



CITY OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

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WARGOLET, Laura L, Agent
Best Towing, LLC
3231 W Vera Av
Milwaukee, WI 53209

You are requested to attend a hearing which is to be held in Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall or you may attend virtually using the link below.

Friday, January 05, 2024 at 10:35 AM

The access code is <https://meet.goto.com/852030949>. If you wish to call in: +1 (571) 317-3112 and use Access Code: 852-030-949

Please see the enclosed best practices document for further instructions.

Regarding: Your Recycling, Salvaging, or Towing Premises License Renewal Application as agent for "Best Towing, LLC" for "Best Towing" at 3231 W Vera Av.

There is a possibility that your application may be denied for one or more of the following reasons: The recommendation of the committee regarding the application shall be based on evidence presented at the hearing. Per MCO 85-4-4, unless otherwise specified in the code, probative evidence concerning non-renewal, suspension or revocation may include evidence of the following: failure of the applicant to meet municipal qualifications, pending charges against or the conviction of any felony, misdemeanor, municipal offense or other offense, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the circumstances of the particular licensed or permitted activity, by the applicant or by any employee or other agent of the applicant. If the activities of the applicant involve a licensed premises, whether the premises tends to facilitate a public or private nuisance or has been the source of congregations of persons which have resulted in any of the following: disturbance of the peace; illegal drug activity; public drunkenness; drinking in public; harassment of passers-by; gambling; prostitution; sale of stolen goods; public urination; theft; assaults; battery; acts of vandalism including graffiti, excessive littering, loitering, illegal parking, loud noise at times when the licensed premise is open for business; traffic violations; curfew violations; lewd conduct; display of materials harmful to minors, pursuant to s. 106-9.6; or any other factor which reasonably relates to the public health, safety and welfare, or failure to comply with the approved plan of operation. See attached police report or correspondence.

Notice for applicants with warrants or unpaid fines:

Proof of warrant satisfaction or payment of fines must be submitted at the hearing on the above date and time. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a delay of the granting/denial of your application.

Failure to appear at this meeting may result in the denial of your license. Individual applicants must appear only in person or by an attorney. Corporate or Limited Liability applicants must appear only by the agent designated on the application or by an attorney. Partnership applicants must appear by a partner listed on the application or by an attorney. If you wish to do so and at your own expense, you may be accompanied by an attorney of your choosing to represent you at this hearing.

You will be given an opportunity to speak on behalf of the application and to respond and challenge any charges or reasons given for the denial. No petitions can be accepted by the committee, unless the people who signed the petition are present at the committee hearing and willing to testify. You may present witnesses under oath and you may also confront and cross-examine opposing witnesses under oath. If you have difficulty with the English language, you should bring an interpreter with you, at your expense, so that you can answer questions and participate in your hearing.

You may examine the application file at this office during regular business hours prior to the hearing date. Inquiries regarding this matter may be directed to the person whose signature appears below.

Limited parking for persons attending meetings during normal business hours is available at reduced rates (5 hour limit) at the Milwaukee Center on the southwest corner of Kilbourn Avenue and Water Street. You must present a copy of the meeting notice to the parking cashier.

PLEASE NOTE: Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids. For additional information or to request this service, contact the Council Services Division ADA Coordinator at (414) 286-2998, Fax - (414) 286-3456, TDD - (414) 286-2025.

JIM OWCZARSKI, CITY CLERK

BY: _____

Jim Cooney
License Division Manager

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the License Division at (414) 286-2238.

200 E. Wells Street, Room 105, City Hall, Milwaukee, WI 53202. www.milwaukee.gov/license
Phone: (414) 286-2238 Fax: (414) 286-3057 Email Address: License@milwaukee.gov

Cox, Andrew

From: Cooney, Jim
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 11:51 AM
To: Cox, Andrew
Cc: Martin, Faviola; Milano, Marissa
Subject: FW: License Renewals
Attachments: PPT Ltr to License Committee - Budget Towing 11-2023.docx; Best Towing LLC PPT Ltr to License Committee 11-2023.docx

Importance: High

Please add. I have the Best Towing hardcopy. You will need to dig up the Budget Towing hardcopy and pass it on.

