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Attachment A

From: Young, Betty (UTC)
To: "A-STAR LIMOUSINE"

Subject: RE: Please let this letter serve as written notice..

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2013 7:48:00 AM

Andrew -

Thank you for your response and for verifying that your vehicles seat no more than 14 passengers. In the future, if you decide to incorporate larger vehicles with more seating capacity, please contact the UTC for information about a charter and excursion permit.

This closes our review. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Betty Young

Compliance Investigator
Transportation Safety Enforcement

. Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Phone: 360-664-1202 Fax: 360-586-1172

From: A-STAR LIMOUSINE [mailto:astarlimousine@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 5:57 PM

To: Young, Betty (UTC)

Cc: astarlimousine@hotmail.com

Subject: Please let this letter serve as written notice...

Importance: High

Dear Betty,

In regards to your email sent today 11.13.13. I left you a voice-mail to follow up on your request. I'll look forward to hearing back from you soon!

Please let this letter serve as written notice that I do not believe my business requires a charter and excursion certificate for the following reasons:

- 1. Our stretch SUV's are rented out the exact same way a small limousine is rented. There is no difference.
- 2. The Max seating capacity is 14. No exceptions.
- 3. We have never used or advertised the term "Charter or Excursions". Excursion is simply the name of our Ford Excursion stretch SUV.
- 4. No other limousine services (from Spokane) are on your list of current Charter and Excursion Companies. They appear to be charter & bus companies.

Our small fleet of limousines require a reservation made in advance and with a

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deposit. Most reservations are celebrations that include Birthday's, Anniversaries, Weddings, etc. This is the first we have ever been contacted by the UTC. I feel confident that we fall under a different "for hire" description. We strive at keeping up with all requirements and safety recommendations. And take pride in being fully licensed and insured. Please let us know if you feel otherwise.

Sincerely, Michelle & Andrew

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www.a-starlimousine.com

From: BYoung@utc.wa.gov
To: astarlimousine@hotmail.com

Subject: FW: Charter and Excursion Services in Washington

Date: Wed, 13 Nov 2013 21:44:20 +0000

A-Star Limousine:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) received information that A-Star Limousine is offering charter and excursion services on its website (http://www.a-starlimousine.com/).

There are various licensing requirements for limousine, for hire and charter and excursion companies operating in Washington. In order for A-Star Limousine to legally provide these types of transportation, your company must be properly licensed. We understand you currently have a limousine license from the Washington Department of Licensing. However, larger vehicles, such as your stretched SUVs, fall under our jurisdiction as charter buses. Therefore, any passenger transportation services you provide within Washington State in those vehicles require you to have authority from the commission.

Operating as a charter or excursion provider within Washington without the required certificate is illegal, is considered a gross misdemeanor, and is punishable as such (see RCW 81.70.220 and WAC 480-30-246). Until and unless the commission grants your company the proper authority, you must cease providing charter and excursion services subject to commission regulation.

To avoid enforcement action by the commission, no later than November 25, 2013, you must either:

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• Submit a completed <u>application</u>, file proof of insurance and include the application fee. For questions about the application process, please contact our Licensing Services staff at (360) 664-1170.

<u>OR</u>

• Explain in writing why you feel your business does not require a charter and excursion certificate from the commission. Please explain the nature of your company's operations in detail.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Betty Young
Compliance Investigator
Transportation Safety Enforcement
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Attachment B



STATE OF WASHINGTON

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W., P.O. Box 47250 • Olympia, Washington 98504-7250 (360) 664-1160 • TTY (360) 586-8203

September 20, 2018

Michelle Mary Palm d/b/a A-Star Limousine LLC 816 W Francis Ave #141 Spokane, WA 99205-6212

Re: Charter/Party Bus Services

Dear Ms. Palm:

The purpose of this letter is to assist you in understanding Washington's passenger transportation licensing requirements for charter and party bus services.

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) believes that you are advertising passenger transportation services that require a certificate of authority from the Commission. Both the 20-passenger stretch Hummer and the party bus featured on your website and Facebook page exceed the authority of your limousine license and require a charter certificate from the Commission. Offering these services without a charter certificate is illegal, is considered a gross misdemeanor, and is punishable as such (see RCW 81.70.220 and WAC 480-30-246).

