

July 21, 2015

To the Somerville City Clerk,

As an abuter to the inspection station at 712 Mystic Avenue, Somerville, I am requesting to meet with the licensing commission or the Board of Aldermen relating to the inspection station not using a lift to perform inspections.

I was not notified and denied the opportunity meeting with the Board of Aldermen on July 8, 2015 and not being able to support or present new evidence supporting the non use for a lift at the station.

A strongly request being heard on this matter.

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Sincerely,  
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To the Somerville City Clerk, July 20, 2015

My name is Joe Centrella, representing the property at 112 Fremont Street, Somerville, MA 02143.

On this day of July 20, 2015, I am submitting documentation from Mr. Gary Harvey an inspector for the Registry of Motor Vehicles clearly substantiating that the inspection station at 712 Mystic Avenue, Somerville does not need a lift to perform inspections. Mr. Harvey is the inspector ~~that~~ who does the inspections at said station.

Mr. Dan Deroy (Parnous Corp. - 508 563 1783) is also available for comment on an inspection station not needing a lift to operate.

My feelings are Mr. Foyed - owner of the inspection station wants to do repairs and should not be allowed to do so.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Inspection bay  
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**Date:** Friday, July 17, 2015 2:04 PM

I have attached the regulation on the inspection bay and checking a vehicle's front end. The vehicle must be jacked up on both sides during the inspection. Not lifted by a lift. In order to have a lift in an inspection bay it would need prior approval and the station would have to sign an agreement that the bay will be available for inspections during posted hours.

Gary

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(b) Lash or lost movement on passenger cars and station wagons, as measured at the steering wheel rim, should not exceed two inches if the vehicle is equipped with manual steering. Lash or lost movement on antique motor vehicles will be measured by steering wheel diameter in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Steering Wheel Diameter</u>	<u>Lash (shall not exceed)</u>
16 inches	2 inches
18 inches	2¼ inches
20 inches	2½ inches
22 inches	2¾ inches
Antique Motor Vehicles	Over = turn

(c) The front end (each side) of all vehicles will be raised by jacking and visually examined. Vehicles equipped with ball joints will be raised and checked in accordance with the applicable manufacturer's specifications.

(d) Reject a vehicle with excessive wear or play in any part of the steering mechanism or of the vehicle that would affect proper steering.

(e) Reject a vehicle with broken, bent or missing shock absorbers or suspension springs.

(7) Horn. Sound horn to test for adequate signal. The horn must be securely fastened to the vehicle.

(8) Glazing, Mirrors and Windshield Wiper(s).

(a) All glazing originally equipped on the vehicle must be in place.

(b) Windshield Critical Viewing Area is the area covered by the sweep of the wiper(s) exclusive of the outer two inches within the perimeter of the wiper(s) sweep, provided by the vehicle manufacturer.

(c) Windshields having any of the following defects will be rejected:

1. Any broken glass with sharp or jagged edges inside or outside.
2. Any stone bruise, star break, or bulls eye, damage in excess of one inch in diameter within the critical viewing area or larger than two inches outside the critical viewing area, or multiple such damage.
3. Single line cracks which extend more than three inches into the critical viewing area.
4. Multiple cracks, having one or more which extends into the critical viewing area.
5. Wiper scrape(s) in excess of ¼ inch wide within the critical viewing area.
6. Clouding extending more than three inches within the perimeter of the exposed glass.
7. No poster, sticker decal or any other item shall be attached to the windshield in such a manner so as to obstruct the vision of the operator.
8. Any tinting or reflective material applied by brush, spray, or adhesive which is below the uppermost six inches of the windshield or which may encroach upon the drivers direct forward viewing area. (All such tinting provided by the original manufacturer in compliance with applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards is acceptable.)

(d) Rear Windows. Rear windows, if originally equipped, must allow an unobstructed view to the rear, unless the vehicle is equipped with two outside rear view mirrors.

