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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

SJ TAXI, LLC, D/B/A SAN JUAN TAXI & TOURS **DOCKET TE-220455**

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 and competent to testify to the facts contained herein.
- 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 or excursion service carriers that may be operating without the required Commission-issued certificate.
- 3. On June 18, 2018, the Commission received SJ Taxi, LLC, d/b/a San Juan Taxi & Tours' (SJ Taxi or Company) application for auto transportation authority. In the application, SJ Taxi provided the phone number (360) 378-3550; provided the email address of carlfhassell@gmail.com; listed the physical address of 266 Whatever Way, Friday Harbor, Washington, 98250; provided the mailing address of P.O. Box 2316, Friday Harbor, Washington, 98250; listed Carl Hassell as the owner, president, and operator of SJ Taxi; and listed a 12-passenger 2009 Chevrolet Express with license plate number ATP8504 and vehicle identification number 1GNFH154291133118. In response to the question in the application regarding the Company's prior experience and familiarity with statutes and rules that govern operations, SJ Taxi stated, "Have Owend [sic] Taxi Comp[any] for Past 4 years in Friday Harbor."
- 4. On July 26, 2018, the Commission received the Company's request for forbearance from rate and service regulation. In the Company's request, Carl Hassell stated, "I understand that if forbearance from rate and service regulation is approved for these services, I will receive charter and excursion authority which fall under the requirements of RCW 81.70."

¹ See Attachment A for a copy of SJ Taxi's application for auto transportation authority in Docket TC-180535, filed to the docket on June 18, 2018.

 $^{^{2}}$ Id.

³ See Attachment B for a copy of SJ Taxi's request, received by the Commission on July 26, 2018. DECLARATION OF JASON HOXIT - 1

- 5. On August 10, 2018, the Commission granted SJ Taxi charter and excursion carrier service authority that included services limited to specific auto transportation services in Docket TC-180535.⁴
- 6. On June 28, 2019, the Commission received the Company's request to cancel its operating authority. On June 28, the Commission issued a voluntary cancellation letter in Docket TE-190513, notifying SJ Taxi that its authority to provide charter party or excursion carrier service was canceled and that the Company "must cease all operations associated with this certificate." The Commission's letter voluntarily canceling the Company's certificate was served to SJ Taxi by mail at P.O. Box 2316, Friday Harbor, Washington, 98250, and by e-mail to carlfhassell@gmail.com.
- 7. On July 5, 2019, a customer left a review for SJ Taxi on Yelp stating, "San Juan taxi helped me and my party out ... and was able to accommodate for all 11 of us. From now on we will always use san [sic] Juan taxi no matter the party size."
- 8. On May 25, 2022, I searched Commission records, which showed that SJ Taxi did not have the required authority to provide charter party or excursion carrier service in the state of Washington.⁹
- 9. On May 25, 2022, I searched Washington Department of Revenue's (DOR) Business Licensing Service, which produced records showing SJ Taxi in active status in the state of Washington. DOR's records provided UBI: 603-360-596; listed 202 Harmony Lane, Friday Harbor, Washington, 98250, as the location address; listed P.O. Box 2316, Friday Harbor, Washington, 98250, as the mailing address; identified Carl Hassell and Gudrun Zimney as the governing people; and showed a carrier with an active for hire permit with zero for hire vehicles active.¹⁰
- 10. On May 25, 2022, I visited the Company's website, www.sanjuantaxitours.com. On the website's "Contact Us" page, under an assumed name, I requested quotes for the Company's

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⁴ See Attachment C for a copy of the Company's certificate, dated August 10, 2018.

⁵ See Attachment D for a copy of SJ Taxi's cancellation request, received by the Commission on June 28, 2019.

⁶ See Attachment E for a copy of the voluntary cancellation letter in Docket TE-190513, dated June 28, 2019.

⁷ See Attachment F for a copy of the proof of service in Docket TE-190513, dated June 28, 2019.

⁸ See Attachment G for a copy of the Yelp review, captured on July 22, 2022.

⁹ See Attachment H for a copy of Commission records documenting the Company's inactive status, captured on May 25, 2022.

¹⁰ See Attachment I for a copy of DOR's records, captured on May 25, 2022.

- 12-passenger and 16-passenger vehicles for a tour around San Juan Island for a group of 12 between August 21 and August 28, 2022. 11
- 11. On May 28, 2022, I received an email from Carl Hassell at sanjuantaxitours@gmail.com with a quote of "\$130.00 per hour per van." 12
- 12. On June 2, 2022, I responded to SJ Taxi's email and asked if all 12 people will fit into one vehicle and whether the \$130 per hour quote applied to the Company's bus. ¹³ On June 3, the Company responded, "Yes, that is correct." ¹⁴
- On July 22, 2022, I emailed SJ Taxi and asked how I pay the \$100 deposit to the Company to reserve transportation for August 22. 15 On July 24, 2022, SJ Taxi responded, "Call 360 378 3550 and I can take credit card over phone." 16
- 14. On July 22, 2022, I visited the Company's website, www.sanjuantaxitours.com. On the homepage of the website it stated, "Whether you need to get from point A to point B, or you'd like to charter a tour for a large group, we are here for you" and provides interactive images of a "9 passenger bus," "16 passenger bus," "12 passenger bus," and "9 passenger van." On the "Tours" page of the website, the Company advertised wedding charters and large group charters. 18
- 15. On July 22, 2022, I searched DOR's Business Licensing Service, which produced records showing SJ Taxi in active status in the state of Washington. DOR's records provided UBI: 603-360-596; listed 202 Harmony Lane, Friday Harbor, Washington, 98250, as the location address; listed P.O. Box 2316, Friday Harbor, Washington, 98250, as the mailing address; identified Carl Hassell and Gudrun Zimney as the governing people; and showed a carrier with an active for hire permit with one active for hire vehicle.¹⁹
- 16. On July 28, 2022, I contacted Washington Department of Licensing (DOL) to learn which motor vehicle for SJ Taxi was registered as a for hire vehicle. On August 1, 2022, DOL responded and provided a screenshot of the registered for hire vehicle, a 2009 Chevrolet with license plate number ATP8504 and vehicle identification number

