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ROBERT G. DONOVAN
Alderman, 8th District

October 24, 2008

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Members:

Re: Common Council File 080667

Attached are written objections to File 080667:

Non-renewal, based on non-appearance, of the public passenger vehicle license of Boniface Osunkwo.

Renewal, with a 10-day suspension based on the police report, of the public passenger vehicle driver's licenses of Vikramjeet Brar and Adam Laasiri.

This matter will be heard by the full Council at its October 29, 2008 meeting. Pursuant to City Ordinances, a roll call vote will be taken to confirm that all members have read the attached objections.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert G. Donovan'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert G. Donovan, Chair
Public Safety Committee

cc: All Council Members
City Attorney's Office
Common Council/City Clerk – License Division
CCF 080667

October 22, 2008.

From:

Boniface Osunkwo
5105 N 55th Street
Milwaukee WI 53218

To:

The Milwaukee Common Council
Milwaukee City Hall
200 East Wells
Milwaukee Wisconsin, 53202.

CITY OF MILWAUKEE
2008 OCT 24 PM 1:12
RONALD D. LEONHARDT
CITY CLERK

Sir,

A Written Objection on the Denial of my Application for the Renewal of My Public Passenger Vehicle Driver License by the Public Safety Committee

I am writing this letter to appeal the decisions of the Public Safety Committee to deny the Renewal of my Public Passenger Vehicle License Application on the grounds of non-appearance.

I was late to the first sitting of the Public Safety Committee that was held on September 25, 2008 and was there till the end of the meeting that day. My appearance to that meeting was recognized by Committee Secretary. I then received a letter to appear before the Milwaukee Common Council Meeting on October 7, 2008 and I came. I was told that my case would be referred to the Public Safety Committee in consideration to my previous appearance on September 25, 2008.

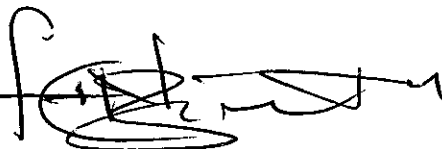
I did not receive any letter from City Clerk's office dated October 7, 2008 inviting me for any scheduled hearing and sitting of the Public Safety Committee on October 16, 2008.

Rather, I received a letter dated October 8, 2008 from the office of the City Clerk informing me that my case has been rescheduled for hearing and that I will be notified and I did not receive any further correspondence on the date of the meeting.

I am therefore appealing that my case be heard before the Milwaukee Common Council and would like make oral explanation if needed in order to substantiate my case.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Boniface Osunkwo

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October 24, 2008

Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3570

CITY OF MILWAUKEE
2008 OCT 24 PM 2:51
RONALD D. LEONHART
CITY CLERK

Dear Members:


I am writing in response to the letter I received about the renewal of my Public passenger license. I have been notified that my license will be suspended for ten days starting from November 1st till November 10th 2008.

I am a senior here at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and will be graduating next semester. I am going for a bachelor's in Business Administration with specialization in Finance and along with that a certificate in International Business. I drive a cab to pay for my living expenses and my tuition. I live here alone with no family members to support me during my school. I admit that I made a mistake by not abiding the law, but I have been already punished for my mistakes. My driving privileges were suspended for six months and I was out of work for that period of time.

I am in a lot of debt because I was out of work for six months. My tuition alone here at UWM alone is \$9000 and along with are my living expenses. If you suspend my license again I will again come under financial crisis as I am basically living from paycheck to paycheck. The suspension is for ten days but I will be out of work for at least a month as there is a long waiting period for getting a cab. This is going to hurt me very badly both financially and my studies. My semester is coming to an end in mid December and my grades will be affected if I have to go and find another job and these days it is not easy to get one. I just can't explain you how bad my financial situation is as all my credit cards are almost maxed out and I have no alternative to pay my rent and other bills.

I have been a good driver and I have never got a ticket at work and City Clerk has not received any complaints against my driving and attitude by any transit or regular customer. Therefore I request the members to reconsider this decision as it is going to have deep impact on my degree and career.

Sincerely,



Vikramjeet Brar

HAVAS & JOY, S.C.

