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# BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY

#### IN THE MATTER OF:

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING THE JOINT APPLICATION OF UNION CAB, VIRGIN VALLEY CAB, ACE CAB, A NLV CAB AND VEGAS-WESTERN CAB TO REMOVE ALL TIME, DAY AND GEOGRAPHICAL RESTRICTIONS ON CPCNS ISSUED AND SIMILAR RESTRICTIONS ON BOARD ISSUED MEDALLIONS INDUSTRY WIDE.

# **AMENDED** FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

At a regular monthly session of the STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY ("Taxicab Authority"), held at the Nevada Taxicab Authority, 2080 E. Flamingo Rd., Suite 114, Las Vegas, NV 89119.

PRESENT:

Ileana Drobkin, Chairperson

Dean Collins, Member Dennis Nolan, Member James Campos, Member Bruce Aguilera, Member

Ronald Grogan, Taxicab Authority Administrator Christine Nyhus-Guerci, Deputy Attorney General

The Taxicab Authority makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY, based upon the evidence presented during the Hearing, finds that there is a preponderance of evidence in the record to establish each of the following Findings of Fact:

1. On October 22, 2015, a public hearing was held regarding the above-entitled matter (the "Event"), in compliance with the provisions of the Nevada Open Meeting Law, the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 706 of the Nevada Revised Statutes

(NRS) and the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), at which time all interested parties appeared and were permitted to be heard.

- 2. The Taxicab Authority is authorized to attach conditions to board-ordered medallions, pursuant to NRS 706.8824, whenever in its judgement the public interest may require.
- The Taxicab Authority is also authorized to attach any terms and/or conditions to Certificate-based medallions, pursuant to NRS 706.8827, whenever in its judgement the public interest may require.
- 4. Union Cab, Virgin Valley Cab, Ace Cab, A NLV Cab and Vegas-Western Cab filed an Application to remove all time, day and geographical restrictions on Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") issued and similar restrictions on boardissued medallions industry wide.
- A Cab, LLC filed a Joinder to the Application and was permitted to join and give testimony on the application.
- 6. The following filed Petitions to Intervene and all were permitted to intervene and be heard: (1) Yellow/Checker/Star Cab Companies, (2) A Cab, LLC, (3) Western Cab Company, (4) Ace Cab, Inc., Union Cab Co., A NLV Cab Co., Vegas Western Cab, Inc., and Virgin Valley Cab Company, Inc., (5) Lucky Cab Company, and (6) Deluxe Taxicab Service.
- Applicants and Intervenors were allowed to present argument and evidence regarding whether current circumstances require changes to the conditions placed on medallions.
- 8. Applicants and Intervenors testified that it was in the public's interest to remove the remaining time, day and geographical restrictions on medallions to allow for more taxi service to the riding public.

- 9. Applicants and Intervenors further testified that with the use of e-hailing technologies riders have access to taxicab service 24 hours a day, seven days a week from all geographic areas of the county and that the prior time, day and geographical restrictions diminished the availability of taxicabs for the public.
- 10. Staff offered no testimony.
- 11. The Taxicab Authority finds that it is in the public interest to remove the remaining time, day and geographical restrictions on medallions.
- 12. If any of the foregoing findings of fact is more properly deemed a conclusion of law, it may be so construed.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based upon the findings of fact, the Taxicab Authority hereby finds by a preponderance of the evidence the following conclusions of law:

- Pursuant to NRS 706.8824 and NRS 706.8827, the Taxicab Authority is authorized to attach any terms and/or conditions to taxicab medallions, whenever in its judgement the public interest may require.
- Based upon the arguments, evidence, and recommendations presented by applicants and intervenors, the Board finds that there is currently a need to change the current time, day and geographical restrictions.
- Removal of all time, day and geographical restrictions on medallions will provide more taxicabs to service the riding public in Clark County.
- 4. The Taxicab Authority has concluded, in its judgement, that the public interest will best be served by the removal of time, day and geographical conditions on taxicab medallions.

#### **ORDER**

## THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- a. That all time, day and geographical restrictions be removed from all medallions; such previously restricted medallions to be converted to permanent 24/7 county wide status; and that
- b. The removal of all restrictions shall take effect immediately upon signing of this order.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

BY THE AUTHORITY:

ILEANA DROBKIN - CHAIRPERSON