends is: 'Even if you try to do better, it's never enough.' That's not the message our city should send to committed business owners."

If they say: "There's still community concern."

Rebuttal:

"The community is not fully asking for closure, they are asking for safety. Franklin Heights leaders, Amani United leaders, and long-time neighbors stood here in support. They testified that this gas station is a pillar, not a problem. Let's stand with them and support solutions, not punish progress."

YOUNAS MOHAMMAD


Midwest Security & Fire Inc.
9431 W Beloit Rd
Suite 214
Milwaukee, WI 53227
414-727-1946

Exhibit A.

FOR SERVICE INQUIRES OR IF MOVING CALL:
414-727-1946
FOR BILLING INQUIRES CALL:
414-727-1946

Issue Date	Due Date
08/14/2025	Due Upon Receipt
Customer Number	Invoice #
MWGD	P11367

P.O Num:

Gas Depot
2707 W Burleigh St
Milwaukee, WI 53210-2030

INVOICE

Qty	Part Number	Part Description	Price Each	Tax	Amount
1.00		Replace recorder to X82B3A4 16-Channel Pentabrid HDCVI DVR with 4TB HDD and replace 15 cameras.	2,545.00	Y	2,545.00

Fast - Easy - Secure! Pay your bills or update your autopay information online at **AlarmPayments.com**

Charges	2,545.00
Sales Tax	201.06
Subtotal	2,746.06
Payments	0.00
Total Due	2,746.06

Due Upon Reciept

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT. CARD PAYMENTS WILL SHOW ON STATEMENTS AS Midwest Security

Midwest Security & Fire Inc.
9431 W Beloit Rd
Suite 214
Milwaukee, WI 53227

Customer Number	Amount Due	Amount Paid
MWGD	\$2,746.06	
Fast... Easy... Secure... Pay this bill online at: www.AlarmPayments.com		

Thank you for your business!

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Gas Depot
2707 W Burleigh St
Milwaukee, WI 53210-2030

Remit To:

