Service Date: November 6, 2021

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Determining the Proper Carrier Classification of, and Complaint for Penalties Against:

JACK CHAPMAN, JR., D/B/A J & T HAULING **DOCKET TG-210005**

DECLARATION OF KATHRYN MCPHERSON

Kathryn McPherson, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declares as follows:

- 1. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) as an investigator in the Solid Waste Enforcement Program within the Transportation Safety Division. As an investigator, my responsibilities include conducting investigations regarding the business practices of regulated transportation companies. As part of those duties, I investigate transportation companies that may be operating without the required Commission-issued certificate.
- 2. On October 3, 2019, I discovered a post on Facebook Marketplace advertising for solid waste services.¹
- 3. On October 10, 2019, I discovered additional information on Facebook. J & T Hauling (J & T Hauling or Company) had a business service page for J & T Hauling.²
- 4. On October 10, 2019, I reviewed Commission records to determine if J & T Hauling had authority to operate as a solid waste carrier in the state of Washington. I learned that the Commission has no record of the Company.
- 5. On October 14, 2019, Staff sent a letter to the J & T Hauling at 920 Millennium Ave, Washington, 98851, stating that J & T Hauling was in violation of Commission rules by operating as a solid waste carrier without the required certificate.³ The Company was required to respond by October 24, 2019, by either submitting a completed application for a solid waste transportation certificate, or by explaining in writing why the business does not require a solid waste certificate.

¹ See Attachment A for copy of Facebook Marketplace discovered October 3, 2019.

² See Attachment B for copy of Facebook Services page discovered October 10, 2019.

³ See Attachment C for a copy of the compliance letter dated October 14, 2019, sent to Jack Chapman, Jr.

- 6. On October 18, 2019, Jack Chapman spoke with Staff by phone to discuss the non-permitted carrier letter sent October 14, 2019. Staff explained to Jack Chapman that the Company could not operate as a solid waste carrier without a certificate. Jack Chapman told staff the Company would remove advertisements from Facebook and would follow the standard of "junk haulers" and load debris for the customer.⁴
- 7. On December 27, 2019, I researched the Company's advertising activities and found that J & T Hauling was advertising for junk hauling, not trash removal.⁵
- 8. On December 27, 2019, I sent a letter to J & T Hauling stating the compliance investigation was closed, based on removal of solid waste advertising. The letter advised that Staff would continue to monitor Company activities for ongoing compliance.⁶
- 9. On December 31, 2020, I received an email tip that J & T Hauling was advertising for solid waste service.⁷
- 10. On December 5, 2021, using a fictitious name, I messaged J & T Hauling on Facebook Messenger to see if the Company's activity remained in compliance. I solicited a solid waste pick-up from the Company, requesting the Company pick up 18 bags of trash. I stated I had asked the garbage company, but the cost was too high. The Company responded with an offer to pick up the garbage for \$60 a load.⁸

DATED this 25th day of October, 2021, at Lacey, Washington.

<u>/s/ Kathryn McPherson</u>
Kathryn McPherson

 $^{^{\}rm 4}$ See Attachment D Staff notes from October 18, 2019, telephone call.

⁵ See Attachment E advertisement reflecting junk hauling.

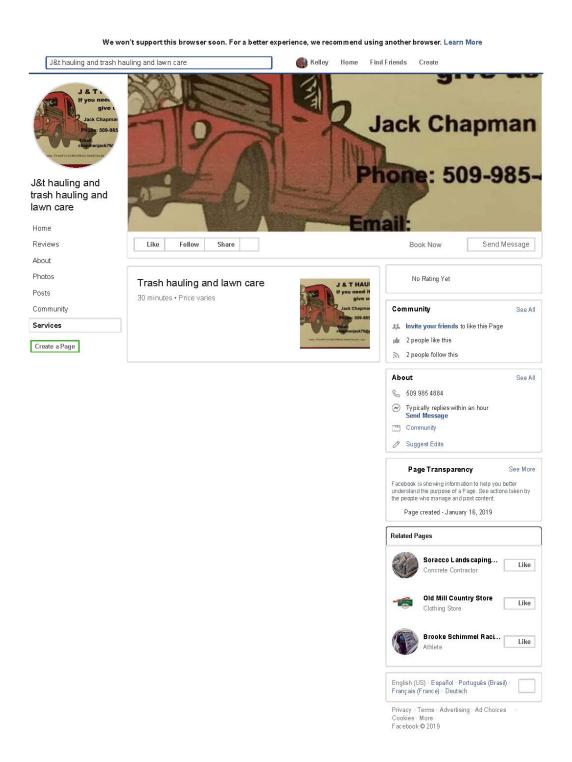
⁶ See Attachment F Closure letter to company dated December 27, 2019.

