



# Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee

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**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 – SAVANAH HILL**

**ISSUE:**

Consider the appeal and uphold the Police Department’s denial of the Vehicle for Hire Permit Application submitted by Ms. Savannah Hill.

**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 Ms. Savannah Hill.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

Riverside Municipal Code § 5.40.180(D)(1) 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 been convicted of reckless driving or of driving a vehicle while under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or drug, or under the combined influence of any alcoholic beverage or drug.”

**DISCUSSION:**

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

In reviewing Ms. Hill’s criminal history, it was discovered she had been arrested and convicted of Driving Under the Influence - 23152(b) Vehicle Code.

Based on this investigation, the vehicle for hire permit for Ms. Hill was denied per Riverside Municipal Code Section 5.40.180(D)(1). A Denial of the Vehicle for Hire Permit Application letter, dated March 9, 2023, was sent to Ms. Hill via certified mail.

On April 10, 2023, Ms. Hill submitted the attached letter of appeal to the City Clerk's Office. The letter was accepted by the City Clerk's Office on April 10, 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.

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**Attachments:**

1. Municipal Code Section 5.40.180
2. Letter of Appeal – Ms. Hill
3. Police Department Denial Letter