840 North Old World Third Street, Suite 500
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-1785

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October 22, 2008

Ronald Leonhardt
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200 East Wells Street
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CITY OF MILWAUKEE
2008 OCT 22 PM 4:45
RONALD D. LEONHARDT
CITY CLERK

RE: Report of the Renewal Application of Adam S. Laasiri for a Public
Passenger Vehicle Driver License

Dear Members of the Common Counsel:

Please be advised that I am writing this objection to the above-mentioned report on behalf of Adam Laasiri as I represented him on two of the matters that played a role in the recommendation for renewal with a 10 day suspension. The two matters I dealt with are listed on the report as (C) and (D). Since that hearing, those two matters have been **dismissed** and the only reason that there were convictions showing as of the 17th of October was a communication error between myself and assistant City Attorney Kurt Behling. As soon as I learned of the error I took the cases in to be "re-opened" and they were scheduled for December 4, 2008. When Mr. Laasiri contacted me about the 10 day suspension, I took the cases in early to be resolved.

These two cases relate to an alleged violation of Milwaukee Ordinance 100060-2-a for "refusing service at a taxi stand" and were in the process of being pre-tried with City Attorney Kurt Behling. He had originally agreed to "dismiss" the charges as he agreed that the city could not meet its burden at trial. After discussing the issue with the officer there was talk about amending to a different violation. Ultimately, we had discussions with the Judge and the city attorney agreed that the city could not meet the burden under either ordinance and that there was in fact no violation of any ordinance relative to the facts at hand.

Based on the fact that two of the findings have been dismissed and should never have been on his record, I hope that the committee will reconsider it's finding with respect to Mr. Laasiri's taxi license.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me. I do not intend on appearing at the hearing, as I have a scheduling conflict. Thank you for your time and consideration and I hope this clarifies your concerns regarding the matter.

Very truly yours,

Jennifer J. Havas

JENNIFER J. HAVAS

Milwaukee Municipal Court

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MILWAUKEE, WI 53233-1449
414-286-3800
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DEFENDANT NOTICE

CASE NUMBER: 08074047
CITY of MILWAUKEE VS.

October 21, 2008

LAASIRI, ADAM SAYED
4535 S 23RD ST
MILWAUKEE, WI 53221

Date of Birth: 03/07/69

Violation: PP VEHICLE - REFUSE SERVICE AT STAND
Judge: HILL, VALARIE A

Citation #: 60197804

JUDGMENT

Date: 10/21/08
Finding: Dismissed without Prejudice

Total due: \$ 0.00

Due Date: 10/21/08

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DEFENDANT NOTICE

CASE NUMBER: C8074046
CITY of MILWAUKEE VS.

October 21, 2008

LAASIRI, ADAM SAYED
4535 S 23RD ST
MILWAUKEE, WI 53221

Date of Birth: 03/07/69

Violation: PP VEHICLE - REFUSE SERVICE AT STAND
Judge: HILL, VALARIE A

Citation #: 60139170

JUDGMENT

Date: 10/21/08
Finding: Dismissed without Prejudice

Total due: \$ 0.00

Due Date: 12/04/08

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ROBERT G. DONOVAN
Alderman, 8th District

Date: October 17, 2008

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Public Safety Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of Adam S. Laasiri for a Public Passenger Vehicle Driver License.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Adam S. Laasiri (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of a Public Passenger Vehicle Driver license in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Said license expires at midnight, October 31, 2008.
2. An application to renew said license was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on September 18, 2008.
3. Pursuant to Chapter 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Wis. Stat. § 349.24, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. The Milwaukee Police Department filed a police report dated September 19, 2008, that could form the basis of non-renewal or suspension of this license.
4. On October 2, 2008, the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee, pursuant to Chapter 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Wis. Stat. § 349.24, of a police report that could form the basis for suspension or non-renewal of the license of the licensee and included therewith a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police report on October 16, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 301B of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the licensee appeared and admitted receipt of the notice and police report. The licensee was not represented by counsel.
5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:

