

**July 25, 2002**

**In the Matter of Taxicab Driver's  
License #03776, held by Andrew L.  
Dahl, 4054 24<sup>th</sup> Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55406**

**Findings of Fact  
Conclusion  
Recommendations**

**This matter came before the Licenses and Consumer Services Division (LCS) during a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) investigative meeting held July 24, 2002 in room 1-C of City Hall. Mr. Dahl was present as well as License Inspector Vu Tran. Mr. Dahl 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) Mr. Andrew Leslie Dahl is the holder of a Minneapolis Taxicab Driver's License # 03776. He has been driving taxicab for since 1994.
- 2) In the meeting, Mr. Dahl said on July 22, 2002 at approximately 5:00PM, a female customer walked out of the Minneapolis Convention Center and hailed for a cab.
- 3) A Blue & White taxicab #194 had just dropped someone off at the door and instead off driving off, waited for a few minutes. This B& W taxicab accepted her hailed. The customer entered and sat in the backseat.
- 4) Mr. Dahl, driver of Rainbow taxicab #286, stated that he had been waiting patiently for close to twenty minutes first in line in a cabstand and felt that this B&W taxicab had stolen his fare. He exited his taxicab and approached the driver of the B&W taxicab and advised him that according to the procedure of the cabstand, he should have referred this customer to the taxicab that was parked first in line.

- 5) Mr. Dahl admitted that he was extremely frustrated and angered by other taxicab drivers not following the taxicab ordinance who on more than one occasion steal other driver's load.
- 6) And through his frustration, he admitted swearing and punching the hood and side of the B&W taxicab.
- 7) He now admitted that his behavior was far from professional and apologized for scaring the customer that was already sitting inside the B&W taxicab.
- 8) A check with his service company revealed that although Mr. Dahl get excited on occasion, he is a good driver that follows the rules, files trip sheets on time, and is generally courteous to other drivers and customers.
- 9) During his eight years driving a taxicab, Mr. Dahl doesn't have any written violations in his file.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

1. For swearing and hitting another licensed taxicab driver's cab with his fist and scaring a customer in the process, Mr. Dahl has violated Minneapolis Taxicab Ordinance section 341.250 (c).

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

- 1) Mr. Dahl will pay an administrative fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the City of Minneapolis Finance Department.
- 2) Mr. Dahl will continue to be ordered "out-of-service" for two days. Mr. Dahl has not been given permission to drive his taxicab since July 22, 2002. The days that he has been off thus far will be credited toward this 2days.

**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 Driver's License and or Vehicle License.**

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**Signature, Andrew L. Dahl**

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**Date**

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**Signature, Witness**

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**Date**