Midwest Security & Fire Inc.
9431 W Beloit Rd
Suite 214
Milwaukee, WI 53227

Scan to Pay



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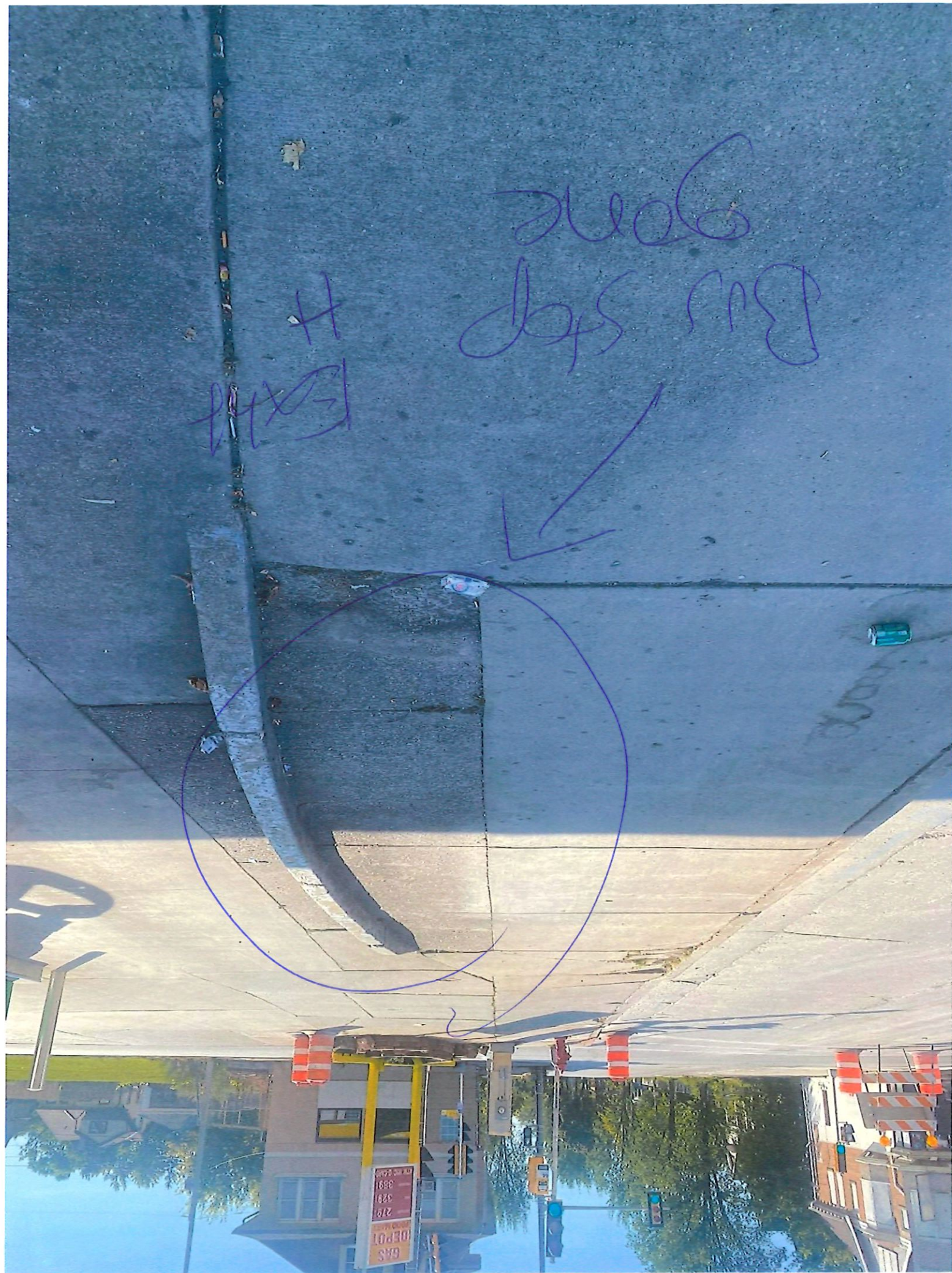
