

In the Matter of the Taxi Service Company License
held by Latino Express Taxi, LLC.
1300 – East 66th Street #100
Richfield, MN 55423

Findings of Fact, Conclusions,
and Recommendations.

Minneapolis Taxi Service Company License: L256 50013

This matter came before the Department at a License Settlement Conference on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 1-C, Minneapolis City Hall. Appearing on behalf of the licensee was Juan Alarcon, licensee. Appearing for the City was: Ronald Martin, License Inspector and Ricardo Cervantes, Deputy Director of Licenses and Consumer Services. Based on information presented at the hearing, the Department makes the following findings of fact and conclusions:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 8, 2007, Latino Express Taxi was approved for licensure as a Minneapolis Taxi Service Company. The company was granted (10) taxi vehicle licenses at this time. The listed shareholders of the company at this time were: Sergio Perez, Juan Alarcon, Roberto Galeana, Rumaldo Ortiales and Amado Rodriguez.
2. Latino Express currently operates (10) licensed taxicabs in the City of Minneapolis, with the majority of their business concentrating on the Latino/Hispanic community of South Minneapolis.
3. From May 8, 2007 to February 23, 2010, Latino Express Taxi and its agents have been issued (19) administrative fines for violation of multiple sections of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances pertaining to the operation of unlicensed taxicabs and unlicensed taxi drivers in the City of Minneapolis. Of these citations, (12) have been paid and (7) are outstanding.
4. On March 5, 2009, an agreement was reached between City of Minneapolis Licenses and Consumer Services Division and Latino Express Taxi, in which Amado Rodriguez and Roberto Galeana, shareholders in the company, would leave the company and retain title to (5) of the original taxi vehicle licenses issued to the company. Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Galeana then made an application to start a new Minneapolis Taxi Service Company, "Express Taxi". This application was approved on this date.
5. On September 23, 2009, Latino Express submitted a new Taxi Service Company application, in which all shares in the company were transferred to Juan Alarcon, who became President and sole shareholder of the company.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The licensee and its agents have violated multiple sections of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances pertaining to the operation of unlicensed taxicabs and unlicensed taxi drivers in the City of Minneapolis on (19) separate occasions from 2007 to 2010.
2. The licensee currently has a total of \$6,000 in outstanding administrative fines. The licensee's agents currently have a total of \$1,250 in outstanding administrative fines.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department acknowledges the licensee's interest in resolving the issues with its licensed business. Due to the expressed willingness of all parties to bring the business into compliance with all applicable ordinances, statutes and regulations the Department makes the following recommendations:

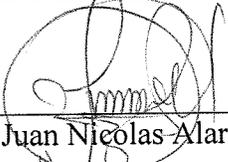
1. The City shall impose the \$6,000 outstanding for administrative citations #10-0747379, #10-0747382 and #10-0747385, with \$1,000 due within 90 days of the signing of this agreement. This amount shall be paid on a plan approved by the Department. The remaining balance of \$5,000 will be stayed for a period of two years, provided that the licensee has no same or similar violations during that time period.
2. The licensee shall pay outstanding administrative citations #08-0661452, #08-0661455, #10-0742866 and #10-0743460, issued to agents doing business as Latino Express. The full amount of \$1,250 shall be due within 90 days of the signing of this agreement.
3. The Department will meet with the licensee (4) times within 12 months of the signing of this agreement. The purpose of these meetings will be to insure that the licensee is actively reviewing the taxi ordinance, and to answer any questions that the licensee or its drivers have regarding them, and further, that they are operating their business in compliance with these provisions.

Latino Express Taxi understands that the holding of a business license in the City of Minneapolis is both a privilege and a responsibility, and, as such, it is understood that there is a minimum standard that shall be met in order to hold such a license. Furthermore, it is understood that a license holder is responsible to ensure that its business operates in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations. As such, it is understood and agreed that any violation of the above Recommendations shall constitute just and proper cause for the immediate imposition of any agreed upon or stayed penalties. It is further understood that compliance with the above Recommendations is a requirement for continuing to hold a license and that failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in additional adverse license action.

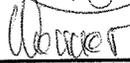
I have read and understand the above findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations. I agree with their contents and I agree with the above noted Recommendations. I understand that the failure of my business to adhere to this agreement may be cause for further suspension, revocation, or denial of my license. I understand that this report must be accepted and approved by the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor.

Based upon the foregoing, this agreement is FREELY & VOLUNTARILY ENTERED INTO IN GOOD FAITH:

For Licensee

By: 

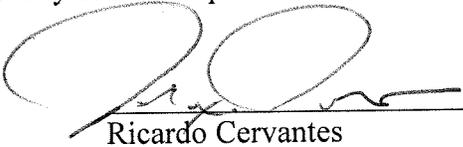
Juan Nicolas Alarcon

Its: 

Title

Dated: 04/13/, 2010.

For the City of Minneapolis:



Ricardo Cervantes
Deputy Director
Licenses and Consumer Services

Dated: 4-15, 2010.