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Date May 18, 2009

**PUBLIC HEARING UPON APPLICATION  
OF OH-HO VENTURE STRATEGIES, L.L.C.,  
D/B/A FREEDOM TAXICAB, DES MOINES, IOWA  
FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
TO OPERATE A TAXICAB SERVICE IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES**

WHEREAS, Section 126-181 of the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, forbids the operation of a taxicab as defined under the taxicab subchapter of the municipal code (Article IV of Chapter 126) as a vehicle for hire upon the streets of Des Moines without obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity; and

WHEREAS, Oh-Ho Venture Strategies, L.L.C., seeking to do business as Freedom Taxi, David and Heather Grabill, co-owners, 6595 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Drive, Apt. A, Des Moines, Iowa, has filed an application requesting permission of the City Council to operate a taxicab service in the City of Des Moines, with a total of six vehicles; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 126-185 on May 4, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-734, the City Council has fixed this date as the time and place for a public hearing on the matter of the application; and

WHEREAS, Section 126-186 provides if this Council finds at the conclusion of such public hearing that taxicab, or further taxicab, service in the City of Des Moines, or between any point or points in the City and elsewhere, is required by the public convenience and necessity and the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform such public transportation and to conform to the provisions of the subchapter, then the Council shall direct the City Traffic Engineer to issue a certificate stating the name and address of the applicant, the number of vehicles authorized under said certificate and the date of issuance; otherwise the section provides the application shall be denied; and

WHEREAS, Section 126-186(a) provides that in making the findings of subsection (b) of said section, this Council shall take into consideration the number of taxicabs already in operation, whether existing transportation is adequate to meet the public need, the probable effect of increased service on local traffic conditions, and the character, experience, and responsibility of the applicant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

That the hearing is hereby closed and the application is granted or denied, as the case may be, as set out in the next paragraph.

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X Alternative One: That the application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a taxicab service is approved and hereby granted and the City Traffic Engineer is directed to issue a certificate stating the name and address of the applicant, the number of vehicles authorized under the certificate and the date of issuance, it being the finding of the City Council of the City of Des Moines that such service is required by the public convenience and necessity and that the applicant, Oh-Ho Venture Strategies, L.L.C. doing business as Freedom Taxi, is fit, willing, and able to perform such public transportation and to conform to the provisions of the subchapter;

or

       Alternative Two: That the application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a taxicab service is hereby denied as specified below upon the specific grounds and facts set forth below.

Denial based on the following specific grounds enumerated in Sections 126-182, 126-183, 126-184, 126-186(a) and 126-187 of the Municipal Code:

       Number of Taxicabs already in operation under the subchapter.

       Adequacy of existing transportation to meet the public need.

       Probable detrimental effect of increased service on local traffic conditions.

       Character, experience, responsibility of the applicant.

       Likelihood operation will be conducted in conformity with subchapter.

       Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of Alternative One (to grant the certificate), the City Traffic Engineer is hereby directed to issue a certificate to Oh-Ho Venture Strategies, L.L.C. doing business as Freedom Taxi, stating the name and address of the applicant, the number of vehicles authorized under said certificate, as set out in the application, and the date of issuance.

(Council Communication Number 09-325 Attached)

MOVED BY Kiernan to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

K. Massier  
 Katharine Ramsay Massier  
 Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				✓
COLEMAN	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
KIERNAN	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
VLISSIS	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
MOTION CARRIED				APPROVED

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

T. M. Franklin  
 Mayor

Diane Rauh  
 City Clerk