

BLACK TIE WINE TOURS

Previously Black Tie Limousines, Inc.

Currently Walla Walla Wine Tours, Inc.

May 19, 2021

Mark Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Docket TE-190303

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In June of 2019 and 2020, we did comply by licensing through Washington Department of Licensing (DOL) with the endorsement for Limousines. This year we spoke with the DOL, via email, regarding our endorsement possibilities. We were under the impression that we could remove the word Limousine from our business name and operate with the endorsement For Hire. When we received this notice we understood that being endorsed as Limousines is in fact the only way we can be licensed and comply with Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

As of today, we have renewed our licensing with the DOL as Limousines of our five vehicles.

We do not feel the penalty should be imposed as we thought we were in compliance by reasonably relying on information provided by DOL.

We are a small business that wants to comply with all legal requirements and also be fiscally solvent. We are recovering from the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic, presented namely by the inability to function as a business. This large penalty would further hinder our efforts to recover.

Sincerely,

Leah and Manuel Maldonado
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Enclosures:
DOL receipt

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