

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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

BLACK TIE LIMOUSINES, INC., D/B/A
BLACK TIE WINE TOURS; BLACK TIE;
WALLA WALLA WINE TOURS

DOCKET TE-190303

DECLARATION OF JASON HOXIT

I, Jason Hoxit, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state of Washington, and competent to be a witness.
2. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) as a Compliance Investigator in the Transportation Safety Division. As a Compliance Investigator, my responsibilities include conducting investigations into the operations of regulated and unregulated transportation companies. As part of those duties, I investigate charter party and excursion service carriers that may be operating without the required Commission-issued certificate.
3. On June 4, 2019, the Commission entered Order 02, Stipulated Initial Order Classifying Respondent as Charter Party or Excursion Service Carrier; Ordering Respondent to Cease and Desist; Imposing and Suspending Penalties on Condition of Future Compliance (Order 02).¹ Order 02 assessed a penalty of \$10,000 against Black Tie Limousines, Inc., d/b/a Black Tie Wine Tours; Black Tie; Black Tie Transportation; Walla Walla Wine Tours, (Black Tie or Company) for two violations of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 81.70.220(1) for operating as a charter party or excursion service carrier in the state of Washington without first having obtained a certificate from the Commission.
4. In Order 02, the Commission suspended a \$9,500 portion of the penalty for a period of two years on the condition that Black Tie refrains permanently from further operations as a charter party or excursion service carrier in the state of Washington without first obtaining the required certificate from the Commission.
5. On June 7, 2019, Black Tie paid the \$500 portion of the penalty that was not suspended.

¹ See Attachment A for a copy of Order 02 in Docket TE-190303, dated June 4, 2019.

6. In the transcript from the June 4 special proceeding, Black Tie acknowledged that: (1) the Company reviewed and understood Order 02 in its entirety; (2) the Company was penalized \$10,000 for advertising and offering to conduct operations without the required certificate; and (3) if the Commission found Black Tie advertising or offering to provide charter party or excursion carrier services during the two-year suspension period, the Company would have to pay the entire \$10,000 penalty. In the transcript, Leah Maldonado, part owner of Black Tie, testified that the Company would obtain a limousine endorsement through Washington Department of Licensing (DOL) and therefore would not be subject to the Commission's regulation.²
7. On April 20, 2021, I initiated a follow-up investigation of Black Tie to check for compliance with Order 02 in Docket TE-190303. On April 20, I visited the Company's website, www.blacktiewinetours.com. Under the website's pricing tab, the Company advertised an "8 Passenger Super Stretch" and a "10 Passenger Mercedes Sprinter Van," both at a rate of \$110 per hour.³ On the website's homepage, the Company provided the phone number of (509) 525-8585.⁴
8. On April 20, 2021, I searched Washington Department of Revenue's (DOR) Business Licensing Service, which produced records showing that Black Tie is still registered under UBI: 602-276-517; Amy Bruner, Leah Maldonado, and Manuel Maldonado remained the governing persons; and the Company was registered under the classification of "Tour Operators."⁵
9. On April 20, 2021, I visited Black Tie's Facebook page, which listed www.blacktiewinetours.com as the Company's website and provided a phone number of (509) 525-8585.⁶
10. On April 20, 2021, I contacted Black Tie through Facebook Messenger, where I requested a wine tour in the Walla Walla area for a group of nine people. On April 20, 2021, the Company responded and offered to provide a wine tour for nine passengers using its 10-passenger Sprinter van, quoted a rate of \$132 per hour for the Sprinter van, and requested that I call the Company at (509) 525-8585 to discuss the details of the wine tour.⁷
11. On April 20, 2021, I emailed DOL to obtain additional information pertaining to Black Tie's operating status. On April 21, 2021, DOL notified me that Black Tie does not have a valid limousine license and instead has a pending for-hire application.⁸

² See Attachment B for a copy of the June 4 transcript, pages 14-19.

³ See Attachment C for a copy of the Company's "Pricing" page, captured on April 20, 2021.

⁴ See Attachment D for a copy of the Company's homepage, captured on April 20, 2021.

⁵ See Attachment E for a copy of DOR's Business Licensing Service, captured on April 20, 2021.

⁶ See Attachment F for a copy of the Company's Facebook page, captured on April 20, 2021.

