

Office of the City Manager

Date: January 14, 2013

Agenda Item No. 53

Roll Call No. 13-7400

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Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.

City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Review of application by Executive Express, to increase the number of limousines operated under their Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Limousine Service in the City of Des Moines from three (3) limousines to five (5) limousines.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of application by Executive Express, Larry Logeman, Principal, to increase the number of limousines operated under their Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Limousine Service in the City of Des Moines from three (3) limousines to five (5) limousines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

<u>Amount</u>: Increase from \$475 to \$625. The ordinance provides for annual license fees of \$250 per company and \$75 per vehicle.

<u>Funding Source</u>: Revenue to Traffic and Transportation Division, 2012-2013, Operating Budget, Page 82 Engineering Department, ENG100419, Ordinance and Accident Investigation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Larry Logeman, Executive Express, has requested an increase in the number of vehicles allowed by his Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate a limousine service in the City of Des Moines, from three (3) vehicles to five (5) vehicles. As required by ordinance, a public hearing was held prior to the certificate being issued.

Executive Express firmly believes that there is a growing need for additional limousine service. They have been approached by several business executives who are offered encouragement for expanding their business, of providing general transportation and transporting political candidates, celebrities, businessmen, and hotel planners.

Executive Express has provided a complete application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and submitted supplemental information regarding their financial, business and existing limousine operation. They have the existing financial ability to provide up to four (4) more limousines and can hire four more drivers. Staff's review of the application and the liability insurance certificate determined that Executive Express meets the requirements for providing limousine service. Based on a

thorough review of all the information submitted, staff believes that Executive Express is fit, willing, and able to provide additional public transportation as a limousine company, and recommends that the City Council increase the number of licensed limousines on their certificate of public convenience and necessity from three (3) limousine vehicles to five (5). Currently, there are 78 limousine certificates to operate in the City of Des Moines. A separate letter from the City Manager addresses current limousines service levels. As always, if Executive Express does not operate in compliance with the City of Des Moines ordinance requirements, the City Code contains adequate provisions to suspend or revoke their certificate for violations.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 17, 2012

Roll Call Number: 12-1929

<u>Action</u>: On application of Executive Express Airport Shuttle to increase the number of limousines operated under their Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate a limousine service from three to five limousines, (1-14-13). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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