¹¹ See Attachment J for a copy of the completed "Contact Us" page on SJ Taxi's website, captured on May 25, 2022.

¹² See Attachment K for a copy of emails with SJ Taxi, received between May 28 and July 24, 2022.

¹³ *Id*.

 $^{^{14}}$ Id

¹⁵ Id

¹⁶ *Id*.

¹⁷ See Attachment L for a copy of the Company's homepage, captured on July 22, 2022.

¹⁸ See Attachment M for a copy of the Company's "Tours" page, captured on July 22, 2022.

¹⁹ See Attachment N for a copy of DOR's records, captured on July 22, 2022.

²⁰ See Attachment O for a copy of emails with DOL.

1GNFH154291133118.²¹ That same day, I asked DOL if a for hire license through DOL would exempt a carrier from requiring charter and excursions service authority from the Commission with the use of a 12-passenger vehicle.²² After checking with DOL's compliance officer, DOL stated that SJ Taxi's use of a 12-passenger motor vehicle would require charter and excursion service authority from the Commission.²³

- 17. On October 13, 2022, I searched Commission records, which showed that SJ Taxi does not have the required authority to provide charter party or excursion carrier service in the state of Washington.²⁴
- 18. Based on paragraphs 3 through 17 above, Commission staff finds that SJ Taxi is operating as a charter party or excursion service carrier in the state of Washington without first obtaining the required certificate from the Commission.

DATED this 13th day of October 2022, at Lacey, Washington.

<u>/s/ Jason Hoxit</u> JASON HOXIT

²¹ *Id*.

²² *Id*.

²³ See Attachment P for a copy of the email with DOL, dated August 1, 2022.

²⁴ See Attachment Q for a copy of Commission records documenting the Company's inactive status, captured on October 13, 2022.

Attachment A



1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P.O. Box 47250

Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Phone: 360-664-1222 Fax: 360-586-1181 TTY: 360-586-8203 or

1-800-416-5289

E-mail: <u>Transportation@utc.wa.gov</u>

AUTO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY APPLICATION

Type	of Passenger Transpor	tation Authority Req	uested (check one b	ox)		Fee Required
	New Certificate (a	uto transportation	n company certific	ates inclu	de	
	statewide charter					
	Complete sections time schedule.					\$200.00
	Do you plan on p	oviding charter/e	xcursion service?	☐ Yes	□ No	
	If yes, compl	ete Attachment F.				
	Extension of Existi	ng Auto Transport	ation Certificate ()		
	Complete section	s 1-8. Submit a pro	oposed tariff and	time sched	lule.	\$150.00
	Transfer or Lease	Auto Transportation	on Authority – Cor	nplete sec	tions 1-	
8 and Attachments C & G.			\$200.00			
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FILING YOUR APPLICATION

Select	one of the following:
	☐ File your application and pay online at efileapp.utc.wa.gov ,
	☐ Scan/PDF to <u>transportation@utc.wa.gov</u> and pay online at <u>payments.utc.wa.gov</u> ,
	☐ Fax to 360-586-1181 and pay online at payments.utc.wa.gov, or,
	☐ Mail your application <i>with</i> your check or money order to the following address:
	UTC, PO Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250

ACH online (no service fee) or credit card online at <u>payments.utc.wa.gov</u> (2.5% or minimum of \$3.95 is charged by Official Payments for credit card processing).

DO NOT EMAIL OR FAX YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

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State the conditions that demonstrate this proposed service is for the public convenience and necessity: From the Express Service to 4 from Rocke Harbor State the conditions that demonstrate this proposed service is for the public convenience and necessity: From the Express Service to 4 from Rocke Harbor State the applicant's prior experience and familiarity with the statues and rules that govern operations it proposes: Have Quesed Text Comp for fast 4 years Do other auto transportation companies currently provide service between any of the points or along any portion of the route you propose to serve? No Yes If yes, list the names and addresses of companies: Transet who constituted haves Do you currently hold, or have you ever held, an auto transportation certificate? No Yes If yes, please indicate your certificate number C-HO68023 Have you ever applied for and been denied an auto transportation certificate? No Yes If yes, please explain Have you ever been cited for violation of state laws or commission rules?
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SECTION 3 – TARIFF AND TIME SCHEDULE
If this application is for temporary authority, a new certificate, or extension of existing certificated authority, you must include a proposed tariff and time schedule that is in compliance with WAC 480-30-256 through WAC 480-30-436.
Or are you applying for fare flexibility as described in WAC 480-30-420 ?
f this application is a transfer or a lease of authority from an existing certificated company, you must either ile a new tariff and time schedule at the same rate levels as on file, or, you must adopt the current certificate older's tariff and time schedule. To file a new tariff, use the standard tariff format attached to this application an approved alternate format. Indicate which option you will use:
Adopt or File new tariff

SECTION 4 - HEARING INFORMATION

If the Commission assigns this application for a formal hearing, estimate the number of witnesses you will present and the amount of time you will need for your presentation.

