



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE LICENSE

Osman Haji
2910 Franklin Avenue East, Unit 1207
Minneapolis, MN 55418

RE: Taxicab Vehicle license #5589 held by Osman Haji d/b/a Midwest Star Taxi for the City of Saint Paul
License ID #: 20120002234

Dear Mr. Haji:

The Department of Safety and Inspections will recommend revocation of the Taxicab Vehicle license #5589 held by Osman Haji d/b/a Midwest Star Taxi for the City of Saint Paul. The recommendation is based on the following information:

On July 18, 2017, Taxicab Service Company President Ibrahim Yunis was informed by the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) that he had now fallen below the minimum number of taxicabs (5) required to operate in Saint Paul per Saint Paul Legislative Code § 376.17 (a) (2).

DSI also told Mr. Yunis, based on that information; taxicab license #5589 is no longer affiliated with Midwest Star Taxi and would need to be forwarded to the City Attorney for license revocation. Mr. Yunis decided not to renew his Taxi Service Company license and discontinue operating taxicabs in the City of St. Paul.

As a result, you are currently operating under a taxicab license with no affiliation to a Taxicab Service Company and therefore you are no longer able to operate your taxicab legally in the City of Saint Paul.

At this time, you have three (3) 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 **Friday, September 1, 2017**. I will presume that you have chosen not to contest the proposed adverse action, and the matter will be placed on the next available 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 no later than **Friday, September 1, 2017**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing to determine whether to revoke your Taxicab Driver license #5589. 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 no later than **Friday, September 1, 2017**. 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 Friday, September 1, 2017, I will assume that you do not contest the revocation of your Taxicab Driver license #5589. In that case, the matter will be placed on the next available City Council Consent Agenda for approval of the recommended penalty.

If you have questions about these options, please feel free to contact my Legal Assistant, Julie Kraus at (651) 266-8776.

Sincerely,



Therese Skarda
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Osman Haji, Affiliate, Midwest Star Taxi, 3055 Old Highway 8, Ste. 108, St. Anthony, MN 55418
Ross Haddow, DSI

