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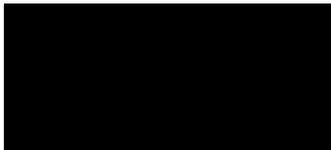
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Re: Off-Site Storage for Parking Lots

Dear 

The New York City Department of Consumer Affairs (the "Department") issues this letter in response to your inquiry regarding whether a licensed parking lot can move vehicles to an off-site storage location. The answer is no.

In general, a licensee may only conduct business at the location designated on the license issued by the Department. See, New York City Administrative Code (Code) Section 20-112. Therefore, a parking garage that is licensed to "accommodate, store, or keep . . . vehicle[s] for the payment of a fee" (Code Section 20-230) at a particular location cannot store or keep those vehicles at a different location, even if the other location has its own license from the Department.

Moreover, Code Section 20-327(b) states: "Vehicles shall be stored or parked on the licensed premises in such manner as shall be prescribed by the rules and regulations of the commissioner, for the purposes of safeguarding persons and property and permitting adequate inspection of the premises" (emphasis added). The only rule that may allow a licensee to park or store a vehicle at a location other than the licensed premises is Section 2-161(f)(1)(i) of Title 6 of the Rules of the City of New York, which states: "Motor vehicles shall not be stored or parked by licensees on public streets, avenues highways, or public places except when permission is given by the customer in a written agreement which is signed by the customer."

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,



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