Number of witnesses:	Amount of time:	
Will an attorney be representing you? If yes, complete	the following:	
	s the renewing.	
Attorney's name:	Attorney's phone number:	
Attorney's address:	Fax number:	
Street		
City, State, Zip	E-mail address	

	SECTION 5	- FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
ASS	ETS	LIABILITIES	
Cash in Bank	\$ 5,800.00	Salaries/Wages Payable	\$ 0
Notes Receivable	\$ 0	Accounts Payable	\$ 1
Accounts Receivable	\$ 0	Notes Payable	\$ 29,000
Investments	\$ 5	Mortgages Payable	\$ 0
Other Current Assets	\$ &	Contracts and Bonds Payable	\$ 0
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 3000.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 29.000
Land and Buildings	\$ 0	NET WORTH	07.000
Trucks and Trailers	\$ 44.000.	Preferred Stock	\$ 0
Office Furniture	\$ 0	Common Stock	\$ 0
Other Equipment	\$ 0	Retained Earnings	\$ 0
Other Assets	\$ 0	Capital	\$ 0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 47,000	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	\$ 0

In addition: the application must include the following: (see $\underline{\text{WAC }480\text{--}30\text{--}096})$

	Ridership and I	Revenue f	forecasts f	for the	first tv	welve	months	of	operation
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 $\ \square$ A pro forma balance sheet and income statement for the first twelve months of operation.

SECTION 6 – EQUIPMENT LIST

Describe the equipment that will be used (attach additional sheet if necessary). Vehicles must pass inspection and be issued a valid Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance inspection decal for each motor vehicle before your application may be granted.

Year	Make	License Number	Vehicle ID number	Seating Capacity
2009	Chev Express	ATP 8504	16NFH154291133118	12

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SECTION 7 -	- SAFETY AND OPERATIONS
the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Populations (FMCS)	on and position responsible for understanding and complying with
rules fact shoots and publication "Vous Guide to As	R) and Washington State laws and rules. Please refer to the WAC
	hieving a Satisfactory Safety Rating" for assistance with
requirements.	
	TY RESPONSIBILITIES
COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL) STANDARDS	REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES (Title 49, Code of Federal
Regulations Part 383) Any driver who operates a veh	nicle that meets the definition of a commercial motor vehicle must
have a valid CDL.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Name: Carl Hassell	Position: Owner / Pres / Operator
DRIVER QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (Title 49, C	Code of Federal Regulations Part 391) Driver's must meet minimum
qualification requirements and each company must	maintain driver qualification files for each driver.
Name: (arl Hassell	Position: Owner Pres Operator
DRIVERS HOURS OF SERVICE (Title 49, Code of Feder	ral Regulations Part 395) Drivers must maintain logs and each
company must maintain true and accurate hours of s	service records for each driver.
Name: Carl Hassell	Position: OWNER /Pres /Operatal
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL USE AND	TESTING (Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Part 382) All
persons who drive commercial vehicles requiring a C	DL must be in a Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing
program that is in compliance with FMCSR in Title 49	, Code of Federal Regulations Part 382 and Title 49, Code of
Federal Regulations Part 40. Each company will have	e in place a system for complying with FMCSR governing alcohol
use and controlled substances testing requirements	(Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 382 and Title 49 Code of
Federal Regulations Part 40).	, ,
Name: Carl Hassell	Position: Onlyes Pres Doger to
INSPECTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE (Title 49,	Code of Federal Regulations Part 396) Every motor carrier shall
systematically inspect, repair, and maintain all motor	vehicles subject to its control.
Name: Carl Hassell	Position: Owner Pres Operator
SAFETY REGULATIONS, GENERAL (Title 49, Code of F	
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Name: Carl Hasse!	Position: Owner / Pres / Operator
DRIVING OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES (Title 4	19, Code of Federal Regulations Part 392)
Name: Carl Hassell	Position:
PARTS AND ACCESSORIES NECESSARY FOR SAFE OPE	ERATION (Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Part 393)
Name: (as tassell	Position: Owner / Res / Operator
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TARIFFS, TIME SCHEDULES, RATES AND RATE FILING	S (WAC 480-30-251 through WAC 480-30-436) Companies must
file a tariff showing all rates it will impose on its custo	omers, together with rules that govern how rates will be assessed.
Companies must also file a time schedule. Charter ar	nd excursion only carriers are not required to file tariffs and time
schedules per WAC 480-30-251.	
Name: (acl Hass y //	Position: Dune Pres Director
ANNUAL REPORTS AND REGULATORY FEES (WAC 48	0-30-066 through WAC 480-30-081) Auto Transportation
companies must file an annual report of its financial a	and operational activity and pay regulatory fees by May 1 of each
year. Charter and excursion carriers must file an ann	ual safety report by May 1; and pay regulatory fees by December
31 of each year.	
Name: Cas Hassy W	Position: Durac / free / Dresator
	r service complaints, and customer notice requirements.
	Position: Owner Res Operator
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STATE OF WASHINGTON GENERAL LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS Individuals and companies doing business in the state of Washington must comply with the regulations of local, state, and federal agencies such as, but not limited to: Department of Labor and Industries (industrial insurance, safety, prevailing wage); Department of Licensing (vehicle and drivers licenses, business licensing, fuel permits, fuel tax); Secretary of State (corporate registrations); Department of Revenue and Internal Revenue Service (taxes); and Employment Security. Hasse/

Position:

SECTION 8 - DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I understand that filing this application does not authorize me to start operations requested or in the territory described until the commission grants the application and issues a certificate.

