



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

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June 14, 2012

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Said Abdi Ali
Midwest Star Taxi
2817 Anthony Lane South, #105
Minneapolis, MN 55418

RE: Taxicab Vehicle license held by Said Abdi Ali d/b/a Midwest Taxi (License ID #: 20120000967)
Taxicab Driver license held by Said Abdi Ali d/b/a Said Abdi Ali (License ID # 20090003184)
for the City of Saint Paul

Dear Said Abdi Ali:

The Department of Safety and Inspections will recommend adverse action against the Taxicab Vehicle license held by Said Abdi Ali d/b/a Midwest Taxi and Taxicab Driver license held by Said Abdi Ali d/b/a Said Abdi Ali for the City of Saint Paul. The basis for the recommendation is based on the following information:

On April 25, 2012, Saint Paul Police were called to 350 Market Street based on an anonymous complaint received by the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI). The complaint stated that a cab driver was parked at that location and he did not have a license to drive a cab in Saint Paul (CN #12-096-411).

Officers spoke with the inspector on site who told them you were being uncooperative and was trying to leave the area without showing him a valid driver's license. When officers came to over speak with you, you told them you knew that you didn't have a current cab license for Saint Paul but you were operating in the city anyway because you had to make a living. The officer then issued you a citation for Operating without a City License and Illegal Soliciting Fares (#620900117375).

Operating a taxicab without the appropriate license is a violation of Saint Paul Legislative Code § 376.16 (a) which states: "License Required. Effective March 15, 1991, no person shall drive a taxicab, nor shall any owner or lessee of a taxicab allow any other person to drive a taxicab, within the city unless that person has first obtained and displayed a taxicab driver's license under the provision of this Code."

As a result, per Saint Paul Legislative Code § 310.05 (m) (2) the licensing office will recommend a matrix penalty of \$500.00.

At this time, you have three options on how to proceed:

1. You can pay the recommended \$500.00 matrix penalty. If this is your choice, you should make payment directly to the Department of Safety and Inspections, at 375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806 no later than **Monday, June 25, 2012**. Information should be directed to the attention of Christine Rozek. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Payment of the \$500.00 matrix penalty will be considered to be a waiver of the hearing to which you are entitled.
2. If you wish to admit the facts but you contest the penalty, you may have a public hearing before the Saint Paul City Council. You will need to send me a letter with a statement admitting to the facts and requesting a public hearing. I will need to receive your letter by **Monday, June 25, 2012**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing to determine whether to impose the \$500.00 matrix penalty. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement on your own behalf.
3. If you dispute the facts outlined above, you may request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). You will need to send me a letter disputing the facts and requesting an administrative hearing by **Monday, June 25, 2012**. At that hearing both you and the City will appear and present witnesses, evidence and cross-examine each other's witnesses. After receipt of the ALJ's report (usually within 30 days), a public hearing will need to be scheduled. At that time, the City Council will decide whether to adopt, modify or reject the ALJ's report and recommendation.

Please note: If you choose an administrative hearing, the Department of Safety and Inspections reserves the right to request that City Council impose the costs of the administrative hearing per Saint Paul Legislative Code § 310.05 (k).

If you have not contacted me by Monday, June 25, 2012, I will assume that you do not contest the imposition of the \$500.00 matrix penalty. In that case, the matter will be placed on the City Council Consent Agenda for approval of the recommended penalty.

If you have questions about these options, please feel free to contact me at 266-8710.

Sincerely,



Meghan Kisch
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Christine Rozek, Deputy Director of DSI
Said Abdi Ali, 1615 South 4th Street, #M3104, Minneapolis, MN 55454
Ibrahim Yunis, 500-10th Street South, Minneapolis, MN 55404

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Julie Kraus, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 14th day of June she served the attached the **NOTICE OF VIOLATION** and correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

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(which is the last known address of said person) depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.


Julie Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 14th day of June, 2012


Notary Public

