

**ROBERT G. DONOVAN**  
Alderman, 8<sup>th</sup> District

January 10, 2007

To the Honorable, Common Council

Dear Members:

Re: Common Council File 061086

Recommendation of non-renewal, based upon non-appearance of the Public Passenger Vehicle Driver License of Ralph J. Williams.

With regard to the items listed above, the Public Safety Committee held an evidentiary hearing on January 4, 2007.

Pursuant to Chapter 100-54, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, and § 349.24, Wis. Stats., the Committee is transmitting a copy of its Report and Recommendations, regarding the above matters to your Honorable Body.

Pursuant to City Ordinances, prior to the time the Common Council acts on the Committee's Report, **a roll call vote will be taken** to confirm that all members present, and voting have read the Committee's Report and any objections that have been filed by the Licensee.

These matters have been scheduled for a hearing before the full Common Council at its meeting on **Wednesday, January 17, 2007** at 9:00 A.M. in the Common Council Chambers.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert G. Donovan".

Robert G. Donovan, Chair  
Public Safety Committee

cc: All Council Members  
CCF: 061086



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Office of the City Clerk

January 4, 2007

Ronald D. Leonhardt  
City Clerk

Carolyn Hill Robertson  
Deputy City Clerk

Ralph J. Williams  
4466 North 46<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53218


Dear Mr. Williams:

You are hereby notified that the Milwaukee Common Council will hold a hearing on January 17, 2007 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 53202 to consider your Public Passenger Vehicle Driver renewal application.

Attached you will find a copy of the Report of the Public Safety Committee which includes their Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation, recommending denial of the Public Passenger Vehicle Driver license renewal application. The recommendation is the result of a public hearing before the Committee held on January 4, 2007 where you failed to appear.

You may file a written objection to the report of the Public Safety Committee and shall have the opportunity to present arguments in writing supporting that objection to the Common Council. Any written objections to the Committee's report must be filed with the City Clerk at least one (1) business day prior to the above mentioned date set for hearing by the Common Council. You or a legal representative may 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

C: License Division  
File: 061086



**ROBERT G. DONOVAN**  
Alderman, 8<sup>th</sup> District

Date: January 4, 2007

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Public Safety Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of Ralph J. Williams for a Public Passenger Vehicle Driver License.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ralph J. Williams (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of a Public Passenger Vehicle Driver license in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Said license expired at midnight, October 31, 2006.
2. An application to renew said license was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on September 28, 2006.
3. Pursuant to Chapter 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and § 349.24 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. The Milwaukee Police Department filed an objection to renewal of this license dated September 29, 2006. That objection could form the basis of non-renewal or suspension of this license.
4. On December 19, 2006, the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee, pursuant to Chapter 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and § 349.24 of the Wisconsin Statutes of police objections 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 January 4, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 301B of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the licensee did not appear and 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. Notice was sent to Ralph J. Williams at 4466 North 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI 53218, along with a copy of the police report on October 18, 2006 in envelope, which was sent by U.S. first-class prepaid mail in an envelope bearing the return address of the License Division, 200 East Wells Street, Room 105, Milwaukee, WI 53202. The address of 4466 North 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI 53218 was the address given by the applicant on his renewal application. The notice included a copy of the police report. The licensee failed to appear at the hearing and the envelope containing the notice and police report was not returned to the License Division by the U.S. Postal Service.


#### 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 § 349.24, Wisconsin Statutes.
2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the licensee, Ralph J. Williams, has not met the criteria of Chapter 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances or § 349.24 of the Wisconsin Statutes to allow renewal of his Public Passenger Vehicle Driver license based upon nonappearance.
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 renew the Public Passenger Vehicle Driver license held by Ralph J. Williams based upon nonappearance.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of five (5) ayes and zero (0) noes, recommends that the Public Passenger Vehicle Driver license of Ralph J. Williams be denied based upon nonappearance.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 4th day of January, 2007.

  
ROBERT DONOVAN  
Chairman, Public Safety Committee