⁷ See Attachment G for a copy of the Facebook Messenger conversation, dated April 20, 2021.

⁸ See Attachment H for a copy of the emails with DOL, captured on April 21, 2021.

12. On April 21, 2021, I searched Commission records, which showed that Black Tie does not have the required authority to provide charter party or excursion carrier service in the state of Washington.⁹
13. Based on paragraphs 7 through 12 above, Commission staff (Staff) finds that Black Tie failed to comply with the condition of Order 02 in Docket TE-190303, specifically, the condition to refrain permanently from further operations as a charter party or excursion service carrier in the state of Washington without first obtaining the required certificate from the Commission. Staff recommends the Commission impose the \$9,500 suspended penalty on Black Tie.

DATED this 7th day of May 2021, at Lacey, Washington.

/s/ Jason Hoxit
JASON HOXIT

⁹ See Attachment I for a copy of Commission records documenting the Company's unregulated status, captured on April 21, 2021.

Attachment A

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

DOCKET TE-190303

ORDER 02

BLACK TIE LIMOUSINES, INC.,
D/B/A BLACK TIE WINE TOURS,
BLACK TIE, BLACK TIE
TRANSPORTATION, AND WALLA
WALLA WINE TOURS

STIPULATED INITIAL ORDER
CLASSIFYING RESPONDENT AS
CHARTER PARTY OR EXCURSION
SERVICE CARRIER; ORDERING
RESPONDENT TO CEASE AND
DESIST; IMPOSING AND SUSPENDING
PENALTIES ON CONDITION OF
FUTURE COMPLIANCE

BACKGROUND

Synopsis. *This is an Administrative Law Judge's Initial Order that is not effective unless approved or allowed to become effective as described in the notice at the end of this Order. This Initial Order is based upon a stipulation presented by the parties. If this Initial Order becomes final, Black Tie Limousines, Inc., d/b/a Black Tie Wine Tours, Black Tie, Black Tie Transportation, and Walla Walla Wine Tours (Black Tie or Company) will be assessed a financial penalty in the amount of \$10,000 for two (2) violations of RCW 81.70.220(1). A \$9,500 portion of the penalty will be suspended for a period of two years from the date of this order, then waived, subject to the condition that Black Tie refrains from further operations as a charter party or excursion service carrier without first obtaining the required certificate from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission). In addition, if this Initial Order becomes final, Black Tie will be classified as a charter party or excursion service carrier and required to permanently cease and desist from operating as a charter party or excursion service carrier without first obtaining a certificate from the Commission.*

- 1 **Nature of Proceeding.** The Commission initiated this special proceeding to determine if Black Tie has engaged, and continues to engage, in unlawful operations as a charter party or excursion service carrier without the required certificate.
- 2 **Procedural History.** On May 1, 2019, the Commission entered Order 01, Order Instituting Special Proceeding; Complaint Seeking to Impose Penalties; and Notice of Mandatory Appearance at Hearing, pursuant to RCW 81.04.510, initiating this docket on its own motion. The Complaint alleges that Black Tie violated RCW 81.70.220 by:

- (1) offering on at least one occasion to provide charter party or excursion service in the state of Washington;
- (2) advertising charter party or excursion services within the state of Washington on at least one occasion;

without the required certificate for such operations. On the same date, the Commission issued a *Subpoena and Subpoena Duces Tecum For Production of Documents* (Subpoenas) to the Company commanding Amy Bruner, Leah Maldonado, and Manuel Maldonado, owners of Black Tie, to appear before the Commission at a special proceeding scheduled to convene at 9 a.m. on June 4, 2019, in the Commission's offices at 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington, and to bring the documents specified in the *Subpoenas*.

- 3 **Hearing.** On June 4, 2019, the hearing convened as scheduled in Olympia, Washington, before Administrative Law Judge Laura Chartoff.
- 4 **Appearances.** Jason Hoxit, Compliance Investigator, Olympia, Washington, represents the Commission's regulatory staff (Commission Staff).¹ Leah Maldonado, Walla Walla, Washington, represents the Company, *pro se*.