I understand the responsibilities of a passenger transportation company, and I am in compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations governing business in the state of Washington.

I, the undersigned, certify that the information in this application is true and correct, and that I am the applicant or I am authorized to execute and file this document on behalf of the applicant.

Printed name:	1 Hassell	Title:	
Signature:	Ruhall)		
Date: 6-4-18	County, State	SON JUAN CO.	





ATTACHMENT A

AUTO TRANSPORTATION CERTIFICATE SUPPORT STATEMENT

Auto Transportation certificate applications must include more than one signed and sworn support statements from independent members of the public who need service or a statement by a representative of a city, county or regional transportation planning organization.

Applicant Name: Son Jon Tax 1 & Toucs					
Customer Sworn Statement Relating to the need for service:					
Customer Name: Casl Hasse!					
Address: 266 Whotever Way					
Phone Number: 360-378-3530 Fax Number: 5 Email: Carle hassell a gmail	·Com				
Describe the need for the requested service:					
and Friday Haibor to and from Roche Harbor					
If there is an existing company providing this service in the territory, please indicate the existing company's name (if applicable) Robs Taxi, tipe Age (Taxi,					
Explain why the current company is not providing adequate service: Not Enough Cars to Service Type of Service that am clausting: and no Service after dark					
I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the information contained in this statement is true and correct.					
Print Name Carl Hassell Carl Hassell 6-4-2018 Signature Date, County, State					

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ATTACHMENT F

CHARTER AND EXCURSION CARRIER REGULATORY FEES (A minimum fee of \$25.00 is required)

Name of Applicant: 5.J. Taxi	LC
Trade Name(s), if applicable: San Juan	Taxi + Tours
Phone Number: 360 - 378 - 3550	Fax Number:
Physical Address	Mailing Address (if different from physical address)
Street: 266 Whatever Way	Street: PO Box 2316
City: Friday Harbor	City: Friday Harbor
State/Zip:	State/Zip: Wa. 98250
There is a minimum fee of \$25.00 that an auto trans service must pay.	portation company with charter and excursion carrier
Number of Vehicles	x \$25.00 = \$ 35.00

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Date 6/4/2018

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Attn: Licensing Services PO Box 47250

Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Request for Forbearance from Rate and Service Regulation and Exemption of Rules

To Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

I am applying for authority to provide auto transportation service and believe the service falls under the criteria for an exemption/forbearance from rate and service regulation pursuant to RCW 81.68.015 Auto Transportation Companies. Our service (include #1 or #2 following or both if applicable).

1. Passenger service between Friday Harbor, Roche Harbor

Because I am requesting forbearance from rate and service regulation, I am requesting an exemption from the following rules:

-WAC 480-30-256 thru 436 (tariffs and time schedules)

-WAC 480-30-096 (3) (c) (assets and liabilities), (d) (tariff and time schedule), (f) (Ridership and revenue forecasts), and (g) (projected balance sheet and income statement).

I understand that if forbearance from rate and service regulation is approved for these services, I will receive Charter and Excursion authority which fall under the requirements of RCW 81.70 (Passenger Charter and Excursion Carriers).

Thank you for your consideration of our request for forbearance from rate and service regulation.

Sincerely.

Company Representative

Title: Owner, President

Enclosure-Application for Auto Transportation Authority

San Juan Taxi **2018 Express to Roche**

Leaves Friday Harbor	Leaves Roche Harbor
9:10 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
10:50 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
1:35 p.m.	1:55 p.m.
3:55 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
6:05 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	7:50 p.m.

We are a pet friendly transportation company

San Juan Taxi & Tours P.O. Box 2316 • Friday Harbor WA 98250

360-378-3550 or 360-378-TAXI

Attachment B

Received Time Jul. 26. 2018 2:15PM No. 1039



June 25, 2018

To: Washington Utilitles and Transportation Commission

Attn: Licensing Services

P.O. Box 47250, Olympia WA 98504

RE: Request fort forbearance from rate and service regulation and exemption of rules

To the Washington utilities and transportation commission

I am applying for authority to provide express auto transportation services and I believe the service falls under the criteria for an exemption/forbearance from service regulation pursuant to RCW81.68.015 auto transportation companies. Our service is solely for recreation, and would not adversely affect the operations of a regulated auto transportation company. Further, the service we are offering is in the public's interest.

Passenger service between Friday Harbor and Roche Harbor in San Juan County.

Each stop or destination in the service is for recreational purpose.

Because I am requesting forbearance from rate and service regulation, I am also requesting an exemption from the following rules:

WAC480-30-096 (3), (c) , (assets and liabilities), (d)

(tariffs and time schedules), (f) (ridership and revenue forecasts), and (g) (projected balance sheet and income statement).

I understand that if forbearance from rate and service regulation is approved for these services, I will receive charter and excursion authority which fall under the requirements of RCW81.70 (passenger charter and excursion carriers).

Thank you for your consideration of our request for forbearance from rate and service regulation.

