



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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August 22, 2016

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY LICENSE

Andre L. Degeneffe
1809 11th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404

RE: Taxicab Driver (Provisional) license application submitted by Andre L. Degeneffe for the City of Saint Paul
License ID #:20160002264

Dear Mr. Degeneffe:

The Department of Safety and Inspections will recommend denial of the Taxicab Driver (Provisional) license application submitted by Andre L. Degeneffe for the City of Saint Paul. The recommendation is based on the following information:

On July 11, 2016, you submitted a Taxicab Driver (Provisional) license application to the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI). During a routine criminal history check as part of the application process, DSI discovered that on August 12, 2014 you pled guilty through a plea agreement to Misdemeanor Domestic Abuse – Violate Order for Protection in Ramsey County in violation of Minn. Stat. § 518B.01.14(b). You were placed on Supervised Probation for one (1) year from October 3, 2014 to October 3, 2015.

In addition, you were convicted on March 17, 2015 of Gross Misdemeanor Possession of Burglary or Theft Tools in Dakota County in violation of Minn. Stat. § 609.13. You were placed on Supervised Probation for two (2) years from March 17, 2015 to March 17, 2017.

Saint Paul Legislative Code § 376.16 (e) (4) (a) states the prerequisite to license: “Not be under sentence of have been discharged from sentence for any felony conviction within the five (5) years immediately preceding application for a license, or under sentence or have been discharged from sentence for any non-traffic gross misdemeanor or non-traffic misdemeanor conviction within the three (3) years immediately preceding application for a license”

Saint Paul Legislative Code § 310.06 (b) (6) (c) also states the basis for adverse action: “the licensee or applicant (or any person whose conduct may by law be imputed to the licensee or applicant) has engaged in or permitted a pattern or practice of conduct of failure to comply with laws reasonably related to the license activity or from which an inference of lack of fitness or good character may be drawn.”

At this time, you have four (4) options to proceed:

1. If you do not contest the imposition of the proposed adverse action, you may do nothing. If I have not heard from you by **Thursday, September 1, 2016**, I will presume that you have chosen not to contest the proposed adverse action, and the matter will be placed on the City Council agenda for approval of the proposed remedy.
2. If you wish to admit the facts but 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 no later than **Thursday, September 1, 2016**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council to determine whether to deny your Taxicab Driver (Provisional) license. 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, 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, you may request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). I will need to receive your letter no later than **Thursday, September 1, 2016**. 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).

4. 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 **Thursday, September 1, 2016**. Information should be directed to the attention of Eric Hudak. 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 Thursday, September 1, 2016, I will assume that you do not contest the denial of your Taxicab Driver (Provisional) 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,


Geoffrey Karls
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Eric Hudak, DSI Licensing Manager
Ross Haddow, DSI

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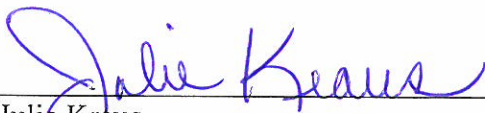
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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Julie Kraus, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 22nd day of August she served the attached **NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY LICENSE** and a correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

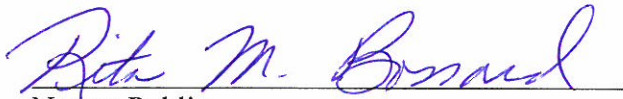
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(which is the last known address of said person) depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.



Julie Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 22nd day of August, 2016



Notary Public