DISCUSSION

- 5 **Applicable Law.** RCW 81.70.020(1) defines "charter party carrier" as:

every person engaged in the transportation over any public highways in this state of a group of persons, who, pursuant to a common purpose and under a single contract, acquire the use of a motor vehicle to travel together as a group to a specified destination or for a particular itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the chartered group after leaving the place of origin.

- 6 RCW 81.70.020(5) defines "excursion service carrier" as:

¹ In adjudications the Commission's regulatory staff participates like any other party, while an administrative law judge or the Commissioners make the decision. To assure fairness, the Commissioners and the presiding administrative law judge do not discuss the merits of the proceeding with regulatory staff or any other party without giving notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. See RCW 34.05.455.

every person engaged in the transportation of persons for compensation over any public highway in this state from points of origin within the incorporated limits of any city or town or area, to any other location within the state of Washington and returning to that origin.

- 7 RCW 81.70.220(1) defines “engage in the business of a charter party carrier or excursion service carrier” as:

advertising or soliciting, offering, or entering into an agreement to provide such service.

- 8 RCW 81.70.220(1) prohibits charter party or excursion service carriers from conducting any operations without first having obtained a certificate from the Commission. Upon proof of unauthorized operations, RCW 81.04.510 authorizes the Commission to order the unpermitted company to cease and desist its activities. Additionally, RCW 81.04.110 authorizes the Commission to file a complaint on its own motion setting forth any act or omission by a company that violates any law, order, or rule of the Commission.

- 9 RCW 81.70.220(2) subjects persons who conduct operations as a charter party or excursion service carrier of passengers in violation of RCW 81.70.220(1) a penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

- 10 **Stipulation Presented by Parties.** At hearing, Leah Maldonado agreed that Black Tie has conducted operations in the state of Washington without the required certificate. The Company offered to provide charter party or excursion service carrier service on at least one occasion in the state of Washington and also advertised to operate as a charter party or excursion service carrier service in the state of Washington on at least one occasion.

- 11 Black Tie has agreed to permanently shut down and cease operations as a charter party or excursion service carrier, as defined by RCW 81.70.020, without first obtaining a certificate from the Commission.

- 12 Under RCW 81.70.220(2), Commission Staff is authorized to seek a penalty of up to \$10,000 against the Company. Based upon the above-noted stipulation, Staff now seeks to have \$9,500 of the penalty suspended for two years, then waived, on the condition that the Company honors its pledge of future compliance by permanently staying out of the industry without first obtaining a certificate from the Commission.

- 13 The parties agree that the Company’s expressed willingness to cease its unlawful operations is a positive factor, mitigating in favor of a lowered penalty amount to be paid

now. The parties also agree that the Company's compliance history is a negative factor, making a penalty appropriate as a tool to ensure Black Tie does not re-enter the charter party or excursion service carrier business without first obtaining the required certificate.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 14 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with authority to regulate persons conducting operations as a charter party or excursion service carrier for compensation over public roads in Washington.
- 15 (2) The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and over Black Tie.
- 16 (3) On at least one occasion, Black Tie offered to conduct operations without the required certificate from the Commission in violation of RCW 81.70.220(1).
- 17 (4) On at least one occasion, Black Tie advertised to conduct operations without the required certificate from the Commission in violation of RCW 81.70.220(1).

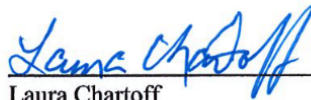
ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 18 (1) Black Tie is classified as a charter party or excursion service carrier within the state of Washington.
- 19 (2) Black Tie is ordered to immediately cease and desist operations as a charter party or excursion service carrier within the state of Washington without first obtaining a certificate from the Commission.
- 20 (3) Black Tie is assessed a penalty of \$10,000. \$9,500 of the penalty is suspended for a period of two years from the date of this Order, and waived thereafter, provided Black Tie refrains permanently from further operations as a charter party or excursion service carrier in the state of Washington without first obtaining the required certificate from the Commission. The remainder of the penalty, \$500, is due and payable subject to the payment schedule in Appendix A.

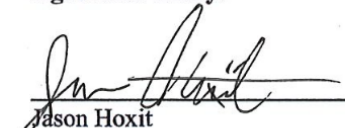
- 21 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties to this proceeding to effectuate the terms of this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 4, 2019.

