



Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings

Hearings Division

Decision

NACMIAS LAW FIRM PLLC - MABEL OGHOJA FOR 592 Pacific Street Brooklyn, NY 11217	Summons# : 000784179P et al. (1 summonses) DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, -against- SMART SEAL INC Hearing Date : 1/28/2025 Hearing Location : Remote Type of Hearing : By Telephone
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Total Penalty Amount :	350.00	Community Service(Hr):	Not Applicable
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SUMMONS #	SUMMARY DISPOSITION	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	PLACE OF OCCURRENCE
000784179P	Sustained	03/09/2023	On Baltic St btw Clinton St & Henry St, Brooklyn

LINE ITEM	OATH CODE	CODE SECTION / RULE	RESULT	PENALTY
1	BA1I	24-163 (F)	Sustained	350.00

Total Penalty for Summons: 350.00

Findings of Facts & Conclusions of Law

Petitioner, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, charges Respondent, SMART SEAL INC, with a violation of Section 24-163(f) of the New York City Administrative Code for idling of a motor vehicle engine for longer than one minute while adjacent to a school.

Both parties attended a telephonic hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. Dantney Parks appeared for Petitioner. Mabel Oghojafor appeared for Respondent, and waived an Issuing Officer's appearance.

Petitioner presented a redacted NYC Citizen Idling Complaint, an Affirmation of Citizen's Complaint, two photos depicting various portions of the cited vehicle, (collectively, "P1"), and a video in support.

Ms. Oghojafor reviewed Petitioner's evidence and video, she denied the allegation without making a rebuttal argument.

Code § 24-163(f) prohibits idling a motor vehicle engine for longer than one minute while parking, standing or stopping adjacent to a school.

Per § 6-12(b) of Title 48 of the Rules of the City of New York (RCNY), the summons details, affirmed by the Officer under penalty of perjury that the Officer verified Respondent's vehicle idled for longer than the statutorily allowed period at the cited date, time, and location based on a review of DEP records, was sufficient to establish Petitioner's prima facie case. See DEP v. Edge Auto, Appeal No. 2301007 (October 26, 2023), see also DEP v. Academy Lines LLC, Appeal No. 1900379 (May 16, 2019).

I credit the summons details and Petitioner's evidence. Petitioner stated a prima facie case. In the absence of probative evidence to contest Petitioner's case, Respondent failed to refute the allegation or establish a defense.

Accordingly, the summons is sustained, and a statutory penalty of \$350 is imposed upon Respondent.



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Geoffrey Luan, Hearing Officer

Date

