



The Greater Maple Valley Community Center enriches our community through quality human services and social activities.

May 27, 2015

The Honorable Gregory J. Kopta
Administrative Law Judge
c/o Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Judge Kopta,

Please accept this correspondence as a request for mitigation in response to Penalty Assessment TN-15098.

The Greater Maple Valley Community Center has been assessed penalties for two violations of RCW 81.040.080: failure to file an annual report for 2014 and failure to pay regulatory fees for 2015.

For several years, this Community Center collaborated with WSDOT to offer the Southeast Regional Shuttle (SRS) System to offset the minimal METRO service available to the residents of south and southeast King County. This organization eliminated the SRS program in September, 2014 due to a reduction in WSDOT funding. This action resulted in a layoff of four staff positions, including our SRS Coordinator who normally processed our WUTC Annual Report and regulatory fees.

The end result is that the processing of the Annual Report and payment of regulatory fees was overlooked because of staff reductions. As the Executive Director, I take responsibility for this lapse and submit my apology to the WUTC and to the court. I have taken measures to ensure that this does not happen again.

I respectfully request that our staffing situation, along with our organization's prior history of timely compliance with reporting deadlines, be considered in your final decision regarding the mitigating circumstances of this situation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Regardless of your decision, please know that our 2014 Annual Report and payment of 2015 regulatory fees for our Community Shuttle program were submitted on this date.

Sincerely,

Mark Pursley
Executive Director



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PENALTY ASSESSMENT TN-150985

PLEASE NOTE: You must complete and sign this document, and send it to the Commission within 15 days after you receive the penalty assessment. Use additional paper if needed.

I have read and understand RCW 9A.72.020 (printed below), which states that making false statements under oath is a class B felony. I am over the age of 18, am competent to testify to the matters set forth below and I have personal knowledge of those matters. I hereby make, under oath, the following statements.

[] 1. Payment of penalty. I admit that the violations occurred. I have:

[] Enclosed \$ _____ in payment of the penalty

[] Submitted my payment of \$ _____ online at www.utc.wa.gov
My confirmation number is _____.

[] 2. Request for a hearing. I believe that one or more of the alleged violations did not occur, for the reasons I describe below, and I request a hearing based on those reasons for a decision by an administrative law judge:

3. Application for mitigation. I admit the violations, but I believe that the penalty should be reduced for the reasons set out below:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER

[] a) I ask for a hearing to present evidence on the information I provide above to an administrative law judge for a decision

OR [] b) I ask for a Commission decision based solely on the information I provide above.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing, including information I have presented on any attachments, is true and correct.

Dated: 05/27/2015 [month/day/year], at MAPLE VALLEY, WA [city, state]

GREATER MAPLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
Name of Respondent (company) - please print

Signature of Applicant

MARK PURSLEY

RCW 9A.72.020:

“Perjury in the first degree. (1) A person is guilty of perjury in the first degree if in any official proceeding he makes a materially false statement which he knows to be false under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) Knowledge of the materiality of the statement is not an element of this crime, and the actor’s mistaken belief that his statement was not material is not a defense to a prosecution under this section. (3) Perjury in the first degree is a class B felony.”

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