



**CITY OF LACONIA
LICENSING BOARD
ROOM 200B
August 2, 2013
1:30 pm
MINUTES**

Present: Captain Canfield, Chief Erickson

Regular: A discussion about Chapter 161 sections 13 & 14

Chief Erickson called the meeting to order at 1:45pm

There was a discussion between the board members about the current procedures that are followed when it comes to Insurance Requirements and that the current ordinance needs to be updated to reflect those procedures.

The problem that has raised concern is that a Cab Company is required to provide specific liability Insurance to the City to operate their business. After they provide that proof they can go and remove certain vehicles from the policy or cancel the policy and then the License Board never gets notified. And then per ordinance they are operating against the stipulations of the license.

The City Attorney recommends that we continue to request the certificate but we are not required to check it every 3 months. The board feels that increasing checks on insurance is creating unnecessary work on the department, because it is the Insurance Companies responsibility to notify us.

If a Taxi Company provides us with the required documents to apply for the Taxi Company License and then they go and cancel there insurance that was submitted then they continue to operate, they are on their own and that is very risky if you have someone in the back seat and they get in an accident. The Cab Company is then responsible. Even if the Clerk checked the policy on a monthly basis we would have no way of knowing because they could go and change it the following day.

The Board feels that our requirements should stay the same that once a year proof must be provided. Unless a policy expires mid-year then they must submit the new one. And in the event if we do a spot check on the insurance and there coverage has been canceled then there will be a suspension for a period of time that would be determined by the board.

Currently in Chapter 161 section 21-A of the chapter under violations and penalties it already states that the board may suspend or revoke a license for any of the following reasons: if fraud or misrepresentation in the course of conducting business for which the license was issued. Or violating any terms or conditions of the license.

If the clerk got wind that one of the companies doesn't have insurance anymore and the clerk verified that then they can meet as a board and vote on it and suspend their license.

The board reviewed the changes that the clerk made to the ordinance to update the sections.

A motion was made to accept the changes that were made to be submitted to the City Attorney for review by Captain Canfield, seconded by Chief Erickson, Approved.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn by Captain Canfield, seconded by Chief Erickson, Adjourned