Sincerely,

Carl Hassell

San Juan Taxi, Representative

Owner



Attachment C

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 1300 S EVERGREEN PARK DRIVE SW, PO BOX 47250

OLYMPIA, WA 98504-7250

(360) 664-1222

This certificate authorizes the following operations under the provisions of RCW Title 81:

SJ Taxi, LLC d/b/a San Juan Taxi & Tours PO Box 2316 Friday Harbor, WA 98250 Certificate No. CH068023

Charter and Excursion Carrier Services in the state of Washington, including services limited to specific auto transportation services granted with forbearance from rate and service regulation under RCW 81.68.015 in Docket TC-180535, Order 01, as follows:

Passenger service between Friday Harbor and Roche Harbor.

TC-180535

August 10, 2018

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



By Many how

Attachment D

To whom it may concern,

June 12, 2019

Received Records Management

06/28/19 11:53

My name is Carl Hassell and I own San Juan Taxi and Tours Ilc in Friday Harbor WA. I would like to withdraw from the UTC due to reports filed on two vans that should not have been inspected resulting in a loss of insurance coverage. I have tried repeatedly to get in writing a retraction of reports for the insurance company but am unable to get any documents from the UTC. For this purpose I am requesting a withdrawal from the UTC unless the reports can be corrected.

Thank you

Carl Hassell

Owner San Juan Taxi and Tours Ilc

360-298-8124

Attachment E



STATE OF WASHINGTON

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

621 Woodland Square Loop S.E. • Lacey, Washington 98503
P.O. Box 47250 • Olympia, Washington 98504-7250
(360) 664-1160 • TTY (360) 586-8203

June 28, 2019

SJ Taxi, LLC d/b/a San Juan Taxi & Tours PO Box 2316 Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Re: TE-190513- Voluntary Cancellation of CH068023

Dear SJ Taxi, LLC:

On June 12, 2019, SJ Taxi, LLC d/b/a San Juan Taxi & Tours requested that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) cancel its certificate because SJ Taxi, LLC is no longer operating.

Based on your request, the Commission cancels CH068023. SJ Taxi, LLC must cease all operations associated with this certificate.

Please note: You must submit an annual report for that portion of the year in which your company operated. If you have questions about annual reports, please contact Benjamin Sharbono at benjamin.sharbono@utc.wa.gov or 360-664-1228. For all other questions, please contact Licensing staff at 360-664-1222 or transportation@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Stillwell

Licensing Services Manager

Respect. Professionalism. Integrity. Accountability.

NOTICE: This action is delegated to the Secretary, or the Secretary's delegate, for decision. In addition to serving you this letter, the Commission will post on its website for at least 14 days a list of all matters delegated to the Secretary for decision. You may seek Commission review of this decision. Email your request to Mark L. Johnson, Secretary, at records@utc.wa.gov. You may also mail your request to 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98503 or PO Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. You must file a request for Commission review no later than 14 days after the date of this letter.

Attachment F

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PROOF OF SERVICE

DOCKET 190513

I HEREBY CERTIFY That I, as an employee of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission at Olympia, Washington, have served on 6/28/2019 the parties of record in this proceeding a true copy of the following document(s):

SJ Taxi, LLC d/b/a San Juan Taxi & Tours - Letter Voluntarily Cancellation CH-68023.

The document(s) was/were mailed to each of the parties of record in this docket. Each envelope was addressed to the address shown in the official file, with the required first class postage, and deposited on this date in the United States mail in the City of Olympia, County of Thurston, State of Washington.

/s/ Pam Chiles

Pam Chiles, Customer Service Specialist

PARTIES OF RECORD AND OTHERS RECEIVING NOTICE

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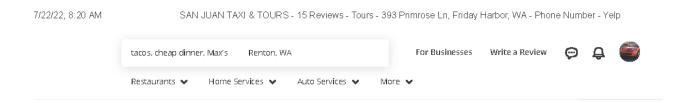
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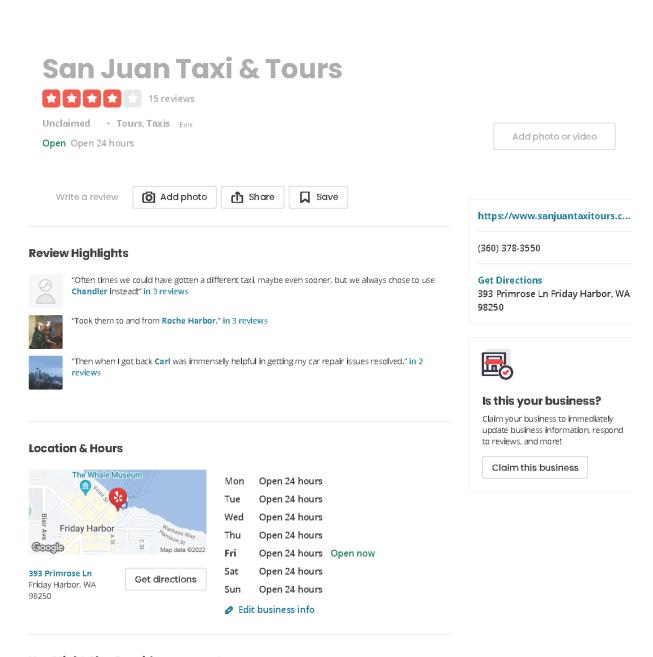
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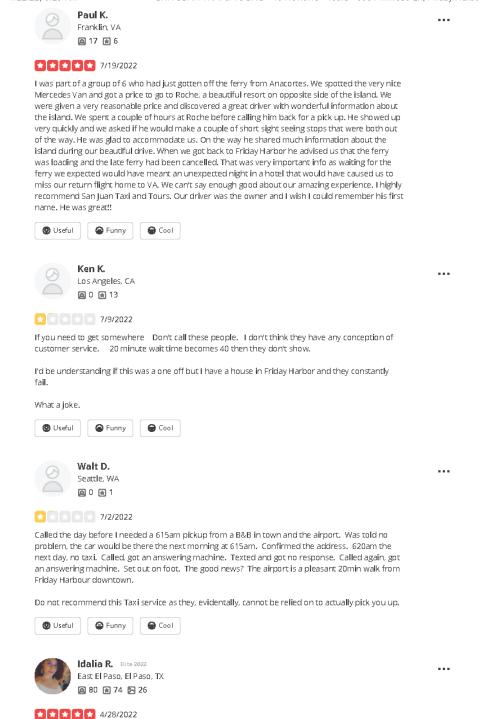
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Graham Y.