From: Knox, Peter <pknox@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 11:33 AM
To: Cooney, Jim <Jim.Cooney@milwaukee.gov>
Cc: Anderson, Nicole <nicande@milwaukee.gov>; Woznick, Thomas <twozni@milwaukee.gov>; Schumacher, Chuck <CSCHUM@milwaukee.gov>; Guerrero, Lynn <lguerr@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: License Renewals

Jim,

Please see the attached financial statements for Budget and Best Towing. Both of these companies are up for renewal. We would like for this information to be added to their respective files. DPW is not in support of renewing either companies license based on past due fees owned. Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Peter Knox, M.Ed
Tow Lot Manager

3811 W. Lincoln Ave | Milwaukee, WI 53215 | Office: (414) 286-5091 | Cell: (414) 882-3175

DPW OPERATIONS
FLEET FORESTRY PARKING SANITATION



Department of Public Works
Operations Division- Parking Services

Jerrel Kruschke, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works

Danielle A. Rodriguez, M.B.A.
Director of Operations

Thomas Woznick, CAPP
Parking Services Manager

November 15, 2023

City of Milwaukee
Licensing Committee

Subject: Best Towing LLC
License Renewal 2023

Dear Committee Members:

Best Towing LLC has the following amounts outstanding as of January 24, 2023:

| | | |
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| City of Milwaukee (Current) | \$ | 15,319.39 |
| Referred to Kohn Law Firm | \$ | 15,091.55 |

DPW – Parking Services
City of Milwaukee Tow Lot

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSING

CRIMINAL RECORD/ORDINANCE VIOLATION/INCIDENTS SYNOPSIS

DATE: 10/23/23
LICENSE TYPE: RST
NEW:
RENEWAL:

No. 358020
Application Date:

License Location: 3231 W. Vera Av
Business Name: Best Towing

Licensee/Applicant: Wargolet, Laura L.
(Last Name, First Name, MI)
Date of Birth: 07/05/84

Home Address: 10017 Saratoga Dr
City: Caledonia State: WI Zip Code: 53108
Home Phone:

This report is written by Police Officer Xavier Benitez, assigned to the License Investigation Unit, Days.

The Milwaukee Police Department's investigation regarding this application revealed the following:

1. On 06/24/21 the agent of Best Towing attend a virtual meeting regarding Recycling and Salvaging updates and/or changes to Milwaukee Ordinance Chapter 93.
 2. On 09/08/21 at 11:39am, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 3231 W. Vera Av, regarding a stolen auto complaint. Officers spoke with the caller who stated that his auto was towed from his apartment complex by Best Towing. The caller stated that he had permission to park at his residence lot, of 7711 W. Hampton Ave. Police spoke with an employee of Best Towing who stated that the driver is newer and towed the auto from the wrong lot. Best Towing dropped all fees related to the towing, and the auto was released to the owner.
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3. On 01/04/23 at 11:39am, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 3231 W. Vera Av, regarding a trouble with subject complaint. The caller who refused to identify himself to police stated that the business did not do the proper notification to dispose of a vehicle, and wanted to see the certified letters. Officers spoke with the employee, who started the business sent out the proper paperwork and the vehicle was disposed properly. The uncooperative caller requested a police supervisor. The police supervisor reviewed the information and informed the caller that the incident is a civil matter.

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:230040073

OtherEvent #: 23-LP-0024

Incident

3231 W VERA AV MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53209

Incident Date/Time:: 01/04/2023 11:52:00
CAD Number:: 230040579
District:: 4
Beat:: 440
Reporting Area:: 263

Business Agent (1)

WARGOLET, LAURA LYNN

Person Involvement: (Must choose Agent
AGENT from drop down):
DOB:: 07/05/1984
Sex:: FEMALE
Race:: WHITE
Phone 1 Number:: (414)-610-0101
Phone 1 Type:: Phone
Address:: 10017 SARATOGA DR
City:: CALEDONIA
State:: WISCONSIN
Zip Code:: 53108

Licensed Persons Involved (1)

LAMPONE, STEPHANIE MARIE

Person Involvement:: Employee
DOB:: 12/08/1962
Sex:: FEMALE
Race:: WHITE
Phone 1 Number:: 4146983870
Address:: 2214 S 60TH ST
City:: WEST ALLIS
State:: WISCONSIN

Licensed Premise Data (1)

BEST TOWING LLC

Phone 1 Number:: (414)-331-5945
Phone 1 Type:: Work
Address:: 3231 W VERA AV
City:: MILWAUKEE
State:: WISCONSIN
Zip Code:: 53209
License Type:: Recycling/Salvage/Towing
Licensee Notification Was Made:: No
Business Was Cited For Violation:: No
Licensee was cooperative: (If not explain in narrative): No

Milwaukee Police Department

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OtherEvent #: 23-LP-0024

Licensee or Manager was on premises at time of violation/incident:: No

Narrative (1)

LICENSE PREMISE REPORT

Bongel, Matthew R 018343

01/04/2023

This report is submitted by PO Matthew BONGEL, assigned to District 4/ Day Shift.

On Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 11:39am, Squad 4120 (PO Matthew BONGEL/ PO Alfred HERRMANN) was dispatched to Best Towing LLC (3231 W Vera Ave), which is located in the city and county of Milwaukee, for a Trouble with Subject call.

Upon arrival, I spoke to a White Male (refused to identify himself) and a Black Male was also present (did not speak). The White Male stated that Best Towing, did not make the proper notifications, to dispose of a vehicle and wanted to see the certified letters.

Vehicle Involved

2010 Jaguar XF Sedan, beige in color, Wisconsin VIN #SAJWA0GB1ALR65448.

I spoke to Stephanie M. LAMPONE f/w 12-08-62, who was an employee for Best Towing. LAMPONE provided documentation that was submitted to the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation to properly dispose of vehicle, after certified letters were sent.

I attempted to explain the circumstances to the White Male, however the White Male talked over me stated that he wanted to speak to a supervisor.

Squad 4112 (Sergeant Sean MAHNKE) responded. Sgt. MAHNKE reviewed information and advised White Male that the incident was a civil matter.

-White Male provided Community Contact Card(s)

License Information

Recycling, Salvaging, or Towing Premises

RSTP-0000649

Agent:

Laura L. WARGOLET

Best Towing LLC

3231 W Vera Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53209

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:230040073

OtherEvent #: 23-LP-0024

-End of Report

| Officer (2) | | |
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| Reporting Officer: | Bongel, Matthew R (018343) | 01/04/2023 13:07:00 |
| Section: (Work Location): | 41 | |
| Approving Officer: | Mcaleer, Lucas M (016263) | 01/06/2023 10:23:10 |
| Section: (Work Location): | 41 | |



Tuesday, December 19, 2023



Notice of Public Hearing

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WARGOLET, Laura L, Agent
Best Towing at 3231 W Vera Av
Recycling, Salvaging, or Towing Premises License Renewal Application

Friday, January 05, 2024 at 10:35 AM

To whom it may concern:

The above application has been made by the above named applicant(s). This requires approval from the Licenses Committee and the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee. The hearing before the Licenses Committee will take place on 1/5/2024 at 10:35 AM in Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall. This is a public hearing. Those wishing to view the proceeding are able to do so via the City Channel – Channel 25 on Spectrum Cable – or on the Internet at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/citychannel>. Those wishing to provide oral testimony via phone or internet are asked to contact the staff assistant, Yadira Melendez at (414) 286-2775 or stasst5@milwaukee.gov for necessary information. Please make such requests no later than one business day prior to the start of the meeting. You are not required to attend the hearing, but please see the information below if you would like to provide testimony. Once the Licenses Committee makes its recommendation, this recommendation is forwarded to the full Common Council for approval at its next regularly scheduled hearing.

Important details for those wishing to provide information for the Licenses Committee to consider when making its recommendation:

1. The license application is scheduled to be heard at the above time. Due to other hearings running longer than scheduled, you may have to wait some time to provide your testimony.
2. You must appear in person and testify as to matters that you have personally experienced or seen. (You cannot provide testimony for your neighbor, parent or anyone else; this is considered hearsay and cannot be considered by the committee.)
3. No letters or petitions can be accepted by the committee (unless the person who wrote the letter or the persons who signed the petition are present at the committee hearing and willing to testify).
4. Persons opposed to the license application are given the opportunity to testify first; supporters may testify after the opponents have finished.
5. When you are called to testify, you will be sworn in and asked to give your name, and address. (If your first and/or last names are uncommon please spell them.)
6. You may then provide testimony.
 - a. Include only information relating to the above license application.
 - b. Include only information you have personally witnessed or seen.
 - c. Provide concise and relevant information detailing how this business has affected or may affect the peaceful enjoyment of your neighborhood.
 - d. If by the time you have the opportunity to testify, the information you wish to share has already been provided to the committee, you may state that you agree with the previous testimony. Redundant or repetitive testimony will not assist the committee in making its recommendation.
7. After giving your testimony, the members of the Licenses Committee and the licensee may ask questions regarding the testimony you have given or other factors relating to the license application.
8. Business Competition is not a valid basis for denial or non-renewal of a license.
Please Note: If you have submitted an objection to the above application your objection cannot be considered by the committee unless you personally testify at the hearing.