- A. On November 20, 2007 at 7:30 AM, an officer of the Milwaukee Police Department observed the licensee operating a taxicab make an illegal "U" turn at a controlled intersection. The applicant told the police officer that he did not know such an act was illegal. The officer cited the licensee for an illegal "U" turn. On January 2, 2008 the licensee was found guilty of that citation and forfeited \$83.80.
- B. On January 28, 2008 at 8:27 AM an officer of the Milwaukee Police Department observed the licensee waiting for a fare at the Hilton Hotel at 648 North 5th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The licensee did not have his daily safety check list or trip record filled out for the day. The licensee was cited for daily checklist required and on June 4, 2008 was found guilty of the citation. The licensee forfeited \$185.00.
- C. On May 31, 2008 at 9:05 PM, an officer observed the licensee in the only cab in the taxicab lane at Miller Park in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The officer observed a group of persons open the door of the cab and speak with the driver, then close the door and walk away. A few minutes later another group of persons approached the cab and tried to get in, but did not go in. The officer approached the cab, and the driver, upon seeing the officer, started to drive away without anyone in the cab. The officer spoke with members of both groups. The first group wanted to go downtown and the driver told them to wait for another cab. The second group wanted to go to 60th and State Street, a short distance from Miller Park. The second group related to the officer that the driver acted as though he did not know where 60th and State Street was located. The licensee told the officer that he was waiting for a reserved fare, but had no answer for the officer as to why he started to drive off with no one in the cab. The licensee was asked by the officer for his Wisconsin Operator's Permit and Public Passenger Vehicle Driver's License. The licensee did not have his Wisconsin Operator's Permit on his person at the time of these incidents. The licensee was cited for refusal of service and license to be carried. The citation for license to be carried was released and on October 8, 2008 the licensee was found guilty of refusal of service and forfeited \$361.
- D. On June 3, 2008 at 9:15 PM, an officer of the Milwaukee Police Department observed the licensee first in line in the taxi lane at Miller Park in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The officer observed a citizen approach the applicant, speak to him, and then walk away. The citizen walked to the next two cabs in the same fashion. The citizen finally entered the fourth cab in line. The officer approached the citizen and asked what happened with the first three cabs. The citizen informed the officer that none of the cabs would accept an American Express Card as payment for the fare. The officer asked the licensee why he did not give the citizen and his group a ride and the licensee denied that he refused the citizen service. The licensee was cited for

refusal of service and on October 8, 2008 was found guilty and he forfeited \$361.

- E. At hearing the licensee admitted the refusal of service on June 3, 2008, but claimed that on May 31, 2008 he was waiting for a reserved fare, notwithstanding the fact that the Milwaukee Municipal Court had found him guilty.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapter 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Wis. Stat. § 349.24.
2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the licensee, Adam S. Laasiri, has not met the criteria of Chapter 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances or Wis. Stat. § 349.24 to allow renewal of his Public Passenger Vehicle Driver license without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension of said license based upon the police report.
3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee that the full Common Council of the City of Milwaukee should exercise its judgment to not renew the Public Passenger Vehicle Driver license held by Adam S. Laasiri with a ten (10) day suspension of said license based upon the police report.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of four (4) ayes and one (1) excused, recommends that the Public Passenger Vehicle Driver license of Adam S. Laasiri be renewed with a ten (10) day suspension of said license denied based upon the police report on file in this matter.

Said suspension is to be in force from 12:01 AM November 1, 2008 through midnight November 10, 2008.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 17th day of October, 2008.


ROBERT DONOVAN
Chairman, Public Safety Committee



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Office of the City Clerk

Ronald D. Leonhardt
City Clerk

Jim Owczarek
Deputy City Clerk

October 17, 2008

Adam S. Laasiri
4535 South 23rd Street, No. 5
Milwaukee, WI 53221

Dear Mr. Laasiri:

You are hereby notified that the Milwaukee Common Council will hold a hearing on October 29, 2008, commencing at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, in the Common Council chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin to consider the renewal of your public passenger vehicle driver license application.

Attached you will find a copy of the Report of the Public Safety Committee which includes its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation, recommending a ten (10) day suspension of your public passenger vehicle driver license based upon the police report. The recommendation is the result of a public hearing before the Committee held on October 16, 2008.

You may file a written objection to the report of the Committee. If you file a written objection to the report you may also appear before the Milwaukee Common Council to make oral arguments supporting your written objections and present oral arguments supporting that objection to the Common Council. Any written objections to the Committee's Report must be filed with the City Clerk by 4:45 p.m. on October 24, 2008. You or a legal representative may then also appear at the Common Council meeting and request an opportunity to address the Common Council for approximately five (5) minutes to present an oral argument on your own behalf.

Respectfully,

RONALD D. LEONHARDT

City Clerk

Enclosure