To avoid enforcement action by the Commission, no later than October 5, 2018, please either:

• Submit a completed application, file proof of insurance and include the application fee. For questions about the application process, please contact our Licensing Services staff at (360) 664-1222.

OR

 Explain in writing why you believe your business does not require passenger transportation authority from the Commission. Please explain the nature of your

¹ See WAC 308-83-010(12).

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company's operations in detail. Please direct your written response to me at PO Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250 or by email at mike.turcot@utc.wa.gov.

If you have further questions or comments about our findings, you may also reach me at (360) 664-1174.

Sincerely,

Michael Turcott

Compliance Investigations Supervisor, Consumer Protection

Enclosure

Attachment C

 From:
 Turcott, Mike (UTC)

 To:
 "A-STAR LIMOUSINE"

 Subject:
 RE: Corrospondance

Date: Friday, October 19, 2018 9:19:00 AM

Dear Mrs. Palm,

Thank you for your response. Will you send me a copy of the inspection report you are referring to?

Just to be clear, seating capacity refers to the manufacturer's rated seating capacity. Removing seats or limiting occupancy to 14 passengers does not change the manufacturer's rated seating capacity.

If you operate a vehicle with a manufacturer's rated seating capacity of 14 passengers or more, this exceeds the authority of your limousine license and you must obtain a charter certificate from the UTC. If you advertise or enter into an agreement to provide passenger transportation for more than 14 passengers you must obtain a charter certificate from the UTC.

Additionally, operating any party bus, regardless of seating capacity, required a charter certificate from the UTC. A vehicle in which passengers are able to stand and circulate throughout the vehicle is a party bus.

Let me know if any of this is not clear to you. Our goal is compliance and we would prefer to work with companies to help them obtain the necessary permits.

Sincerely,

Mike Turcott
Compliance Investigations Supervisor
360-664-1174 (office)
mike.turcott@utc.wa.gov

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From: A-STAR LIMOUSINE [mailto:astarlimousine@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 11:42 PM **To:** Turcott, Mike (UTC) <mike.turcott@utc.wa.gov>

Subject: Corrospondance

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From: A-STAR LIMOUSINE < astarlimousine@hotmail.com >

Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 11:30 PM

To: mike.turcot@utc.wa.gov
Subject: Corrospondance

Dear Mike,

Regarding the letter you sent to me on September 20, 2018, it states to respond to you with a UTC application or to Explain in writing why I believe my business does not require passenger transportation authority.

That is my wish to explain my business operations in detail and confirm my status of a limousine service in Washington State. I understand that we are limited to 14 passenger seating capacity under our current licensing and insurance requirements.

After several months of interior and exterior renovation, I was successful at getting a "pass" through DOT inspection just today as a 14 passenger stretch SUV. (Thank you for the motivation with a deadline!!) Once I submit that along with associated licensing fees, it should be ready to operate.

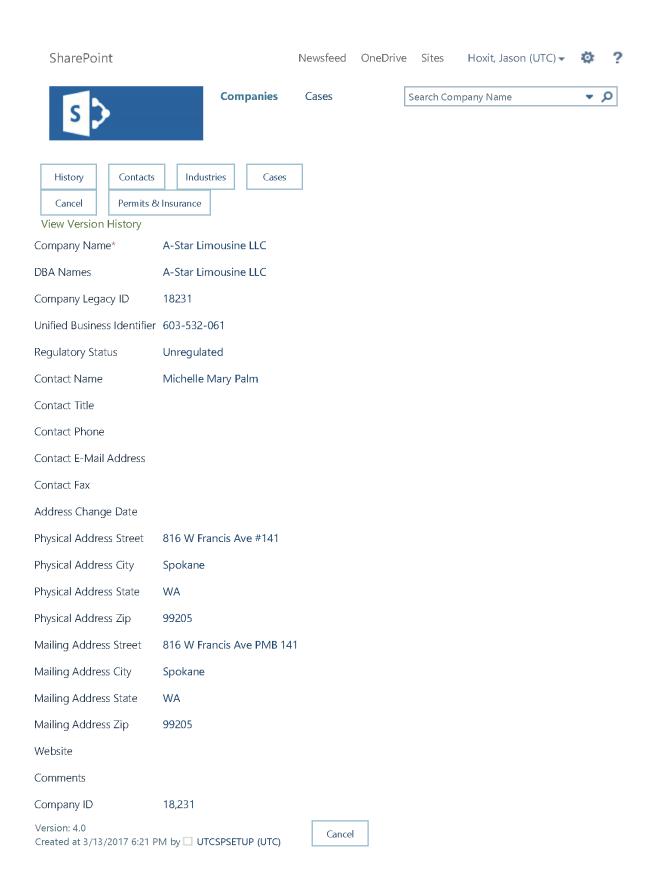
My website has been updated with only my current fleet. I have attached the current registration, insurance and WSP Inspection Sheet. Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle @ **A-Star Limousine**"Where YOU are the star!"
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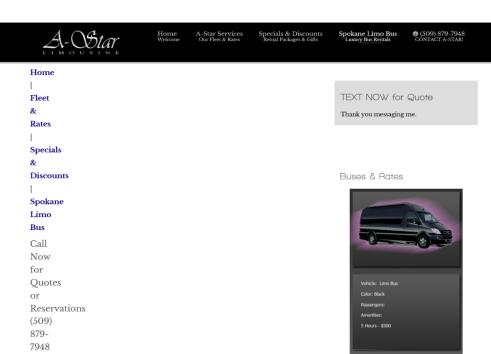


