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October 20, 2010

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY LICENSE

Addisu Amerga Keryo
1605 – 24th Street East
Minneapolis, MN 55404

RE: Taxicab Driver license application submitted by Addisu Amerga Keryo for the City of Saint Paul
License ID #: 20080001486

Dear Addisu Amerga Keryo:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) has recommended denial of the Taxicab Driver license application submitted by Addisu Amerga Keryo for the City of Saint Paul. The basis for the recommendation is as follows:

During a routine criminal history check for your license application, the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) discovered on November 5, 2008, you pled guilty and were convicted of Misdemeanor Traffic-DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle-Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours (Minn. Stat. §169A.20.1(5)) in Hennepin County District Court. You were placed on Probation to the Court for a term of two (2) years from November 5, 2008 to November 5, 2010.

This is a violation of Saint Paul Legislative Code §376.16 (e) (5) (a) (2) which states: “.....no conviction in the last three (3) years for any of the following offenses not involving injury or death: Driving while impaired under Minn. Stat. §169.20, Subd. 1 or similar law of another state or Minnesota law as amended.”

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

1. If you wish to admit the facts but contest the penalty, you may have a public hearing before City Council. You will need to send me a letter with a statement admitting the facts and requesting a public hearing. We will need to receive your letter by **Monday, November 1, 2010**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing to determine whether to deny your license. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement on your own behalf.

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2. If you dispute the above facts, or wish to present evidence that the conviction is not related to your license as a taxicab driver, or that you have been rehabilitated pursuant to Minn. Stat. §364.01 et seq, a hearing will be scheduled before an Administrative Law Judge. At that hearing both you and the City will be able to appear and present witnesses, evidence and cross-examine the other's witnesses. The St. Paul City Council will ultimately decide the case. If this is your choice, please send me a letter no later than **Monday, November 1, 2010**, and I will take the necessary steps to schedule the administrative hearing.

3. You may withdraw your license application. Send a written statement to that effect to the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI), 375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806 no later than **Monday, November 1, 2010**. Information should be directed to the attention of Christine Rozek. Any request for a refund of the license application fee must also be made in writing to the Department of Safety and Inspections.

If you have not contacted me by that date, I will assume that you do not contest the denial of your license. 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,



Rachel Tierney
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Christine Rozek, Deputy Director of DSI
Tom Ferrara, DSI

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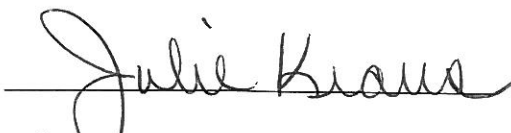
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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Julie Kraus, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 20th day of October, she served the attached **NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY LICENSE** by placing a true and correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

Addisu Amerga Keryo
1605 – 24th Street East
Minneapolis, MN 55404

(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 20th day of October, 2010


Notary Public