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after our rental was picked up.

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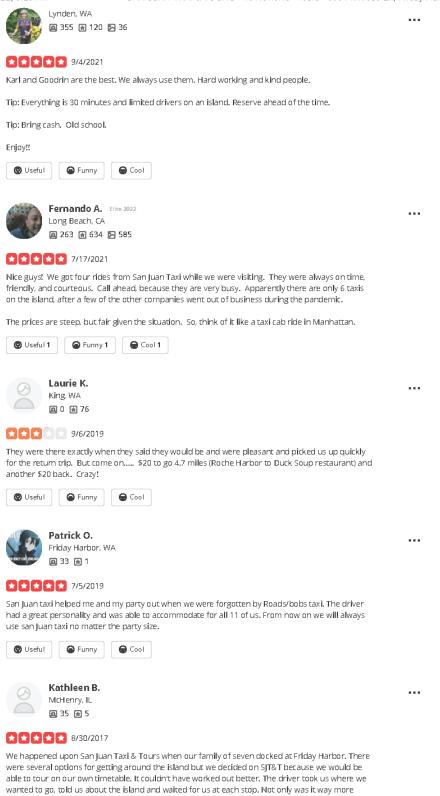
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picked us up was very friendly and outgoing. She was nice!

Cool

They were very punctual and let us know exactly what we needed to pay upfront. The lady that

I appreciated that she took us around the island and gave us an idea of what to do and where to go

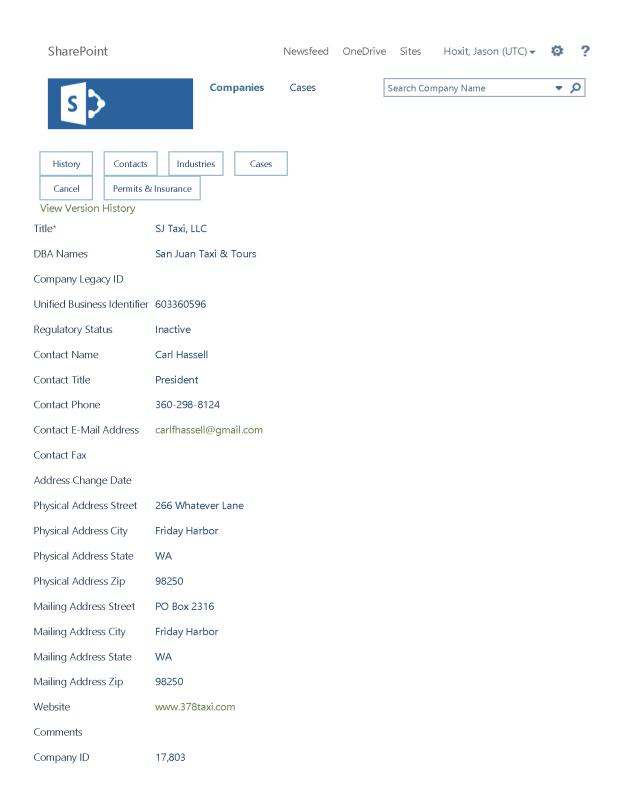


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convenient, it was cheaper than the trolley or other services.

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Business SAN JUAN TAXI & TOURS name:

Entity type: Limited Liability Company

UBI #: 603-360-596

Business ID: 001

Location ID: 0002

Location: Active

Location address: 202 HARMONY LN

FRIDAY HARBOR WA 98250-7068

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		485510 - Charter Bus Industry		
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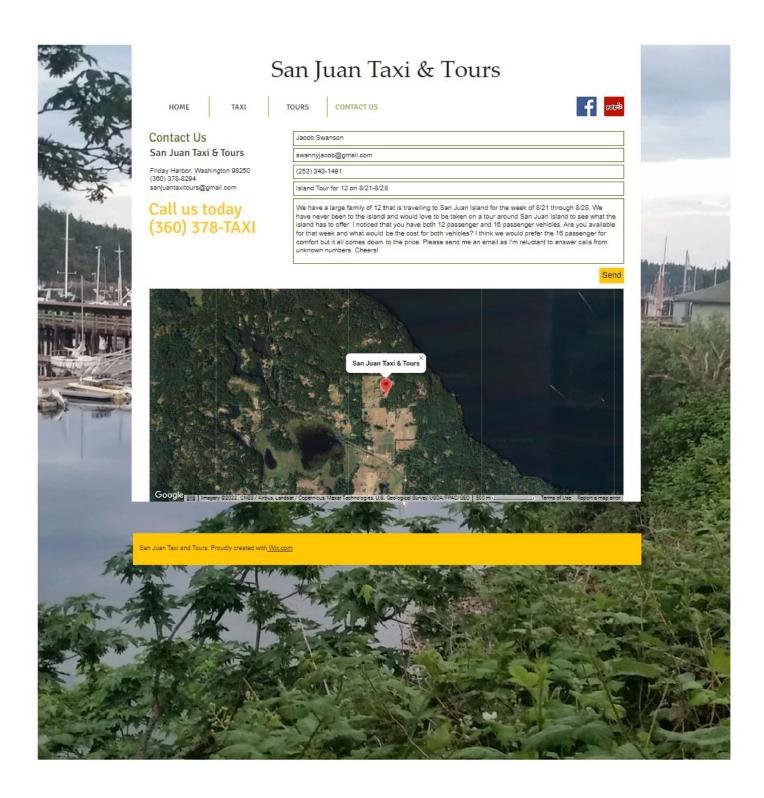
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Jake Swanson <swannyjacob@gmail.com>

