

IN THE FORT WORTH MUNICIPAL COURT

IN MATTER OF THE APPLICATION §
OF MAREDI CORPORATION D/B/A §
UNITED CAB SERVICE, §
Applicant. §

Case No. 2013-CVH-000001

**ORDER REGARDING DE NOVO REVIEW OF MAREDI CORPORATION D/B/A
UNITED CAB SERVICE'S APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB OPERATING
AUTHORITY IN THE CITY OF FORT WORTH**

By Resolution No. 4246-09-2013, (the "Resolution"), dated September 24, 2013, the Fort Worth City Council appointed this Court to conduct a de novo hearing regarding the application of Maredi Corporation d/b/a United Cab Service ("United") for grant of taxicab operating authority within the city of Fort Worth. The City Council reviewed the hearing and appeal processes related to United's application and expressly found in the Resolution "that the hearing and appeal processes were not in accordance with the requirements as set forth in Chapter 34, Article VI of the Fort Worth City Code."

The Court held a prehearing conference on October 17, 2013, during which the process for conducting the October 28, 2013, hearing was agreed to by the Fort Worth City Attorney's office and by United, through its counsel appearing on its behalf.

On October 28, 2013, this Court conducted a de novo hearing and review of United's application referenced in the Resolution, following the agreed process. United appeared through counsel and various corporate representatives and presented evidence supporting its application and satisfaction of the relevant criteria for consideration of such applications as provided under the Fort Worth City Code. Public comment sign-up sheets, both for and against, or posted at the hearing, and those signing in were provided with the opportunity to speak (with limitations for duplication imposed at the discretion of the Court).

After considering United's application, the express provisions of the Fort Worth Code of Ordinances relating to evaluation of such applications, the evidence presented in support thereof, the arguments of counsel, and the public comments, this Court is of the opinion and recommendation of this Court that United's application for 80 taxicab operating authorities in the City of Fort Worth should be GRANTED. On the basis of this opinion, the Court makes the following recommendations to the Fort Worth City Council:

1. That the City Council consider and adopt the following findings of the Court:
 - a. That Maredi Corporation has provided to the Ground Transportation Coordinator a satisfactory application for operating authority under Fort Worth Code of Ordinances §34-203.
 - b. That Maredi Corporation has demonstrated the probable permanency and quality of service, the experience in rendering such services in neighboring areas, and the past record and experience in claims handling (there were no judgments) to claimants relating to operations.
 - c. That Maredi Corporation has demonstrated the financial ability to provide the service described in the application, and respond to claims arising thereunder by reason of business operations, injury to persons or damage to property resulting from operation of a vehicle for hire service.
 - d. The character and condition of Maredi Corporation's vehicles satisfy all requirements of the city of Fort Worth for taxicabs.
 - e. That Maredi Corporation, and its officers, directors and persons with an economic interest have the necessary character and past operating record to operate as requested under the application.
 - f. That all taxicabs in Maredi Corporation's are dedicated to servicing Fort Worth or neighboring areas;
 - g. The information presented during the hearing demonstrates that the public necessity and convenience as defined in the Fort Worth Code of Ordinances will be served by the granting of the application;
 - h. That the general welfare of the citizens of the City of Fort Worth will best be served by authorizing Maredi Corporation to operate eighty taxicabs upon City streets, alleys and thoroughfares; and

2. Adopt an ordinance, granting Maredi Corporation d/b/a United Cab Service authority to operate eighty taxicabs on the city streets, alleys and thoroughfares for one year. Subject to and conditioned on Maredi Corporation d/b/a United Cab Service complying with all requirements of Chapter 34, Article VI of the Code of the City of Fort Worth (1986), as amended.

Signed this 4th day of November, 2013.




Honorable Benita F. Harper
Fort Worth Municipal Judge