



OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE TRIALS AND HEARINGS

Hearings Division

Decision

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Summons# : 000913013N et al. (1 summonses)

DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

-against-

PENSKE TRUCK LEASING CORPORATION

Hearing Date : 11/25/2025

Hearing Location : Remote

Type of Hearing : By Telephone

Total Penalty Amount : 440.00

Community Service(Hr): Not Applicable

SUMMONS #	SUMMARY DISPOSITION	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	PLACE OF OCCURRENCE
000913013N	Sustained	06/11/2024	315 EAST 86 STREET, Manhattan

LINE ITEM	OATH CODE	CODE SECTION / RULE	RESULT	PENALTY
1	BA1J	24-163 (F)	Sustained	440.00

Total Penalty for Summons: 440.00

Findings of Facts & Conclusions of Law

Summons 000913013N alleges a repeat violation of § 24-163(f) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York (Code), for idling of motor vehicle engine for more than one minute while adjacent to a school. The violation is charged as a second offense.

Petitioner, Department of Environmental Protection, waived its appearance.

Respondent, PENSKE LEASING & RENTAL CO., appeared by ILMA BABU, authorized representative.

Respondent's representative argued that, based on her review of the complainant's video, which was provided by Petitioner prior to hearing, the video did not show the location of the school.

Per § 6-12(b) of Title 48 of the Rules of the City of New York (RCNY), the summons, affirmed under penalty of perjury, was sufficient to establish Petitioner's prima facie case that Respondent's vehicle idled for longer than three minutes at the cited date, time, and location. See DEP v. Academy Lines LLC, Appeal No. 1900379 (May 16, 2019). The summons did not require inclusion of additional information regarding the school or the vehicle's proximity to the school to establish the charge. Petitioner was not required to submit video evidence to prove its case. Furthermore, it is not fatal to the summons that the citizen complainant's video or Petitioner's photographs do not depict the school, see DEP v. 1 Seal USA, Appeal No. 2101371 (December 16, 2021), or show the vehicle vibrating, producing visible emissions, or making audible engine noise. See DEP v. Hub Truck Rental Corp., Appeal No. 2001344 (February 11, 2021). Once Petitioner established its prima facie case, the critical inquiry became whether any credible evidence in the record, such as testimony or affidavits from the vehicle's driver, refuted its case or otherwise established an affirmative defense "by a preponderance of the evidence." See DEP v. Citnalta Construction Corp., Appeal No. 2201191 (February 23, 2023). No such evidence was presented here.

I credit the IO's statements on the summons.

I find that the summons establishes the violation as charged and that Respondent's representative did not present sufficient evidence to refute the charge or establish a defense.

Accordingly, the summons is sustained and the second-offense civil penalty of \$440 is imposed.

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Kevin Lawner, Judicial Hearing Officer	Date

IF YOU ARE FOUND IN VIOLATION, AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE OR DO NOT CHOOSE COMMUNITY SERVICE, YOU MUST PAY THE PENALTY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DECISION DATE OR 35 DAYS IF MAILED.

- To pay by mail, send a check or money order to the Dept. of Finance Commissioner, P.O. Box 2307, Peck Slip Station, New York, NY 10272. The check or money order should be made out to "Finance Commissioner, City of New York." Write the summons number on the check or money order.
- To pay in person, bring a check, money order or credit card and this decision to any OATH Hearings Division location between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- To pay online using a credit or debit card, go to www.nyc.gov/citypay/oath

If you do not pay the penalty, the City may: (1) file papers with the Civil Court ("docket a judgment"), (2) charge you a late fee, and (3) continue attempts to collect the debt.

CAN I DO COMMUNITY SERVICE?

If your summons is for the type of offense that gives you a Community Service option you can choose to complete Community Service instead of paying a penalty. Your decision will give you that option. You have to complete your Community Service by the deadline in the decision or else you will end up owing the penalty. You can even do your Community Service on the day you receive your decision.

COMPLETION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Help Center will arrange for you to complete your Community Service. The Help Center is run by the Ombudsperson/*Pro Se* Clerk at OATH and is located at each Hearing Division in all five boroughs. To schedule your Community Service, call, email or visit a Help Center location.

How to Contact the Help Center to Schedule Community Service:

Manhattan: (212) 436-0845 CSmanhattan@oath.nyc.gov
Brooklyn: (718) 923-6216 CSbrooklyn@oath.nyc.gov
Queens: (718) 393-6044 CSqueens@oath.nyc.gov
Bronx: (718) 503-5565 CSbronx@oath.nyc.gov
Staten Island: (718) 876-2314 CSstatenisland@oath.nyc.gov

If you complete your Community Service by the deadline in the decision, you will receive a Certificate of Completion and will not have to pay a penalty. If you need an extension to complete your Community Service, please contact the Help Center.

If you do not complete your Community Service by the deadline, you will have to pay the penalty.

NON-DISCLOSURE FOR SUMMONSES ELIGIBLE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

If you either completed the Community Service or paid the penalty, OATH will remove your identifying information from public records related to your case.

If you do not complete the Community Service or pay the penalty, your identifying information may remain on public records related to your case.

IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THE DECISION, YOU MAY APPEAL IT

To submit your appeal, you **MUST** use OATH's online or mail-in appeal forms available on OATH's website at www.nyc.gov/oath/appeal. Instructions for filing an appeal may be found on the form and OATH's website.

Your appeal **MUST** be received by the OATH Hearings Division **within 30 days** of the decision date, or 35 days if the decision was mailed to you.

To appeal you **may need** to pay the full penalty stated in this decision.

- If you cannot pay because of financial hardship, you may ask to not pre-pay by submitting with your appeal a Financial Hardship Application, available on OATH's website.
- If you are eligible and choose to perform Community Service instead of paying the penalty, you do not have to pay the penalty or complete the Community Service to appeal.

APPEAL BY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

If you wish to answer an appeal filed by an enforcement agency, you **MUST** use OATH's Response To Appeal form. Instructions for filing an answer may be found on the form and OATH's website.

Your answer must be received **within 30 days** of the date of the enforcement agency's appeal, or 35 days if it was mailed to you.

If the enforcement agency wins the appeal, you may have to pay a penalty or, if eligible, complete Community Service even if your case was originally dismissed after the hearing.

For more information,
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