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TO: Safety and Licensing Committee
Common Council

FROM: Lt. Ben Goodin

DATE: 04/24/2025

RE: Police Department's Recommendation for Denial of Sara Johnson's
Taxicab/Limousine Driver's License Application

Committee Members:

The police department is requesting that the Safety and Licensing Committee recommend to the Common Council to deny Sara Johnson's (aka Nord) taxicab/limousine driver's license application. Appleton Municipal Code 9-729(b) states:

No license under this division will be issued or renewed if any of the following apply:

(5) The applicant was convicted of an offense that substantially relates to the licensed activity. Such offenses include, but are not limited to, burglary, sex offenses, drug offenses, possession or sale of stolen property. A license can be granted if the conviction is reversed or if the person is granted a pardon for the offense. In determining whether the circumstances of the conviction are substantially related, the Chief of Police or designee shall consider the number of convictions, the nature and seriousness of the crime(s), whether the crime(s) involved violence, theft, or other evidence of lack of trustworthiness with money, whether the crime(s) involved driving, the age and maturity of the individual at the time of the conviction, the amount of time elapsed since the conviction, and any evidence of personal rehabilitation.

Therefore, the Appleton Police Department recommends that the application for Ms. Johnson's Taxicab/Limousine Driver's License be denied.

STATEMENT ON SUBSTANTIAL RELATIONSHIP



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As part of any denial of licensing, the police department must determine if crimes are substantially related to the particular licensed activity to ensure that any licensing decision does not constitute unlawful discrimination. The offenses listed below are substantially related to the licensed conduct in that they provide heightened opportunity for the applicant to engage in the same conduct.

CONVICTIONS

Burglary-Building or Dwelling Party to a Crime, class C felony Waupaca County case # 1993CF000169

Issue of Worthless Checks (<=\$2500), misdemeanor Waupaca County case # 2008CM000497

Theft-Movable Property <=\$2500 Party to a Crime, misdemeanor Waupaca County case # 2011CM000402

Theft-Movable Property <=\$2500 Party to a Crime two counts, misdemeanors Waupaca County case # 2011CF000223

Theft-Movable Property <=\$2500 Party to a Crime, misdemeanor Outagamie County case # 2012CM000079

Receiving Stolen Property (<=\$2500), misdemeanor Kewaunee County case # 2012CM000050

Theft-Movable Property <=\$2500 Party to a Crime, misdemeanor Waupaca County case # 2012CM000451

Theft-Movable Property <=\$2500 Party to a Crime three counts, misdemeanors Milwaukee County case # 2014CF002258

Possession of Methamphetamine, class I felony Winnebago County case # 2022CF000288

Theft-Movable Property >\$5,000-\$10,000 Party to a Crime, class H felony Winnebago County case # 2022CF000460

Forgery-Uttering Party to a Crime, class H felony Calumet County case # 2022CF000263

Forgery-Uttering, class H felony Waupaca County case # 2022CF000459

Theft-False Representation <=\$2500, misdemeanor Winnebago County case # 2023CF000077



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Retail Theft - Intentionally Take >\$500 - \$5,000 Party to a Crime, class I felony Calumet County case # 2023CF000025

Forgery-Uttering Party to a Crime H felony Winnebago County case # 2023CF000440

For specific details on conviction dates and sentences for each crime please refer to the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access page at wcca.wicourts.gov. Consideration of some convictions may be subject to evidence of rehabilitation that the applicant is able to provide.

OPEN CASE

Ms. Johnson has one open case. The license may not be denied solely because she is subject to a pending charge. However, the police department still wanted to make the Council aware of these pending charges since they are substantially related to the licensed activity:

Forgery-Uttering & Misappropriate ID Info – Obtain Money, class H felonies Outagamie County case # 2023CF001354

These convictions are substantially related to the licensed activity because Ms. Johnson would be driving a taxi and that service involves the exchange of money for the service provided. Ms. Johnson would be in a position where she would be handling money daily and each of these convictions relate to a lack of trustworthiness with money. These convictions substantially relate to the activity for which the license is sought, and denial would not constitute unlawful discrimination. Therefore, the police department recommends Ms. Johnson's license application be denied.

Very Respectfully,

Lt. Ben Goodin

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