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March 16, 2020

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Honorable Members:

Common Council File Number 191465 contains the following recommendations:

Renewal, with a 10 day suspension, based upon the police report, of the Public Passenger Vehicle Driver's License for Romeal Love.

Respectfully,

Robert Bauman, Chair Public Works Committee

cc: All Council Members File 191465



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Date: March 13, 2020

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

- From: The Public Works Committee
- Re: Report of the Renewal Application of Romeal L. Love for a Public Passenger Vehicle Driver License.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Romeal L. Love (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, February 5, 2020.
- 2. An application to renew said license was filed with the Office of the City Clerk.
- 3. On February 26, 2020, 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 a police report that could form the basis for suspension or non-renewal of the license and included therewith a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police report on March 11, 2020 at approximately 9:30 a.m. in Room 301-B of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared at the hearing, and admitted receipt of the notice of hearing.
- 4. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
 - A. Notice was sent to Romeal L. Love at 4681 North 76th Street, #2, Milwaukee, WI 53218, along with a copy of the police report on February 26, 2020 in an 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, Wisconsin 53202. The address of 4681 North 76th Street, #2, Milwaukee, WI 53218 was the address given by the applicant on his renewal application. The Licensee did 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.

B. On August 27, 2019 at 4:03 a.m., Milwaukee Police were conducting radar enforcement in the 1400 block of West Atkinson Avenue and the Licensee was caught on radar driving 52 MPH in a 30 MPH zone. The Licensee was stopped and issued the following citations: Exceeding speed limit, Operate without carrying a license, and Public Passenger Vehicle-License to be exhibited.

Charge:	PPV Vehicle – License to be exhibited
Finding:	Guilty
Sentence:	\$100.00 fine
Date:	11/01/19
Case:	19043973

C. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation suspended the Licensee's driver's license for the following:

06/05/18	91 days for Failure to Pay Forfeiture (2 counts)
02/19/19	41 days for Failure to Pay Forfeiture (2 counts)

- D. A check of license division records indicates that during the period of suspension the Licensee failed to return his PPV license to the city clerk as required by City Ordinance 100-59-1-b.
- E. The Licensee apologized for speeding. He added that it was not in his character or his intention to speed. He stated that he was not fully focused and it was a late night shift. He added that he was just trying to get his complaining passenger home because she had been waiting for over 2 hours for a ride. He stated that he left his wallet at home and he is a good driver and does not speed.
- F. Alderman Kovac stated he was concerned about 52 MPH on Atkinson Avenue, as opposed to 20 miles over on the freeway in Sheboygan.
- G. Alderman Kovac moved approval with a ten (10) day suspension based on the police report. (Prevailed 4-0)

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, Romeal L. Love, has not met the criteria of Chapter 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances or § 349.24 of the Wisconsin Statutes to not allow renewal of his Public Passenger Vehicle Driver License without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension based on 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 Romeal L. Love without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension based upon the police report.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee recommends by a vote of **four (4) ayes, zero (0) noes, and one (1) excused** that the Public Passenger Vehicle Driver License of Romeal L. Love not be renewed without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension based upon the police report.

The suspension is in effect between 12:01 a.m. on March 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on April 4, 2020.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 13th day of March, 2020.

Mat J. Baum

ROBERT BAUMANN Chairman, Public Works Committee

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