| OCCUPANT | MAIL ADDRESS | CITY STATE ZIP |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| CURRENT OCCUPANT | 3244 W VERA AVE | MILWAUKEE, WI 53209-2518 |
| CURRENT OCCUPANT | 3308 W VERA AVE | MILWAUKEE, WI 53209-2519 |
| CURRENT OCCUPANT | 3312 W VERA AVE | MILWAUKEE, WI 53209-2519 |
| CURRENT OCCUPANT | 3316 W VERA AVE | MILWAUKEE, WI 53209-2519 |
| CURRENT OCCUPANT | 3322 W VERA AVE | MILWAUKEE, WI 53209-2519 |
| CURRENT OCCUPANT | 3326 W VERA AVE | MILWAUKEE, WI 53209-2519 |
| CURRENT OCCUPANT | 3326A W VERA AVE | MILWAUKEE, WI 53209-2519 |
| CURRENT OCCUPANT | 3332 W VERA AVE | MILWAUKEE, WI 53209-2519 |
| CURRENT OCCUPANT | 3336 W VERA AVE | MILWAUKEE, WI 53209-2519 |
| CURRENT OCCUPANT | 3342 W VERA AVE | MILWAUKEE, WI 53209-2519 |
| CURRENT OCCUPANT | 6878 N TEUTONIA AVE | MILWAUKEE, WI 53209-2515 |

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Total Records: 11

Radius 250.0 feet and Center of the Circle: 3231 W Vera Av



RECYCLING, SALVAGING OR TOWING PREMISES LICENSE SUPPLEMENTAL RENEWAL APPLICATION

ccl-rstprenapp 8/30/18

Office of the City Clerk License Division
200 E. Wells St. Room 105, Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 286-2238 e-mail address: license@milwaukee.gov

Legal Entity Name: **Best Towing, LLC**

Business Address: **3231 W VERA AV**

1. Current Approved Activities

Your current approved activities: **NON-CONSENSUAL TOWING**

2. Adding Activities?

Do you wish to add any activities? No Yes

If Yes, check **ONLY** those you wish to **ADD**:

Non-Consensual Towing: Provide the address within the City of Milwaukee where vehicles will be towed: _____

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| Junk/Valuable Metal: | <input type="checkbox"/> Dealing, Storing and/or Transporting | <input type="checkbox"/> Removing and/or Recycling |
| Waste Tires: | <input type="checkbox"/> Dealing, Storing and/or Transporting | <input type="checkbox"/> Removing and/or Recycling |
| Salvaged Motor Vehicle Parts: (including secondhand tires/batteries) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dealing, Storing and/or Transporting | <input type="checkbox"/> Removing and/or Recycling |

No activity changes can take place until approved by Common Council and a new license has been issued and posted on the premises.

3. Removing Activities?

Do you wish to remove any business activities? No Yes

If Yes, list activities you wish to remove: _____

4. Number of Currently Approved Vehicle(s) =Permit 2401, 2443, 2444 - 3 vehicles

Are you adding any motor vehicles to the business operations?

No Yes

If Yes, list how many? _____ and provide vehicle information on page 2.

Are you replacing any vehicles? No Yes

If Yes, provide vehicle information on page 2.

4a. Business Operations

Are there any changes to the current hours of operation (as shown on your license)? No Yes

If Yes, describe: _____

Do you understand that you must follow all recordkeeping, reporting and operating regulations in MCO 93-43-49? Yes No

Do you understand that all records and reports must be available to the Police Department upon request? Yes No

5. Additional Storage Yards

If you have additional storage yards, are there any changes? No Yes

If Yes, list the address of any new yard or cross out any yard no longer in operation. Currently licensed yards are listed below.

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6. Signature

Signature of Sole Proprietor; a Partner; or if a Corporation or LLC, the Agent must sign