(e) Windshield Wiper(s). Test for Proper Operation. Windshield wipers must work as originally designed. If the vehicle was equipped with two wipers, as furnished by the manufacturer, both must be maintained in good working order. Wiper blades must properly contact the windshield and, be of the same length as those furnished as original equipment. The rubber elements shall be free from damage or tears.

(f) Windshield Cleaner. If the vehicle was equipped with windshield cleaner equipment as furnished by the manufacturer, units must be maintained in good working order.

(g) Window Tinting. Aftermarket tinting or alterations that do not change the transparency beyond that of the standards set forth in 49 CFR Part 571.205 is acceptable on windows immediately adjacent to the operator and front passenger seat, the windows immediately to the rear of the operator and front passenger seat and the rear window. If the rear window has any aftermarket tinting or alterations, the vehicle must be equipped with two outside rear view mirrors. The windshield may only be tinted down to the AS-1 line usually located in the uppermost six inches of the windshield. 540 CMR 4.04(8)(g) shall not apply to the following:

1. All window tinting as provided by the original manufacturer that is in compliance with applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

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(b) Signs. The facilities of public station Licensees should be available for the convenience of the public. Public station Licensees shall conspicuously post and display identification as a "Massachusetts Inspection Station" on a sign not less than 24 inches by 36 inches, including the station's license number and the regular hours of inspection. Hours of inspection may be posted on a separate sign. All stations performing Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspections must post their commercial motor vehicle inspection labor rate. Such signs must be removed or covered whenever inspections cannot be performed during the posted hours.

(c) Inspection Area. A specific unobstructed area approved by the Registrar within which the complete motor vehicle inspection shall be performed, must be enclosed in a building in the primary service facility of the licensee's premises. The inspection area of all classes of inspection stations except M, must be at least 30 feet in length and 12 feet in width, and said inspection area must exceed by five feet in width the width of the widest vehicle inspected. The inspection area for class M Inspections shall be 30 feet or less in length, or as determined by the Registrar. Exceptions to these standards may be provided by the Registrar or his designee in his sole discretion. All inspection stations first licensed on or after October 1, 2008 shall meet the new inspection bay size requirements. All inspection stations licensed before October 1, 2008 shall be required to meet the bay size requirements in effect at the time of licensure. Designated areas shall be suitably marked or otherwise outlined and include a smooth, level, substantial floor on which the wheels of the vehicle will stand evenly while being inspected and must be maintained in a neat manner. The Registrar, in his sole discretion, may also approve an additional specifically designated area on the licensee's premises convenient to the approved inspection bay to be used for the inspection of vehicles and/or trailers and converter dollies. Any modification of the inspection area or approved additional area must be approved by the registrar.

(d) Equipment Required.

1. General Requirements. All Inspection station licensees must possess the necessary tools and equipment, and shall maintain same in good working order, and shall possess facilities necessary for the ordinary repair and adjustment of motor vehicles or components on which inspection is required. In addition to the preceding, Licensees must be equipped with the following equipment that has been approved by the Registrar, applicable to the particular class license as noted.

- a. Headlamp aiming screen or device as approved by the Registrar for Class A, B, C, D, E, F, and M licenses.
- b. Dial indicator gauge. All classes except M.
- c. Registry approved brake meter. All classes except M.
- d. Tire tread depth gauge, marked 32nds of an inch. All classes.
- e. Jack of sufficient capacity to lift the front axle of the heaviest vehicle inspected. All classes.
- f. Two jack stands; with a minimum rated capacity capable of holding the vehicle to be inspected. All classes except M.
- g. Inspector workstation equipment. All classes.
- h. Registry of Motor Vehicles Inspection Manual. All classes.
- i. Registry approved 48 inch long headlight aiming stick unless approved mechanical headlight aiming device is used.
- j. Registry approved tint meter for glass. All classes except M and fleet stations.
- k. Air, power and phone lines or communication link to operate the inspection equipment properly.

1. A commercial motor vehicle inspection station is required to have a current copy of FMCSR Parts 390 to 397 and Appendix G available for inspector use.

2. Fleet Inspection Stations. Licensees are limited to the inspection of motor vehicles owned or maintained by the licensee or other fleets.