



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Councilors

FROM: Rich Olson, City Manager
Eddie M. Buffaloe, Chief of Police

DATE: August 8, 2013

Re: Consideration - Request to Transfer Taxicab Franchise/Business License

BACKGROUND:

On July 2, 2013, Mr. Donald Smith submitted a request to the Elizabeth City Police Department to transfer his ten (10) taxicab franchises with the City of Elizabeth City to Mr. Tony Curtis Lewis. City Ordinance Article II, Section 86 "Vehicles for Hire" was recently modified. Included in the modifications were changes to Section 86-25 (Transferability of taxicab certificate), which now reads, *"The holder of a business license may be allowed to sell/transfer a business license to any other person as long as the sale/transfer is approved by the city council and the purchaser/receiver meets the qualifications of the taxicab ordinance."*

ANALYSIS:

The City Ordinance allows the holder of a taxicab franchise/business license to transfer their taxicab franchise/business license to any other person, as long as the transfer is approved by City Council and the receiver of the franchise meets the qualifications of the taxicab ordinance. Mr. Tony Lewis is currently licensed to drive a taxicab in the City of Elizabeth City and meets all qualifications to own a taxicab franchise/business license. Should City Council approve this request, Mr. Lewis will have sixty (60) days to perfect the ownership by submitting the appropriate City business applications, paying the prescribed licensing fees and other related vehicle inspections, title transfers, and insurance matters.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, award Mr. Tony Lewis ten (10) taxicab franchises now owned by Mr. Donald Smith.

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July 2, 2013


Dear Sir:

I respectfully request to be placed on the agenda to speak to the City Council on July 8, 2013.

My request concerns the approval of the transfer of Moore's Taxi to Tony Curtis Lewis of Elizabeth City. This request is in the interest of maintaining twenty-five jobs for drivers as well as insuring uninterrupted service to our community.

Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Donald Smith (Owner of Moore's Taxi)