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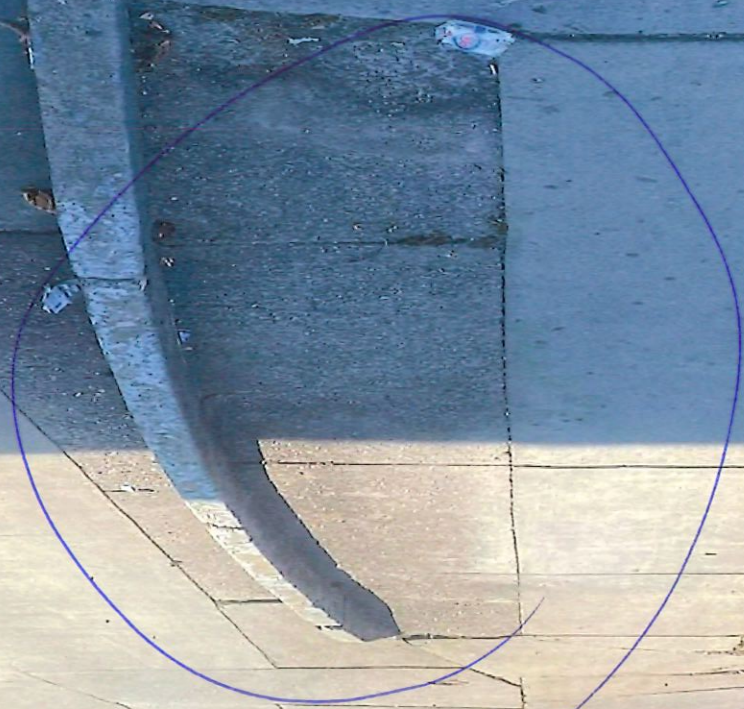
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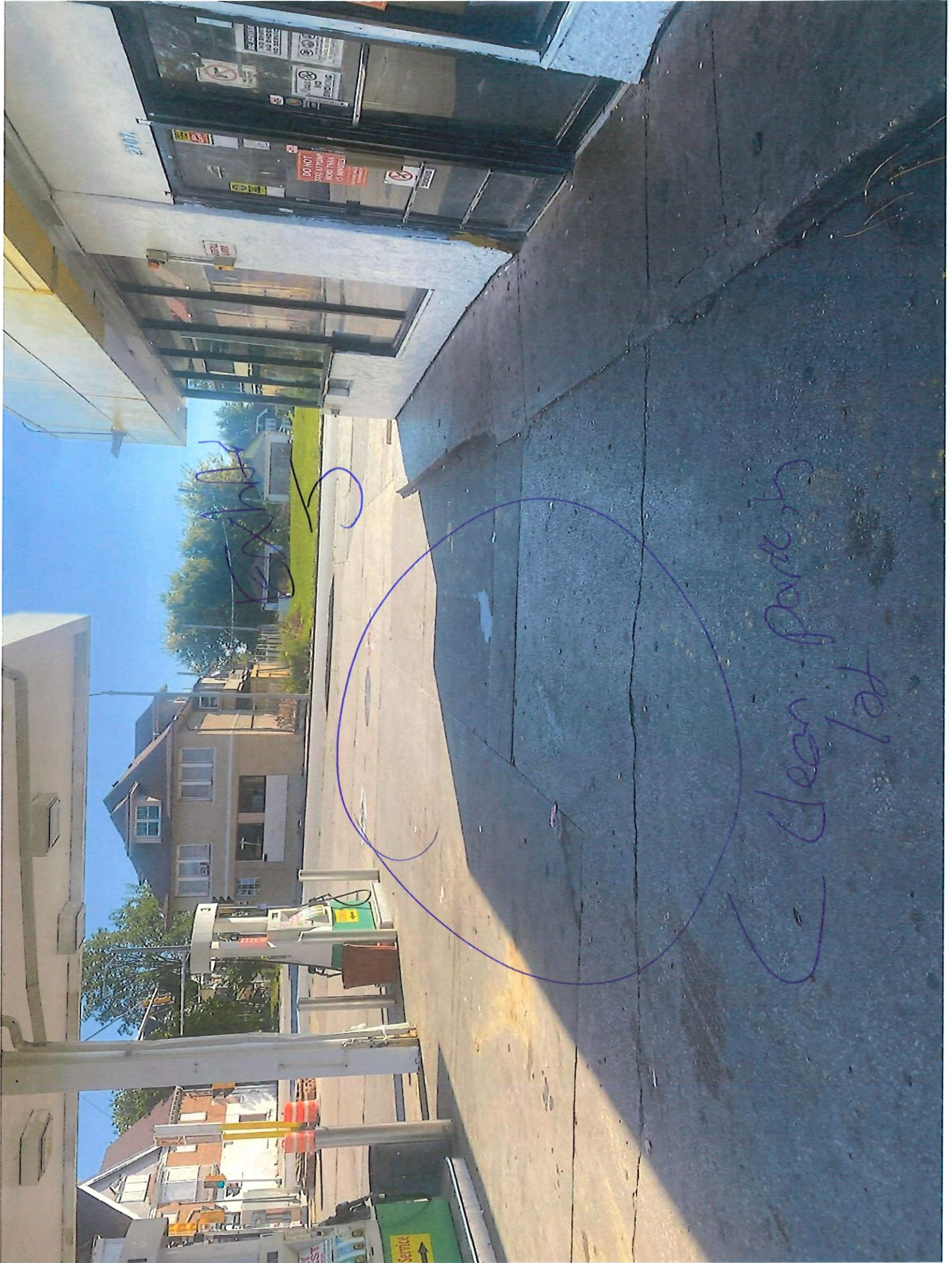


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