

**CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULATORY ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICE  
COMMITTEE**

**In the matter of the Taxi Service Company  
License held by Luis A. Paucar, owner of  
A New Star Taxi Located 6607 18<sup>th</sup> Ave S  
Richfield, MN 55423 – L256-50010 and  
Taxi Vehicle L275-50012**

**Findings of Fact  
Conclusions and  
Recommendations**

Revised August 5, 2011 –September 29, 2011

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This matter came before a License Settlement Conference (LSC) meeting on Thursday June 16, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1-C of City Hall, 350 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415. Appearing on behalf of the licensee was Luis A. Paucar, and attorney B. Shane Barnes of Meagher & Geer, Attorneys at Law. Appearing for the City was Richard J. Tuffs, License Inspector and Grant Wilson, Manager Business Licensing and Consumer Services. Based on information presented at the hearing, the department makes the following findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. A New Star Taxi Service Company has four (4) outstanding citations for failure to comply with MCO 341.300 relating to wheelchair requirements for a taxi service company. City records indicate the company is still in non-compliance with the wheelchair requirements. Citations currently total \$3140.
2. A New Star Taxi Service Company has four (4) outstanding citations for failure to comply with MCO 341.597 relating to mandatory safety equipment required in taxi vehicles. City records indicate the company is still in non-compliance with the mandatory safety equipment requirements. Citations currently total \$3140.
3. Luis A. Paucar as holder of taxi vehicle license number L275 50012 has three (3) outstanding citations for parking commercial vehicles in a residential area in violation of MCO 478.240. Citations currently total \$138.60.
4. A New Star Taxi Service Company received it's Taxi Service Company license in March 2006. Since that time, A New Star Taxi has received twenty-six (26) notices and, or citations for violation of the taxi ordinance, delinquent licenses NSF payments and other taxi related issues.

## CONCLUSIONS

1. A New Star Taxi has stated that a number of taxi vehicles have left the company and the current number of licensed vehicles is fourteen (14). City records indicate nineteen (19) licensed vehicles assigned to A New Star Taxi. Mr. Paucar will send documentation indicating the date and vehicle number of those licensed taxis he claims have left A New Star Taxi. Based on this information the citations for failure to meet the wheelchair vehicle requirements of MCO 341.300 will be reviewed and citations issued will be upheld or dismissed.
2. Citations for failure to meet mandatory safety equipment will be upheld and A New Star Taxi will be given thirty (30) days or until July 16, 2011 to comply with MCO 341.597 without further adverse administrative action.
3. Mr. Paucar as license holder of A New Star Taxi vehicle license L2754 50012 was in violation of MCO 478.240 by parking commercial vehicles in a residential area and will pay the administrative citations that were issued.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

August 5, 2011: After review, it has been determined that a no time did A New Star Taxi have less than 15 vehicles in service which would have required 2 wheelchair vehicles to be in service. Therefore the citations issued will be upheld. Mr. Paucar will be given until September 6, 2011 to place an additional wheelchair vehicle in service or he will be subject to additional administrative citations.

That A New Star Taxi Service Company and Luis A. Paucar be allowed to continue to operate pursuant to its Taxi Service Company License and individual taxi vehicle license, subject to compliance with the following:

1. Wheelchair citations will be reviewed. Based on review of documentation received from Mr. Pauca, the citations totaling \$3140 will be upheld. A New Star Taxi Service Company will be given until October 11, 2011 ~~September 6, 2011~~ to comply with the wheelchair requirements of MCO 341.300 and will be given until January 1, 2011 to pay all outstanding citations.
2. A New Star Taxi Service company will be given until 2:00 p.m. September 30, 2011 ~~July 16, 2011~~ to comply with the requirements of MCO 341.597 relating to mandatory safety equipment. A New Star Taxi Service Company will pay all administrative citations issued for this violation. Total amount of citations \$3140.00
3. Luis A. Paucar as holder of taxi license number L275 50012 will pay all outstanding administrative citations relating to MCO 478.240 – commercial vehicles parked in residential area. Total amount of citations \$138.60.

4. A New Star Taxi Service company will be given until ~~March~~ January 1, 2012 to pay all outstanding citations. Total amount due will be divided into five (5) Payments, with first payment due on ~~November~~ September 1, 2011 and thereafter on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month until ~~March~~ January 1, 2012 when the final payment shall be made. All monthly payments shall be in the amount of \$1,283.72.

5. The licensee will comply with all other applicable City Ordinances dealing with the operation of a Taxi Service Company and taxi vehicle license.

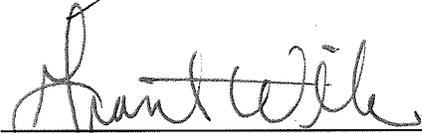
6. The licensee understands that any additional violations of the Minneapolis City Ordinances, involving the operation of A New Star Taxi Service Company may result in additional fines and adverse license action.

**I have read the conditions listed above. I agree with the conditions and understand that failure on my part as owner of the licensed business to adhere to these conditions may be cause for further action to suspend, revoke or deny renewal of my Taxi Service Company or Taxi Vehicle License.**

**The parties have read the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendation, and agree to the terms outlined above. The parties understand that the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendation must be accepted by the City Council and signed by the Mayor.**

  
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A New Star Taxi Service Company

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Grant Wilson  
Manager, Licenses & Consumer Services

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