Re: [mysite] Contact - new submission

1 message

Carl Hassell <sanjuantaxitours@gmail.com> To: Jake Swanson <swannyjacob@gmail.com> Sun, Jul 24, 2022 at 11:20 AM

Call 360 378 3550 and I can take credit card over phone

On Fri, Jul 22, 2022 at 7:34 AM Jake Swanson <swannyjacob@gmail.com> wrote: Good morning Carl,

With one month remaining before my family trip to the islands, I want to make sure there's not a gap in communication.

- 1) Is the reservation for the tour on 8/22 for the 16 passenger bus?
- 2) How do I pay the \$100 deposit (via phone, website, payment app, etc.)?

I would like to get this all taken care of as soon as possible.

Thank you. Jacob Swanson

On Thu, Jun 9, 2022 at 12:11 PM Carl Hassell <sanjuantaxitours@gmail.com> wrote: 100.00 deposit

On Thu, Jun 9, 2022 at 12:09 PM Carl Hassell <sanjuantaxitours@gmail.com> wrote: Yes, we can do that for you.

On Wed, Jun 8, 2022 at 7:39 AM Jake Swanson <swannyjacob@gmail.com> wrote:

Are you still available for August 22nd? I would like to get everything for the trip booked and taken care of in advance. You mentioned needing a deposit - how much is the deposit and how do I go about getting you the money for the deposit?

Thanks, Jacob

On Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 3:28 PM Jake Swanson <swannyjacob@gmail.com> wrote:

How much is the deposit for the bus and how do we get that to you?

On Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 3:16 PM Carl Hassell <sanjuantaxitours@gmail.com> wrote: Yes, we can do that for you.

On Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 1:50 PM Jake Swanson <swannyjacob@gmail.com> wrote:

We'll be there the 21st through 28th, but if your company is available for all of those dates, we'd prefer the tour to be on 8/22 so we have an idea on what the island has to offer for the remainder of the trip. How much is the deposit for the bus and how do we get that to you?

On Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 8:32 AM Carl Hassell <sanjuantaxitours@gmail.com> wrote:

Just let me know when you are going to be here and I will put you in the book. And I will need to get deposit

On Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 8:29 AM Jake Swanson <swannyjacob@gmail.com> wrote:

Great, what's your availability look like from 8/21 through 8/28? Once we get a date, how do we go about reserving the bus for a tour around the island?

Thanks, Jacob

On Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 7:34 AM Carl Hassell <sanjuantaxitours@gmail.com> wrote:

Yes, that is correct.

On Thu, Jun 2, 2022 at 5:15 PM Jake Swanson <swannyjacob@gmail.com> wrote:

Will all 12 of us fit into one van? Also, is that price good for the bus as well? We would like to have the entire group together and will have a few elderly people with us, so easier access and the more room the better.

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Thanks! Jacob

> On Sat, May 28, 2022 at 12:56 PM Carl Hassell <sanjuantaxitours@gmail.com> wrote: 130.00 per hour per van

On Wed, May 25, 2022 at 3:36 PM Jacob Swanson <reply-to+399ff02e5b2c@crm.wix.com> wrote:

Jacob Swanson just submitted your form: Contact on mysite

Message Details:

Name: Jacob Swanson

Email: swannyjacob@gmail.com

Phone: (253) 343-1491

Subject: Island Tour for 12 on 8/21-8/28

Message: We have a large family of 12 that is travelling to San Juan Island for the week of 8/21 through 8/28. We have never been to the island and would love to be taken on a tour around San Juan Island to see what the island has to offer. I noticed that you have both 12 passenger and 16 passenger vehicles. Are you available for that week and what would be the cost for both vehicles? I think we would prefer the 16 passenger for comfort but it all comes down to the price. Please send me an email as I'm reluctant to answer calls from unknown numbers. Cheers!

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SUNSET TOURS

The sunsets in Friday Harbor are some of the most beautiful in the world. Often times, visitors, and even locals celebrating a special occasion, will request a sunset tour. Our accommodating and friendly drivers will make sure to find you the very best spot for photos. Call ahead to book!



WEDDING CHARTER

Friday Harbor is one of the most magical venues for a wedding. If you are planning a wedding, let us help you transport your guests from the ceremony to the reception. Also, if you are looking for photo location suggestions, give us a call! We travel the Island daily and know the most beautiful spots for those perfect moments to be captured.