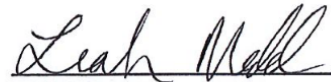


Laura Chartoff
Administrative Law Judge

Agreed for Entry:



Jason Hoxit
Utilities and Transportation
Commission



Leah Maldonado
Black Tie

Appendix A

Due Date	Amount
June 4, 2019	\$500

If a payment is missed, the entire amount of the penalty, including the suspended portion of \$9,500, will become due and payable the day after the missed penalty was due.

NOTICE TO THE PARTIES

This is an initial order. The action proposed in this initial order is not yet effective. If you disagree with this initial order and want the Commission to consider your comments, you must take specific action within the time limits outlined below. If you agree with this initial order, and you would like the Order to become final before the time limits expire, you may send a letter to the Commission, waiving your right to petition for administrative review.

WAC 480-07-825(2) provides that any party to this proceeding has twenty (20) days after the entry of this initial order to file a *Petition for Administrative Review*. Section (3) of the rule identifies what you must include in any petition as well as other requirements for a petition. WAC 480-07-825(4) states that any party may file an *Answer* to a Petition for review within (10) days after service of the petition.

WAC 480-07-830 provides that before the Commission enters a final order any party may file a petition to reopen a contested proceeding to permit receipt of evidence essential to a decision, but unavailable and not reasonably discoverable at the time of hearing, or for other good and sufficient cause. The Commission will not accept answers to a petition to reopen unless the Commission requests answers by written notice.

RCW 80.01.060(3), as amended in the 2006 legislative session, provides that an initial order will become final without further Commission action if no party seeks administrative review of the initial order and if the Commission fails to exercise administrative review on its own motion.

Any Petition or Response must be electronically filed through the Commission's web portal as required by WAC 480-07-140(5). Any Petition or Response filed must also be electronically served on each party of record as required by WAC 480-07-140(1)(b).

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1 were having technical difficulties with the bridge line,
2 and I appreciate your patience. I'm sorry for the --
3 for the technical difficulties.

4 MS. MALDONADO: Yeah, that's okay.

5 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So I understand that
6 you have signed a cease and desist order?

7 MS. MALDONADO: Yes.

8 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Do you have any questions
9 about the proceeding or your options at this proceeding?

10 MS. MALDONADO: No, I don't think so.

11 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. And normally
12 in this proceeding, I -- I go through a long script
13 where I explain that you have the option to enter into
14 an agreed order or you can have a hearing if you want to
15 dispute the allegations against you. And you --

16 MS. MALDONADO: Right.

17 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And you have chosen
18 to do an agreed order?

19 MS. MALDONADO: Yes.

20 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay.

21 MS. MALDONADO: Yes -- yeah.

22 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Actually, I am going
23 to swear you both in at this time.

24 MS. MALDONADO: Okay.

25 (Jason Hoxit and Leah Maldonado sworn.)

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1 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

2 Off the record.

3 (Pause in the proceedings.)

4 JUDGE CHARTOFF: So, Ms. Maldonado, can you
5 state your full name, spelling your last name for the
6 court reporter.

7 MS. MALDONADO: Yes, it's Leah, L-e-a-h, the
8 last name's Maldonado, M-a-l-d-o-n-a-d-o.

9 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And can you give your
10 business address?

11 MS. MALDONADO: 1650 Reser, R-e-s-e-r, Road,
12 Walla Walla, Washington 99362.

13 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And what is your
14 relationship to the company?

15 MS. MALDONADO: Partial owner with my
16 husband.

17 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

18 Okay. So I'm going to go through the order.
19 Did you have a chance to read the whole order?

20 MS. MALDONADO: Yes.

21 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And do you understand it?

22 MS. MALDONADO: Yes.

23 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And I see that
24 Mr. Hoxit and you have both signed it. It --

25 MS. MALDONADO: What's that?

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1 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Oh, I see that you have
2 signed it.

3 MS. MALDONADO: Oh, yes.

4 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And it looks like
5 there's two violations in this case; one for conducting
6 operations without the required certificate and one for
7 advertising operations without the certificate.

8 MS. MALDONADO: Mm-hmm.

9 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And there is a \$10,000
10 penalty that is imposed; however, a \$9,500 portion of
11 the penalty is suspended.

