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October 2, 2009

Glenn A. Lawrence 3795A South 27th Street Milwaukee, WI 53221

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

You are hereby notified that the Milwaukee Common Council will hold a hearing on October 13, 2009, 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's 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 renewal of this license with a sixty (60) day suspension based upon the police report.

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 8, 2009. 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,

RÒNALD D. LEONHARDT

City Clerk



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October 2, 2009

Yakov Gorovits 7234 North Green Bay Avenue, No. 207 Milwaukee, WI 53209

Dear Mr. Gorovits:

You are hereby notified that the Milwaukee Common Council will hold a hearing on October 13, 2009, 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's 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 renewal of this license with a ten (10) day suspension based upon the police report and driving record.

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 8, 2009. 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,

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September 17, 2009

Yasser M. Naser 1833 South 25th Street Milwaukee, WI 53204

Dear Mr. Naser:

You are hereby notified that the Milwaukee Common Council will hold a hearing on October 13, 2009, 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 renewal of your public passenger vehicle driver license with a ten (10) day suspension based upon a police report and driving record abstract on file in this matter. The recommendation is the result of a public hearing before the Committee held on September 16, 2009.

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 8, 2009. 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

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October 2, 2009

Jaggi S. Ghotra 7325 South 38th Street Franklin, WI 53132 Vincent Bobot, Esq. 1919 West Henry Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53221

Dear Mr. Ghotra and Attorney Bobot:

You are hereby notified that the Milwaukee Common Council will hold a hearing on October 13, 2009, 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's 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 denial of this license based upon objections to rude behavior to passengers and dispatch service personnel. The recommendation is the result of a public hearing before the Committee held on October 1, 2009.

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 8, 2009. 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.

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www.milwaukee.gov September 17, 2009

Jaggi S. Ghotra 7325 South 38th Street Franklin, WI 53132 Vincent Bobot, Esq. 1919 West Henry Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53221

Dear Mr. Ghotra and Attorney Bobot:

You are hereby notified that the Milwaukee Common Council will hold a hearing on October 13, 2009, 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 your taxicab renewal application of Permit No. 261.

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 denial of this permit based upon the objections to rude behavior to passengers and dispatch service personnel. The recommendation is the result of a public hearing before the Committee held on September 16, 2009.

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 8, 2009. 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.

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RONALD D. LEONHARDT

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COMMITTÉE ASSIGNMENTS

CHAIR Public Safety Committee

MEMBER
Anti-Graffiti Policy Committee
Finance & Personnel Committee
Steering & Rules Committee



ROBERT G. DONOVAN

Alderman, 8th District

Date: September 17, 2009

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Public Safety Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of Jaggi S. Ghotra for renewal of Permit #261.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Jaggi S. Ghotra (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of Permit #261 license in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Said license expires at midnight, October 31, 2009.
- 2. An application to renew said license was timely filed with the Office of the City Clerk on August 6, 2009.
- 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 a police report dated August 7, 2009. There were objections to the renewal based on the applicant's violation of the rules and regulations of Chapter 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances relating to overcharging, failure to operate the meter in accordance with regulations, theft from passengers, rude and disorderly behavior to customers, and other factors which relate to health, safety and welfare.
- 4. On August 27, 2009, 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 the above-noted objections that could form the basis for suspension or non-renewal of the license of the licensee. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the alleged objections on September 16, 2009 at 10:45 a.m. in Room 301B of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the licensee did appear and was represented by Attorney Vincent Bobot, 1919 West Henry, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:

- A. The general manager of Yellow Cab Dispatch appeared and testified to an incident wherein the applicant over charged a passenger on a trip to Chicago, and the applicant was forced by Yellow Cab to give a refund to the passenger.
- B. In addition, the applicant has been suspended by Yellow Cab for up to two hours at a time on a number of occasion because the applicant was rude to passengers and refused to accept American Express® credit cards even though Yellow Cab Co-Op advertises that American Express® credit cards are accepted by the co-op. Documentary evidence was presented of the complaints from customers and the over charges by this applicant.
- C. The Yellow Cab Co-op manager also testified to an incident wherein the applicant threw a stone at him and threw a milk carton at his motorcycle.
- D. At hearing, the applicant denied he improperly refused credit cards and claimed the individuals presenting them did not have identification. At hearing, the applicant also testified that he did not throw anything at the manager of Yellow Cab Co-op.
- E. At hearing, the applicant testified that he left American United because he was being charged 32% as a fee for renting the cab.
- F. The applicant also presented evidence that he has filed a complaint with the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division of the Department of Workforce Development claiming religious discrimination in the manner of his dismissal from the dispatch service at Yellow Cab Co-op. That matter is currently pending with no resolution.
- G. Also at hearing, the applicant pointed out that he has no citations in his record either for traffic offenses, except one Operating While Intoxicated a number years ago, and no violations of City of Milwaukee cab regulations.
- H. At that juncture, Mr. Richard "Red" Christiansen appeared at the hearing and indicated that he wished to offer testimony regarding this applicant. Mr. Christiansen testified that he was listening the proceedings at his office and decided that he would come and clarify some of the information presented by the applicant. Mr. Christiansen testified that the applicant was rude to passengers and personnel of American United and indeed threatened both Mr. Christiansen and his manager at American United and for that reason was disallowed from the use of the American United dispatch system. Mr. Christiansen testified that the applicant spit at him on one occasion. Mr. Christiansen also testified that his firm has records of the complaints from customers regarding this applicant's rude behavior toward passengers.

I. In light of the testimony of the applicant, that of the general manager of the Yellow Cab Co-op, and Mr. Christiansen of American United Dispatch Service, the Public Safety Committee believes the testimony that this applicant has engaged in conduct in the delivery of cab service in the City of Milwaukee that is deleterious to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee and to the public that he serves.

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. Specifically Section 100-51-16-b-4 authorizes the non renewal of a public passenger vehicle permit based upon "any other factor or factors which reasonably relate to the public health safety and welfare."
- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the licensee, Jaggi S. Ghotra, 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 application for Permit #261 license based upon the objections to renewal of the public passenger vehicle permit held by the applicant due to his conduct toward passengers and personnel of the dispatch services to which he subscribed.
- 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 Permit #261 license held by Jaggi S. Ghotra based upon the objections to rude behavior to customers and dispatch service personnel.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee recommends that the application for Permit #261 of Jaggi S. Ghotra

be denied based upon the objections to rude behavior to passengers and dispatch service personnel.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 17th day of September, 2009.

ROBERT DONOVAN

Chairman, Public Safety Committee

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