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Attachment E



A-Star's Luxury Limo Bus Rentals

Spokane's only luxury bus rentals for all your group transportation needs. If your going on a brew hop or wine tasting tour or just using for shuttle service our busses are perfect!

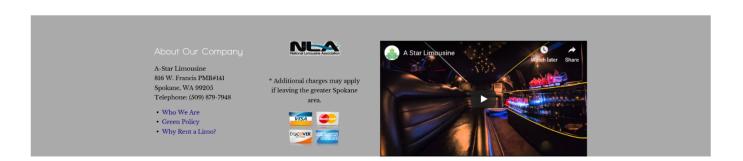
This easy on and off option makes multiple stops very accommodating to large groups. You can plan a tour or we are happy to do it for you. Our experienced chauffeurs are able to identify your groups wants and needs and guarantee a fantastic event!

The Mercedes "Limo Nights" all black limo bus seats 10-12, has flat screen TV's and blootooth. Can rent for \$150 per hour or 5 hours for \$500.

The Stretched Hummer seats 20, Has Aux and Bluetooth connections for music, Can rent for \$200 per hour or \$400 for Round trip service. Perfect for bachelor(ette) parties

- 1. A credit card deposit is required to secure the reservation. Payment is due upon arrival.

- Vehicles cannot and will not be loaded beyond seating capacity.
- 5. FEES: Carpet/Seat burns \$100. Sanitation \$250
- 6. Law prohibits drug use and other illegal behavior the customer is responsible for any fines.
- 7. The driver has the right to terminate the service at any time without refund or notice.
- 8. It is illegal to stand through the sunroof while the vehicle is moving.
- 9. Smoking and underage drinking is prohibited.
- 10. The company and driver are not responsible for items left in the vehicle.
- 11. The client assumes full financial liability for any damage(s) to the vehicle caused during the duration of the rental by them or any member of the party.
- 12. Overtime rates will apply after a 10 minute grace period of pre-arranged drop off at the rate of \$3 per minute.



Attachment F

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BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name:

A-STAR LIMOUSINE LLC

UBI Number:

603 532 061

Business Type:

WA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Business Status:

ACTIVE

Principal Office Street Address:

816 W FRANCIS #141, SPOKANE, WA, 99205, UNITED STATES

Principal Office Mailing Address:

816 W FRANCIS #141, SPOKANE, WA, 99205, UNITED STATES

Expiration Date:

08/31/2019

Jurisdiction:

UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

Formation/ Registration Date:

08/07/2015

Period of Duration:

PERPETUAL

Inactive Date:

Nature of Business:

TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING

REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION

Registered Agent Name:

TED BELGARDE

Street Address:

5504 N MONROE, SPOKANE, WA, 99205-0000, UNITED STATES

Mailing Address:

5504 N MONROE, SPOKANE, WA, 99205-0000, UNITED STATES

GOVERNORS

Title	Governors Type	Entity Name	First Name	Last Name	
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		MICHELLE	PALM	