12 MS. MALDONADO: Okay.

13 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And the company will pay
14 \$500. I'm checking the appendix, \$500 today.

15 MS. MALDONADO: Mm-hmm, yes.

16 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And for the record,
17 you're agreeing to stop operating as a charter and
18 excursion carrier?

19 MS. MALDONADO: Yes, as a charter and
20 excursion carrier.

21 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So the \$9,500 is
22 suspended for two years from today's date. That means
23 that --

24 MS. MALDONADO: Okay.

25 JUDGE CHARTOFF: -- if Staff finds an

1 advertisement or you offer charter party or excursion
2 carrier services during that time, you will have to pay
3 the \$9,500 penalty.

4 MS. MALDONADO: Right. We're going to
5 license differently, so that shouldn't apply.

6 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Oh, okay. How are you
7 going to be licensed?

8 MS. MALDONADO: As a limousine company
9 through the Department of Transportation.

10 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. And so I also
11 need to tell you that the order to cease and desist is
12 permanent.

13 MS. MALDONADO: Okay.

14 JUDGE CHARTOFF: It never expires. So if
15 Staff discovers you still operating as a charter and
16 excursion carrier even after two years, Staff can --

17 MS. MALDONADO: Okay.

18 JUDGE CHARTOFF: -- Staff can go straight to
19 Superior Court and ask for much higher penalties, so
20 it's important --

21 MS. MALDONADO: Okay.

22 JUDGE CHARTOFF: -- that you follow the law.

23 MS. MALDONADO: Okay.

24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So do you understand
25 legally what you can and can't do?

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1 MS. MALDONADO: Yes, as far as I understand
2 if we license as a limousine company, then we will not
3 be under the UTC laws and rules under the charter.

4 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And remember that
5 Commission Staff is always available to assist you if
6 you have any questions.

7 MS. MALDONADO: Yes, we've been
8 communicating a lot, and I feel like I understand what
9 we need to do.

10 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. So I will go
11 ahead and sign this order, and we will -- we will need
12 to serve it to you.

13 Do -- do we have her email address?

14 MR. HOXIT: Yes, but can we confirm it for
15 the record?

16 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Sure.

17 Can we get your email address for service of
18 this order?

19 MS. MALDONADO: Sure. Yes, it's Black,
20 B-l-a-c-k-t-i-e-w-w@gmail.com.

21 JUDGE CHARTOFF: So that was
22 B-l-a-c-k-t-i-e-w-w@gmail.com?

23 MS. MALDONADO: Correct.

24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Thank you.

25 MS. MALDONADO: Mm-hmm.

1 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. I have signed it.

2 Is there any other business we need to take care of
3 today?

4 MR. HOXIT: No, Your Honor.

5 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So we are in
6 recess -- or we are adjourned. Thank you very much for
7 coming.

8 MS. MALDONADO: Yes, thank you.

9 (Adjourned at 10:16 a.m.)

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Attachment C

🍷 It's a great day for wine tasting! 🍷

BLACK TIE
WINE TOURS

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VEHICLE PRICING

6 Passenger Luxury SUV

Hourly \$80*
4 hour minimum

8 Passenger Super Stretch

Hourly \$110*
4 hour minimum

10 Passenger Mercedes Sprinter Van

Hourly \$110*
4 hour minimum

*Plus 20% gratuity/fuel

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Attachment D

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WINE TOURS

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* Minimum 4 Hours



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Attachment E

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License Information:

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Entity name: BLACK TIE WINE TOURS

Business name: BLACK TIE LIMOUSINES, INC.

Entity type: [Profit Corporation](#)

UBI #: 602-276-517

Business ID: 001

Location ID: 0002

Location: Active

Location address: 1650 RESER RD
WALLA WALLA WA 99362-8884

Mailing address: 1650 RESER RD
WALLA WALLA WA 99362-8884

Excise tax and reseller permit status: [Click here](#)

Secretary of State status: [Click here](#)

Endorsements

Endorsements held	License #	Count	Details	Status	Expiration	First issue
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Endorsements held	License #	Count	Details	Status	Expiration	First issued
Minor Work Permit				Active	Mar-31-21	Mar-30-20
Walla Walla General Business				Active	Mar-31-21	Jan-02-21

Governing People May include governing people not registered with Secretary of State

Governing people	Title
BRUNER, AMY E	
MALDONADO, LEAH	
MALDONADO, MANUEL	

Registered Trade Names

Registered trade names	Status	First issued
BLACK TIE	Active	Apr-26-2018
BLACK TIE WINE TOURS	Active	Apr-26-2018
WALLA WALLA WINE TOURS	Active	Apr-26-2018

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Tax Information

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Entity name: WALLA WALLA WINE TOURS, INC.