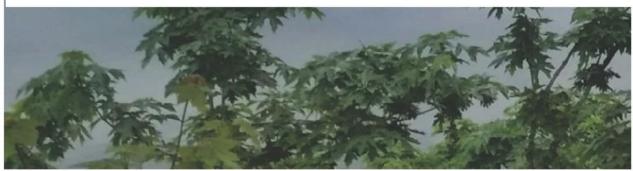


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Business

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name:

Entity type: Limited Liability Company

UBI #: 603-360-596

Business ID: 001

Location ID: 0002

Location: Active

Location address: 202 HARMONY LN

FRIDAY HARBOR WA 98250-7068

Mailing address: PO BOX 2316

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Opened: January 1, 2020

Closed:

Mailing address: 202 HARMONY LN

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NAICS: 485310 - Taxi and Ridesharing Services

485510 - Charter Bus Industry

Reseller permit: None

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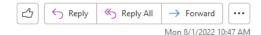
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I believe so, I am double checking with my compliance officer just to be sure. I will get back with you on this.

Thank you

Tanya Hessler

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From: Hoxit, Jason (UTC) < <u>jason.hoxit@utc.wa.gov</u>>

Sent: Monday, August 01, 2022 9:23 AM

To: Hessler, Tanya (DOL) < THessler@DOL.WA.GOV >

Subject: RE: UBI: 603-360-596 - SJ Taxi, LLC, d/b/a San Juan Taxi & Tours

Thank you, Tanya!

I want to make sure that DOL and UTC are on the same page here. SJ Taxi LLC is operating a Chevrolet van (license plate ATP8504) that: (1) was previously identified as a 12-passenger vehicle in a UTC application, (2) is identified as a 9-passenger vehicle on the company's website, and (3) is a vehicle the company offered to transport a group of 12. According to the definitions you provided below, would DOL consider this a vehicle requiring charter and excursion authority under chapter 81.70 RCW?

Thank you again,

Jason Hoxit

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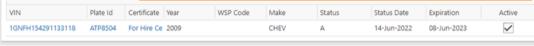
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Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 8:22 AM

To: Hoxit, Jason (UTC) < iason.hoxit@utc.wa.gov>

Subject: RE: UBI: 603-360-596 - SJ Taxi, LLC, d/b/a San Juan Taxi & Tours

This is the only vehicle currently registered to SJ Taxi LLC.



There are no seating capacity limitations on for hire vehicles that I am aware of, I would say probably limited to the number of seatbelts available in the vehicle

like a standard passenger car and it must be designated as for hire or cab on the registration.

Your last question seems to pertain to limousine rather than for hire, we see this in limousines where the tour/party buses are too large for limousine licensing, so they are then licensed through UTC. Looking at the law, I don't see anything that is specific to the size of the vehicle itself.



For hire vehicle.

"For hire vehicle" means any motor vehicle used for the transportation of persons for compensation, except auto stages and ridesharing vehicles.



PDF RCW 46.72.010

Definitions.

When used in this chapter:

(1) The term "for hire vehicle" includes all vehicles used for the transportation of passengers for compensation, except auto stages, school buses operating exclusively under a contract to a school district, ride-sharing vehicles under chapter 46.74 RCW, limousine carriers licensed under chapter 46.72A RCW, vehicles used by nonprofit transportation providers for persons who are aging or persons with a disability and their attendants under chapter 81.66 RCW, vehicles used by auto transportation companies licensed under chapter 81.68 RCW, vehicles used to provide courtesy transportation at no charge to and from parking lots, hotels, and rental offices, and vehicles used by charter party carriers of passengers and excursion service carriers licensed under chapter 81.70 RCW;

(2) The term "for hire operator" means and includes any person, concern, or entity engaged in the transportation of passengers for compensation in for hire vehicles.

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Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 4:39 PM

To: Hessler, Tanya (DOL) <THessler@DOL.WA.GOV>

Subject: UBI: 603-360-596 - SJ Taxi, LLC, d/b/a San Juan Taxi & Tours

Good afternoon Tanya,

SJ Taxi, LLC, d/b/a San Juan Taxi & Tours (UBI: 603-360-596) is licensed with DOL as a for hire carrier with one registered vehicle. Can you help answer the following:

- Which vehicle is registered under SJ Taxi's license?
- Is there a seating capacity limit on a for hire vehicle?
- Under DOL's regulations, does having a for hire permit through DOL exempt a carrier from needing charter/excursion authority from the UTC?

I look forward to hearing back from you. Have a wonderful day!

Thank you,

Jason Hoxit

Compliance Investigator (360) 867-8305

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Ok here is his input:

Interesting. You are correct there are no seating limitations under the Taxi laws like there are on the limo industry. However, when I looked at the definitions under RCW 81.70.020, I would agree with you and say yes:

RCW 81.70.020

Definitions.

Unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions and general provisions in this section govern the construction of this chapter:

- (1) Subject to the exclusions of RCW <u>81.70.030</u>, "charter party carrier" means 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) "Motor vehicle" means every self-propelled vehicle with seating capacity for seven or more persons, excluding the driver;

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Thank you, Tanya!

I want to make sure that DOL and UTC are on the same page here. SJ Taxi LLC is operating a Chevrolet van (license plate ATP8504) that: (1) was previously identified as a 12-passenger vehicle in a UTC application, (2) is identified as a 9-passenger vehicle on the company's website, and (3) is a vehicle the company offered to transport a group of 12. According to the definitions you provided below, would DOL consider this a vehicle requiring charter and excursion authority under chapter 81.70 RCW?

Thank you again,

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