 $^{^{7}}$ See Attachment G Email tip dated December 31, 2020, at 9:30 p.m.

 $^{^{8}}$ See Attachment H Facebook Messenger offer of solid waste services.



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Attachment C



STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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October 10, 2019

Jack Chapman d/b/a J & T Hauling 920 Millenium Ave Moxee, WA 98851

Dear Mr. Chapman:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) believes you are engaged in services that require a certificate form the commission. The purpose of this letter is to provide technical assistance to you with respect to Washington's solid waste transporting requirements. Commission staff recently discovered that you are advertising on social media for solid waste services.

Operating or advertising as a solid waste transporter without the required certificate is illegal, and subject to a penalty of \$1,000 per violation. Under the law, advertising of solid waste collection services is evidence of operating as a solid waste transporter. Solid waste collection includes residential and commercial garbage, residential recycling, yard waste, and drop box service.

Without obtaining authority from the commission to transport solid waste in Washington state, you may not advertise or provide these services. Until and unless the commission grants a solid waste certificate, you must immediately cease advertising and providing all forms of solid waste collection services.

If you wish to offer solid waste collection services, you must first apply for authority as a solid waste collection company. An application is included with this letter. All applications are subject to a public protest period and applicants must demonstrate that the existing solid waste company is not providing the service you propose to offer. The commission will only grant new solid waste authority if the existing certificated company is determined to be unfit, unwilling, or unable to provide the service.

Respect. Professionalism. Integrity. Accountability.

¹ RCW 81.04.380

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To avoid enforcement action by the commission, by October 24, 2019, please either submit a completed application for a solid waste certificate, or explain in writing why you believe your business does not require authority from the commission. Please explain the nature of your company's operations in detail.

Please direct your written response to <u>Kathryn.McPherson@utc.wa.gov</u> or mail to P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504. You may also reach Ms. McPherson at (360) 664-1108.

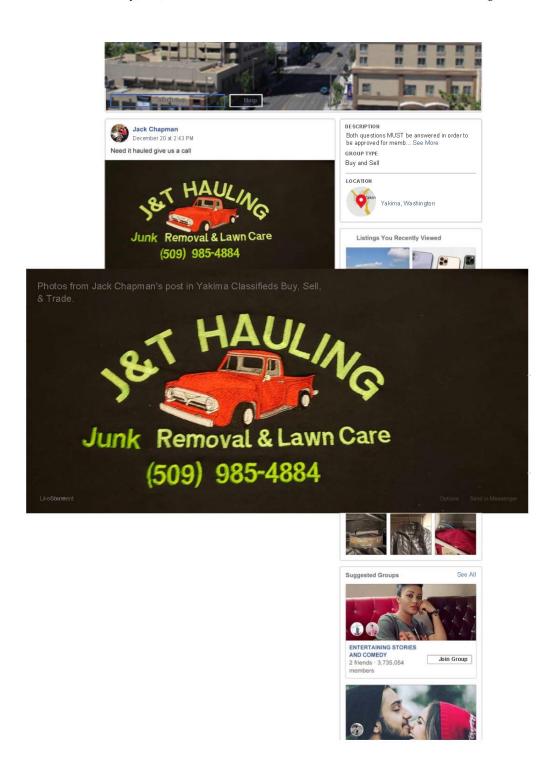
Sincerely,

/s/ Mathew Perkinson MATHEW PERKINSON Assistant Director, Transportation Safety

Enclosures (3)

Attachment D

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Attachment F



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December 27, 2019

Jack Chapman d/b/a J & T Hauling 920 Millenium Ave Moxee, WA 98851

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Following our conversation October 18, 2019, I continued to research advertisements under J & T Hauling social media. Currently your business appears to have removed all advertisements for solid waste hauling services.

At this time, I am closing the compliance investigation of your company. Although the compliance investigation is closed, staff will continue to follow up on advertising to ensure compliance.

If you have questions in the future, please feel to contact the commission.

Thank you,

Kathryn McPherson Investigator, Solid Waste Enforcement Transportation Safety Division (360) 664-1108 Office

Attachment G

Tim Whitworth From:

McPherson, Kathryn (UTC) To:

Subject: Junk Haulers

Date: Thursday, December 31, 2020 9:30:22 PM

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Jack Chapman

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Tim Whitworth Pure Power Wash 509.731.8320

Attachment H