Entity type: Profit Corporation

Excise tax account ID #: 602-276-517

UBI #: 602-276-517

Opened: March 1, 2003

Closed:

Mailing address: 1650 RESER RD
WALLA WALLA WA 99362

NAICS: 561520 - Tour Operators

Reseller permit: None

Business License Locations



Business name	License account ID #	Location address
BLACK TIE WINE TOURS	602276517-001-0002	1650 RESER RD WALLA WALLA W
BLACK TIE LIMOUSINES,	602276517-001-0003	1650 RESER RD WALLA WALLA W



Business name	License account ID #	Location address
WALLA WALLA WINE TC	602276517-001-0004	1650 RESER RD WALLA WALLA WA

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Attachment F

BLACK TIE WINE TOURS

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update From Black Tie Wine Tours
Due to challenges caused by coronavirus (COVID-19), we're providing our customers with extra support and resources.

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- A custom service for those who can appreciate the finest transportation available. Our reliable firm is located in the heart of Walla Walla wine count... See More

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643 people follow this

<http://www.blacktiwinetours.com/>

(509) 525-8585

Send Message

reservations@blacktiwinetours.com

Tour Agency

Suggest Edits

Is this the right phone number for this page?

509-525-8585

Yes Unsure No

Photos See All

Create Post

Photo/Video Check in Tag Friends

Black Tie Wine Tours updated their cover photo. 15h

BLACK TIE WINE TOURS

11 2 Shares

Like Comment Share

Write a comment...
Press Enter to post.

Black Tie Wine Tours April 1 at 11:08 AM

We're just going to leave this right here.

Attachment G

The screenshot shows a Facebook Messenger chat window with the contact 'Black Tie Wine Tours'. The contact's profile picture is a circular image of a building. The name 'Black Tie Wine Tours' is displayed, along with the text 'Typically replies within an hour' and 'Tour Agency'. The chat history includes several messages:

- A blue message (sent by the user) dated 'Apr 20, 2021, 11:54 AM' asking if wine tours are available for a group of nine, mentioning hotel stays and winery visits.
- A grey message (sent by Black Tie Wine Tours) replying that they have a 10-passenger Sprinter van booked for May 15th, but other days are available.
- A blue message (sent by the user) replying that they will make hotel reservations for May 29 and asking if the van fits nine people and what the cost would be.
- A grey message (sent by Black Tie Wine Tours) stating the rate is \$132 an hour with a 4-hour minimum and providing a phone number (509) 525-8585.
- A blue message (sent by the user) asking for a quick confirmation on van seating and whether the company plans the tour.
- A grey message (sent by Black Tie Wine Tours) confirming that the van seats nine comfortably and they will build a custom itinerary.

The bottom of the chat window shows a text input field with the characters 'la' and various icons for adding attachments, GIFs, emojis, and reactions.

Attachment H

From: [Hessler, Tanya \(DOL\)](#)
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Subject: RE: Black Tie Limousines, Inc., d/b/a Black Tie Wine Tours, Walla Walla Wine Tours, et al - UBI: 602-276-517
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 7:48:30 AM
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They do not currently have a valid limousine license. We received an application on 4-9-21 applying for a for hire license not a limousine. Their application has not been approved yet.

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Good morning Tanya,

Does Black Tie Limousines, Inc., d/b/a Black Tie Wine Tours, Walla Walla Wine Tours, et al have an active limousine endorsement through DOL? The Business Licensing Service through DOR shows two active locations under the classification of "Tour Operators."

Thank you!

Jason Hoxit

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Title* Black Tie Limousines, Inc.
DBA Names Black Tie Wine Tours
Company Legacy ID
Unified Business Identifier 602-276-517
Regulatory Status Unregulated
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Contact Title
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