



Memorandum

February 23, 2022

To: Mayor & Nome Common Council

From: Bryant Hammond, Clerk

Re: Taxi Cab Licenses in Nome

Nome Code of Ordinances (NCO) 3.10.090 states that the Council shall determine from time to time the maximum number of taxicabs to be licensed for commercial purposes in the City. In 2005, the Council determined that 13 licenses shall be issued. In 2017, after hearing public testimony from Nome Checker Cab and Peters LLC (then owner of Mr. Kab), the Council determined to there was not enough demand to run 13 cabs concurrently and rescinded one license from each of the two holders through R-17-03-01. Since, there have been 11 taxicab licenses in Nome.

In January 2020, the Council approved the transfer of five licenses from Peters LLC to Kateel Enterprises LLC through R-20-01-10. In November of 2020, the City Clerk revoked the five licenses issued to Kateel Enterprises dba Mr. Kab A2B per NCO 3.10.105 for abandonment of the proper use and administration of taxicab licenses in Nome. The abandonment was evidenced by the lack of physical operation of cabs, the disconnected Mr. Kab phone number, the failure to maintain and carry insurance, and the failure to submit sales tax returns, as well as return any correspondence or phone calls to the City of Nome.

Mr. and Ms. Luce of Mr. Kab requested an appeal via email on December 14, 2020. The appeal hearing, though one reason or another, was scheduled in June of 2021. Mrs. Luce passed away very shortly before the appeal hearing. The hearing was canceled and has not been rescheduled. The Clerk's Office never received a taxicab license or a sales tax license application for 2021. Mr. Kab's state business license expired on 12/31/2020.

In the meantime, the Clerk's Office and the Manager's Office have had several inquiries from an individual asking about opening a cab business in Nome.

According to City Attorney Cacciola, since Mr. Kab did not apply for or hold a City-issued taxicab license in 2021, that Mr. Kab is not entitled to a taxicab license for 2022 (NCO 3.10.095). Mr. Luce has been notified of this code interpretation through the same email he used to appeal the revocation of taxicab licenses.

Pursuant to NCO 3.10.108, Council approval is required for the transfer of any taxicab licenses.

**Shall the City Clerk determine by lot (NCO 3.10.090(c)) the five abandoned licenses?**

**From:** [Bryant Hammond](#)  
**To:** [Glenn Steckman](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mr. Kab A2B  
**Date:** Monday, December 14, 2020 4:42:00 PM

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**From:** Rob Luce <[rob\\_luce22@hotmail.com](mailto:rob_luce22@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2020 3:19 PM  
**To:** Bryant Hammond <[BHammond@nomealaska.org](mailto:BHammond@nomealaska.org)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mr. Kab A2B

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Rob Luce <[rob\\_luce22@hotmail.com](mailto:rob_luce22@hotmail.com)>  
**Date:** December 11, 2020 at 4:20:21 PM AKST  
**To:** [bhmmmond@nomealaska.org](mailto:bhmmmond@nomealaska.org)  
**Cc:** rob <[rob\\_luce22@hotmail.com](mailto:rob_luce22@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** **Mr. Kab A2B**

December 11, 2020

City Clerk Hammond  
City Manger  
Chief of police

I am responding to the letter from the City Clerk regarding the notice of taxi license revocation.

The letter states Mr. Kab A2B has abandoned the licenses, stating a list of non compliances of Nome Code of Ordinance.

We are requesting a date of appeal so that we can settle the matter and retain the taxi licenses with the City of Nome and resume business once this pandemic is under control.

Respectfully,  
Robert and Peggy Luce  
Mr. Kab A2B

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Bryant Hammond](#)  
**To:** [rob\\_luce22@hotmail.com](mailto:rob_luce22@hotmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Glenn Steckman](#); [Cheryl Thompson](#); [Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hearing on Taxicab Licenses  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 3:31:00 PM

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Hi Rob,

I'm guessing by the complete lack of response that you're ready for this matter to go back to the Council. I'm queuing it up for the October 24 regular meeting.

Thank you,  
Bryant

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**From:** Bryant Hammond  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 17, 2022 2:29 PM  
**To:** 'rob\_luce22@hotmail.com' <[rob\\_luce22@hotmail.com](mailto:rob_luce22@hotmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Glenn Steckman <[gsteckman@nomealaska.org](mailto:gsteckman@nomealaska.org)>; Cheryl Thompson <[CThompson@nomealaska.org](mailto:CThompson@nomealaska.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Hearing on Taxicab Licenses

Hi Rob,

I'm touching base again to discuss becoming compliant and operating Mr. Kab again. At the Council meeting you promised you would answer your email and work with us to get up and running again. As neither Glenn nor I have heard anything from you, we're going to assume that you no longer wish to operate a cab business in Nome.

We will bring this matter back to the Council at an upcoming meeting to have your licenses rescinded and awarded to someone who will use them. I don't know what else to. We can't work with someone who doesn't respond. This email chain demonstrating your unwillingness to work with us will go in the packet as evidence that we're trying, unsuccessfully, to work with you.

Thank you,  
Bryant

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**From:** Bryant Hammond <>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:07 PM  
**To:** 'rob\_luce22@hotmail.com' <[rob\\_luce22@hotmail.com](mailto:rob_luce22@hotmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Glenn Steckman <[gsteckman@nomealaska.org](mailto:gsteckman@nomealaska.org)>; Cheryl Thompson <[CThompson@nomealaska.org](mailto:CThompson@nomealaska.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Hearing on Taxicab Licenses

Hello?

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**From:** Bryant Hammond <>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 6, 2022 3:13 PM  
**To:** 'rob\_luce22@hotmail.com' <[rob\\_luce22@hotmail.com](mailto:rob_luce22@hotmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Glenn Steckman <[gsteckman@nomealaska.org](mailto:gsteckman@nomealaska.org)>; Cheryl Thompson <[CThompson@nomealaska.org](mailto:CThompson@nomealaska.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Hearing on Taxicab Licenses

Hi Rob,

I'm following up on this. Are you ready to get Mr. Kab compliant and operating again?

Thank you,  
Bryant

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**From:** Bryant Hammond <>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 10:47 AM  
**To:** 'rob\_luce22@hotmail.com' <[rob\\_luce22@hotmail.com](mailto:rob_luce22@hotmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Glenn Steckman <[gsteckman@nomealaska.org](mailto:gsteckman@nomealaska.org)>; Cheryl Thompson <[CThompson@nomealaska.org](mailto:CThompson@nomealaska.org)>  
**Subject:** Hearing on Taxicab Licenses

Hi Rob,

When would you like to schedule the hearing concerning the Mr. Kab licenses? Sometime in the next four weeks?

Thank you,

Bryant Hammond  
City Clerk  
(907) 443-6663

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<https://www.codepublishing.com/AK/Nome/>

**From:** [Bryant Hammond](#)  
**To:** ["rob\\_luce22@hotmail.com"](mailto:rob_luce22@hotmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Glenn Steckman](#)  
**Subject:** Sale Opportunity  
**Date:** Friday, January 13, 2023 4:51:00 PM

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Hi Rob,

Miranda Musich is looking to run/start a cab company and interested in at least a few of your licenses. You can email her at Miranda Musich [miranda.musich@gmail.com](mailto:miranda.musich@gmail.com)

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