

April 10, 2002

**In the Matter of a Taxicab Vehicle
License owner Tsehainesh T. Yacob,**

**Findings of Fact
Conclusion and**

**925 30th Ave S, Apt # 407
Minneapolis, MN 55406**

Recommendations

This matter came before the Licenses and Consumer Services Division (LCS) during a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) investigative meeting held April 10, 2002 in room 1-C of City Hall.

License Inspector Vu Tran was present as well as Ms. Yacob and her husband, Tewelde Z. Misgina. Ms. Yacob chose to forego a hearing and stipulate to the following. Based on the evidence presented at the meeting, the Licenses and Consumer Services Division makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1) Ms. Yacob is the titleholder of ABC 604 taxicab. Since she is in her third trimester of pregnancy, her husband Mr. Tewelde Z. Misgina who is also a taxicab driver has taken over the day-to-day management of the taxicab.
- 2) On March 4, 2002 Minneapolis Police Officer Grossinger observed this taxicab not parking in an approved taxicab stand. The driver was unable to provide the officer with his cab license.
- 3) The driver was tagged in lieu of arrest for failure to display his taxi license and for not parking in a cab stand.
- 4) Further investigation showed this driver was driving a taxicab with an expired taxicab driver's license.
- 5) The question now was, why would the owner of this taxicab lease out this taxicab to a driver with an expired cab license.
- 6) In the investigative meeting, Mr. Misgina testified that he had failed to check if the driver had a current cab license prior to leasing out cab 604. He did however check with his insurance company and they had told him that this driver had a valid MN driver license.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Driving with an expired taxicab driver's license is the same as driving without one, for this the driver of ABC 604 taxicab was in violation of Minneapolis Taxicab Ordinance section 341.340.
2. Every vehicle license holder shall be responsible for the operation of a taxicab by an unlicensed driver.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is the recommendation of the Division of Licenses and Consumer Services that:

- 1) Ms. Yacob will pay an administrative fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the City of Minneapolis Finance Department.
- 2) Any future same or similar violation(s) will result in this administrative fine schedule to double.

I have read the Technical Advisory Committee Investigative meeting's Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations. I understand and agree to the recommendations contained herein and understand this agreement is subject to the approval of the City Council. I further agree that any violation of this agreement may result in the suspension or revocation of my Minneapolis Taxicab Vehicle License.

Signature, Tsehainesh T. Yacob

Date

Signature, Witness

Date