

CITY OF SAINT PAUL Mayor Christopher B. Coleman

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April 17, 2015

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY LICENSE

Orvel Ladell Hill 273 Dayton Avenue, Apt. 2B Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE:

Taxicab Driver (Provisional) license application submitted by Orvel Ladell Hill

for the City of Saint Paul License ID #: 20150000814

Dear Orvel Ladell Hill:

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

On March 26, 2015, you submitted an application for a Taxicab Driver (Provisional) license with the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI). During a routine criminal history check as part of the application process, DSI discovered that you had been convicted on April 8, 2009 of Felony Assault 1st Degree - Great Bodily Harm (Minn. Stat. § 609.221.1) in Ramsey County.

According to Ramsey County Court records, after your release from the Minnesota Correctional Facility in St. Cloud, you were placed on Intensive Supervised Release which is due to expire on September 13, 2016.

Saint Paul Legislative Code 376.16 (e) (4) states the basis for adverse action: "Not be under sentence or have been discharged from sentence for a felony conviction within the ten (10) years immediately preceding application for a license for the following offenses: Murder (Minn. Stat. §§ 609.185 to 609.195), manslaughter (§§ 609.20 to 609.205), criminal vehicular homicide and injury (§ 609.21), assault I-III (§§ 609.221 to 609.223), criminal sexual conduct (§§ 609.342 to 609.3451), indecent conduct (§ 617.23, subd. 2 or 3); or any violation of the controlled substance law (§ 152 et al) which is punishable by a maximum sentence of fifteen (15) years or more; as allowed under Minn. Stat. § 364.09."

Based on this information, you would not be eligible to apply for a Taxicab Driver (Provisional) license in the City of Saint Paul until after September 13, 2026.

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 **Monday, April 27, 2015**, 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 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 no later than Monday, April 27, 2015. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing 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 Monday, April 27, 2015. 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 **Monday**, **April 27**, **2015**. Information should be directed to the attention of Dan Niziolek. 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 or DSI by Monday, April 27, 2015, 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,

Assistant City Attorney

cc: Dan Niziolek, DSI Deputy Director Ross Haddow, DSI

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

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

Orvel Ladell Hill 273 Dayton Avenue, Apt. 2B Saint Paul, MN 55102

(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 17th day of April, 2015

Notary Public