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Washington State Department of Revenue

Services A-STAR LIMOUSINE LLC **Business Lookup**

License Information: Back to results New search

> Entity name: A-STAR LIMOUSINE LLC Business name: A-STAR LIMOUSINE LLC Entity type: Limited Liability Company

> > UBI#: 603-532-061 Business ID: 001 Location ID: 0001

Location:

816 W FRANCIS AVE # 141 Location address: SPOKANE WA 99205-6512 USA

816 W FRANCIS AVE PMB 141

Mailing address: SPOKANE WA 99205-6512 USA

Excise tax account and reseller permit status:

Open (View)

Secretary of State status: Click here

Endorsements

Endorsements held at this location	License #	Count	Details	Status	Expiration date	First issuance dat
Limousine Carrier				Active	Aug-31-2019	Nov-24-2015
Limousine Vehicles		6		Active	Aug-31-2019	Nov-24-2015
Spokane General Business - Non- Resident				Active	Aug-31-2019	Nov-23-2015

3 Rows

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Governing people Title	
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PALM, MICHELLE MARY

The Business Lookup information is updated nightly. Search date and time: 1/11/2019 11:21:24 AM

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Washington State Department of Revenue

Services Business Lookup A-STAR LIMOUSINE LLC

New search Back to results

Entity name: A-STAR LIMOUSINE LLC

Entity type: Limited Liability Company

Excise tax account ID #: 603-532-061

UBI #: 603-532-061

Tax Information

Opened: August 1, 2015

Closed:

Mailing address: 816 W FRANCIS AVE PMB 141 SPOKANE WA 99205-6512 USA

NAICS: 485320 - Limousine Service

Reseller permit: None

A-STAR LIMOUSINE LLC

Business License Locations

Filter

Business name

License account ID# Location address

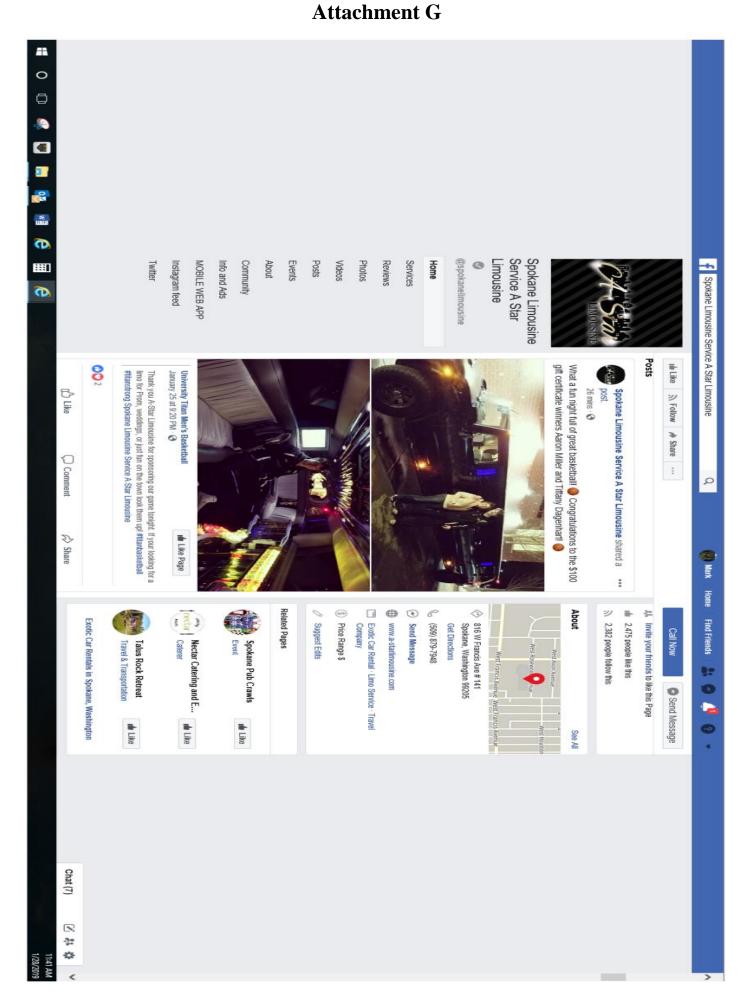
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