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8 **BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD OF THE**
9 **SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

10 **In the Matter of**

11 SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY
12 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT,

13 Petitioner,

14 v.

15 AUTO WIZ COLLISION INC.,

16 Respondent.

Case No. 6291-1

**PETITION FOR AN ORDER FOR
ABATEMENT**

Rule 203(a)

Hearing Date: July 9, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: 21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

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18 South Coast Air Quality Management District (hereinafter referred to as “District” or
19 “Petitioner”) petitions the Hearing Board for an Order for Abatement directed to Respondent Auto
20 Wiz Collision Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Respondent” or “Auto Wiz”). The District alleges as
21 follows:

22 1. Petitioner is a body corporate and politic established and existing pursuant to Health
23 and Safety Code §§ 40000, *et seq.* and §§ 40400, *et seq.*, and is the sole and exclusive local agency
24 with the responsibility for comprehensive air pollution control in the South Coast Basin.

25 2. Respondent is an auto body shop located at 7400 Garfield Ave., Bell Gardens,
26 California 90201. Respondent is within the District’s jurisdiction and is subject to the District’s
27 regulations.
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1 3. **District Rule 203(a)** states, in relevant part: “A person shall not operate or use any
2 equipment or agricultural permit unit, the use of which may cause the issuance of air contaminants,
3 or the use of which may reduce or control the issuance of air contaminants, without first obtaining a
4 written permit to operate from the Executive Officer”

5 4. It appears Respondent operates at the same location that was previously operated by
6 Landmark [Facility ID# 179945]. Auto Wiz Collision Inc. was incorporated on or about March 18,
7 2025.

8 5. Landmark was previously issued Permit to Operate (P/O) for a paint spray booth
9 (P/O G35932) on or about June 4, 2015. Due to non-payment for more than one year of required
10 renewal fees, Permit to Operate G35932 went inactive and the permit cannot be reinstated.

11 6. On or about August 7, 2024, District Inspector, Steve Tran, conducted a compliance
12 inspection. During the inspection, Inspector Tran observed a paint spray booth on site in operation.
13 He observed that the pressure gauge for the spray booth was in operation and someone was spraying
14 a part inside the paint spray booth.

15 7. Despite the expiration of the Permit, Respondent continues to operate the
16 unpermitted equipment thereby causing the issuance of air contaminants into the atmosphere. In so
17 doing, Respondent is in violation of District Rule 203(a).

18 8. The District issued a Notice of Violation (“NOV”) to Respondent. NOV P80411
19 was personally served by Inspector Tran to Operations Manager, Mr. Larry Antuna, on or about
20 August 7, 2024. On June 4, 2026, the District obtained information that the business was still
21 operating.

22 9. District staff sent letters and made phone calls in an attempt to resolve the matter.
23 Respondent has not applied to obtain the required permit.

24 10. The District, by this petition, seeks an Order for Abatement to require Respondent to
25 cease operating the spray booth, in violation of District Rule 203(a).

26 11. It is not unreasonable to require Respondent to comply with District rules and
27 regulations.

1 12. The issuance of an Order for Abatement upon a fully noticed hearing would not
2 constitute a taking of property without due process of law.

3 13. This Order for Abatement is not intended to be, nor does it act, as a variance.

4 14. The issuance of the prayed-for Order for Abatement is not expected to result in the
5 closing or elimination of an otherwise lawful business, but if it does result in such closure or
6 elimination, it would not be without a corresponding benefit in reducing air contaminants.

7 WHEREFORE, the District prays for an Order for Abatement as follows:

8 1. That this Hearing Board issue an Order for Abatement requiring Respondent to cease
9 and desist from operating its facility in a manner which violates District Rule 203(a), or, in the
10 alternative, to comply with increments of progress and conditions as the Board deems appropriate.

11 2. For such other and further relief that this Board deems just and proper.

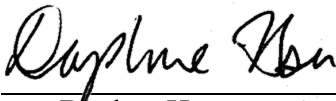
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13 DATE: June 17, 2026

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