



Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: SAFETY, WELLNESS AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

DATE: MAY 17, 2023

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: APPEAL OF DENIAL OF VEHICLE FOR HIRE APPLICATION – DANA CROSBY

ISSUE:

Consider the appeal and uphold the Police Department’s denial of the Vehicle for Hire Permit Application submitted by Mr. Dana Crosby.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Public Safety Committee consider the appeal and uphold the Police Department’s denial of the Vehicle for Hire Permit Application submitted by Mr. Dana Crosby.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Riverside Municipal Code § 5.40.180(D)(4) Vehicle for Hire Permit provides that the Chief of Police may deny or revoke the issuance of a driver’s permit when “the applicant or driver’s permit holder has falsified, misrepresented, or omitted pertinent information in the application.”

DISCUSSION:

In February of 2023, Mr. Crosby submitted a Vehicle for Hire permit application to the Riverside Police Department. The Riverside Police Department conducted a thorough background investigation of Mr. Crosby’s application pursuant to Chapter 5.40 of the Riverside Municipal Code, Vehicles for Hire, Taxicabs, and Animal-Drawn Vehicles.

In reviewing Mr. Crosby’s criminal history, it was discovered he had been arrested and convicted several times. Mr. Crosby failed to disclose the extent and type of his criminal history in the Vehicle for Hire permit application.

Based on this investigation, the vehicle for hire permit for Mr. Crosby was denied per Riverside Municipal Code Section 5.40.180. A Denial of the Vehicle for Hire Permit Application letter, dated March 9, 2023, was sent to Mr. Crosby via certified mail.

On March 29, 2023, Mr. Crosby submitted the attached letter of appeal to the City Clerk's Office. The letter was accepted by the City Clerk's Office on March 29, 2023, and the appeal for the denial of the Vehicle for Hire Permit Application is scheduled for review by the City Council Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee on May 17, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the receipt of this report.

Prepared by:	Larry V. Gonzalez, Chief of Police
Certified as to availability of funds:	Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
Approved by:	Mike Futrell, City Manager
Approved as to form:	Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Municipal Code Section 5.40.180
2. Letter of Appeal – Mr. Crosby
3. Police Department Denial Letter