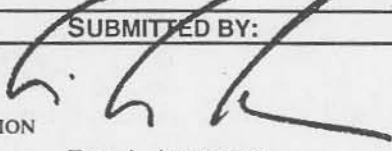


OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-058
FEBRUARY 5, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	PREPARED BY:	SUBMITTED BY:
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE & NECESSITY- UNIQUE COURTESY SERVICES	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JIM THOMPSON TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR	 ERIC A. ANDERSON CITY MANAGER

SYNOPSIS —

David M. and Jean E. Houston, d/b/a Unique Courtesy Services have applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate normal limousine service in the City. As required by ordinance, a public hearing must be held prior to a certificate being issued.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval and issuance of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

BACKGROUND —

Under the limousine ordinance, the City regulates two types of limousine service: 1) transportation by a motor vehicle (with a passenger capacity of 7-19 passengers) from the Des Moines International Airport to a hotel, motel, the central business district or Drake University; and 2) transportation by a motor vehicle (with passenger capacity from 7-19 passengers) of five or more passengers from or to any point in the City on a prearranged basis.

Section 19-47 of the Municipal Code defines *limousine* as a motor vehicle with a passenger capacity of more than six and less than twenty engaged in the transportation of passengers for hire in normal or charter limousine service.

Section 19-47 defines *normal limousine service* as transportation by limousine between the airport terminal and a motel, hotel, the central business district or Drake University.

Section 19-49 of the Municipal Code requires the following information prior to issuing a Limousine Certificate of Convenience and Necessity:

- 1) The name and address of the applicant.
- 2) The financial status of the applicant, including the amounts of all unpaid judgments against the applicant and the nature of the transaction or acts giving rise to the judgments.
- 3) The experience of the applicant in the transportation of passengers.

- 4) Any facts which the applicant believes tend to prove that public convenience and necessity requires the granting of a certificate.
- 5) The number of vehicles to be operated or controlled by the applicant.
- 6) The location of proposed depots and terminals.
- 7) A statement of the condition of the vehicles to be operated.
- 8) A statement as to whether the applicant has ever been convicted of violating any criminal statute or ordinance.
- 9) The number of vehicles proposed for operation during periods of maximum demand and during periods of least demand.
- 10) Where the applicant will operate its central place of business.
- 11) The color scheme or insignia to be used to designate the vehicles of the applicant.
- 12) Such further information as the traffic director may require.

Currently there are no holder of limousine service certificates operating in the City under the limousine ordinance. It is the finding of staff that this service is required by the public convenience and necessity and the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform this service. Airport officials concur that limousine service would be beneficial to patrons using the Des Moines International Airport.

A copy of the application submitted by Unique Courtesy Services is attached.

Attachment

Unique

COURTESY SERVICES

Featuring chauffeur driven 14 passenger vans

Phone 515-240-4563

Application for Certificate
of Public Convenience and Necessity
Limousine

David M. & Jean E. Houston
dba Unique Courtesy Services
808 Adams St.
Norwalk, IA 50211

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19-49 APPLICATION

- (1) David M. & Jean E. Houston
dba Unique Courtesy Services
808 Adams St., Norwalk, IA 50211
- (2) Financial Status:
Balance sheet attached
No unpaid judgements
Estimated 1995 gross revenues - Unique
Courtesy Services - \$154,000
- (3) Experience (No other license ever applied for or held)

David:
12 yrs as an airline agent (Braniff Airlines)
7 yrs as MTA bus operator
5 + yrs co-owner Unique Courtesy Services

Jean:
10 yrs as MTA bus operator
5+ yrs co-owner Unique Courtesy Services
- (4) Facts Favoring Certificate Approval

The market and reputation Unique has earned during
5½ years as a Courtesy Van Service
- (5) Number of Vehicles

5 or more (3 owned, 2 sub-contracted, rentals
as needed)
- (6) Terminal location

Out-of-home
808 Adams St., Norwalk, IA 50211
- (7) Vehicle Condition, etc.

All in good condition, varying from 1 to 3 years
old. Inspected at every oil change by Airport Tire
& Auto, Des Moines.
- (8) Violations

During last 3 years, David & Jean have each
received one moving traffic violation

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(9) Number of Vehicles in Operation

Charter Service: as demand warrants
Normal Service: not offered at this time

(10) Central Place of Business

Residence

(11) Color Scheme/Insignia

No particular color scheme. Magnetic signs generally used (Unique Courtesy Services/fone number). Iowa DOT numbers on magnetic signs for out of city trips.

Other Information

19-52 Certificate of Insurance

Copy attached. City copy can be faxed/mailed on short notice.

19-59 Trip Rates, Charter Service

From \$15 to \$25 per hour, depending on type of service

19-71 Operation at Airport

Under the proposed Airport Regulation No. 95-08, City Licensed Limousines would not be required to obtain the Commercial Parking Permit. This is the primary reason for this application at this time.

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BALANCE SHEET

David M. & Jean E. Houston
dba Unique Courtesy Services

December, 1995

ASSETS

Home: 808 Adams St., Norwalk, IA	\$ 68,000
Vehicles: '94 GMC Van (7 psgr)	23,000
'94 Chev Van (15 psgr)	12,000
'92 Chev Van (15 psgr)	8,000
Accounts Receivable (current)	15,250
Cash	7,500
Other personal assets	<u>4,000</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$137,750</u>

LIABILITIES

Home Mortgage: Metwest	\$ 42,000
West Bank (vehicles)	31,000
Taxes Accrued	2,000
Other	<u>2,000</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 77,000

NET WORTH \$ 60,750

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH \$137,750