



STATE OF WASHINGTON

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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June 14, 2018

Amy Bruner
Leah Maldonado
Manuel Maldonado
Black Tie Limousines, Inc.
d/b/a Black Tie Wine Tours
1650 Reser Road
Walla Walla, WA 99362

RE: Charter and Excursion Carrier Services

Dear Black Tie Wine Tours:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) believes that you are providing passenger transportation services that require charter and excursion authority from the Commission. The purpose of this letter is to learn more about the passenger transportation services your company offers and to provide technical assistance with respect to Washington's passenger transportation licensing requirements.

As defined in WAC 480-30-036, one or more of the vehicles advertised and operated by your company requires a charter and excursion certificate from the Commission. Any company that operates a "vehicle with a manufacturer's seating capacity for eight or more passengers, including the driver, used on the public highways, for the transportation of persons for compensation" and "pursuant to a common purpose and under a single contract", requires a charter and excursion certificate from the Commission.

Commission records show that you have not obtained the **required** certificate to operate as a charter and excursion carrier. Providing these services without a certificate is illegal, considered a gross misdemeanor, and punishable as defined in RCW 81.70.220 and WAC 480-30-246. Each violation of RCW 81.70.220 is subject to a penalty of up to five thousand dollars per violation.

To avoid enforcement action by the Commission, no later than June 29, 2018, please do one of the following:

- Submit a completed application, file proof of insurance, and include the application fee to the Commission. For questions about the application process, please contact our Licensing Services staff at (360) 664-1222

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OR

- Explain in writing why you believe your business does not require passenger transportation authority from the Commission. Please explain the nature of your operations in detail. Direct your written response to Jason Hoxit, Compliance Investigator, at P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504 or by email at Jason.Hoxit@utc.wa.gov.

If you have any further questions or comments about our findings, Mr. Hoxit can be reached at (360) 664-1320.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Turcott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Turcott

Compliance Investigations Supervisor, Consumer Protection

From: [Hoxit, Jason \(UTC\)](mailto:Jason.Hoxit@UTC)
To: ["Black Tie Wine Tours"](mailto:BlackTieWineTours)
Subject: RE: Compliance letter
Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 10:32:00 AM

Good morning Leah,

If it is determined that your company requires a charter and excursion service certificate from the commission, vehicle and driver qualification inspections would be conducted at your place of business. A motor carrier investigator from the commission would give you prior notice to gather all of the requested files, and this would only happen after an application was received. Follow-up compliance reviews are generally conducted every few years.

I look forward to learning more about your operations, so that I can provide better guidance.

Sincerely,

Jason Hoxit

Compliance Investigator
(360) 664-1320 Office

Utilities and Transportation Commission

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From: Black Tie Wine Tours [mailto:blacktieww@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 4:29 PM
To: Hoxit, Jason (UTC) <jason.hoxit@utc.wa.gov>
Subject: Compliance letter

Jason,

I want to let you know that I have received your letter and I am working on whether this applies to us or not. I was under the impression that we did not need this permit for our vehicles. We purchased the company a year ago. I will try to respond by Friday but I need to make some more phone calls.

One question I have is where are the inspections of the vehicles performed?

Thank you,

Leah Maldonado
Black Tie Wine Tours

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Black Tie Wine Tours is the Walla Walla Valley's premiere luxury transportation provider offering elegant, courteous and professional service.

Perfect for intimate occasions and festive group outings, the spacious seating and luxurious interior appointments of our vehicles will add a special touch to any memorable event.



Black Tie Wine Tours provides luxury transportation in one of the world's fastest growing wine regions. Each of our wine tours is completely customized for your group, can be any length of time*, and can include wineries of your choice. Our drivers are knowledgeable about the wine region we serve and will make every effort to provide you with an excellent wine experience.

* Minimum 4 Hours



Whether you're a group of friends spending the day touring our nationally renowned wineries, or a couple celebrating your first day of wedded bliss, Black Tie Wine Tours is your best choice for luxury transportation throughout the Walla Walla valley.

The screenshot displays the Black Tie Tours website's pricing page. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'https://blacktiewintours.com/pricing'. The website header includes the company name 'BLACK TIE WINTOURS' and a navigation menu with links for HOME, PRICING, RESERVATIONS, TESTIMONIALS, and LIABILITY AGREEMENT. The main content area lists five vehicle options, each with its seating capacity and hourly rate:

Vehicle Type	Seating Capacity	Hourly Rate
Luxury Sedan	Seats 4	\$ 70*
Six Passenger Stretch	Seats 6	\$ 100*
Super Stretch	Seats 8	\$ 110*
Mercedes Sprinter Van	Seats 10	\$ 110*
Passenger Van	Seats 11	\$ 100*

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 4:26 PM on 4/10/2019. The Windows taskbar includes icons for various applications and the Start button.

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name:

BLACK TIE LIMOUSINES, INC.

UBI Number:

602 276 517

Business Type:

WA PROFIT CORPORATION

Business Status:

ACTIVE

Principal Office Street Address:

1650 RESER RD, WALLA WALLA, WA, 99362-8884, UNITED STATES

Principal Office Mailing Address:

1650 RESER RD, WALLA WALLA, WA, 99362-8884, UNITED STATES

Expiration Date:

03/31/2020

Jurisdiction:

UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

Formation/ Registration Date:

03/04/2003

Period of Duration:

PERPETUAL

Inactive Date:

Nature of Business:

OTHER SERVICES, ENTERTAINMENT, ARTS & RECREATION

REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION

Registered Agent Name:

LEAH MALDONADO

Street Address:

1650 RESER RD, WALLA WALLA, WA, 99362-8884, UNITED STATES

Mailing Address:

1650 RESER RD, WALLA WALLA, WA, 99362-8884, UNITED STATES

GOVERNORS

Title	Governors Type	Entity Name	First Name	Last Name
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		AMY	BRUNER
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		LEAH	MALDONADO
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		MANUEL	MALDONADO

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License Information: [New search](#) [Back to results](#)

Entity name: BLACK TIE LIMOUSINES, INC.
Business name: BLACK TIE WINE TOURS
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 USA
Mailing address: 1650 RESER RD
 WALLA WALLA WA 99362-8884 USA
Excise tax and reseller permit status: [Click Here](#)
Secretary of State status: [Click here](#)

Endorsements

Endorsements held at this location	License #	Count	Details	Status	Expiration date	First issuance
For Hire Permit				Active		Apr-06-2015
For Hire Vehicle		6		On Hold	Mar-31-2020	Apr-06-2015
Minor Work Permit				Active	Mar-31-2020	Mar-30-2015
Walla Walla General Business				Active	Mar-31-2020	Jan-02-2018

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 TRANSPORTATION	Active	Apr-26-2018
BLACK TIE WINE TOURS	Active	Apr-26-2018
WALLA WALLA WINE TOURS	Active	Apr-26-2018

The Business Lookup information is updated nightly. Search date and time: 4/10/2019 4:17:16 PM

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Services	Business Lookup	BLACK TIE LIMOUSINES, INC.
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Tax Information

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Entity name: BLACK TIE LIMOUSINES, 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 USA
NAICS: 561520 - Tour Operators
Reseller permit: None

Business License Locations

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Business name	License account ID #	Location address
BLACK TIE WINE TOURS	602276517-001-0002	1650 RESER RD WALLA WALLA WA 99362-8884

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Company Name* Black Tie Limousines, Inc.

DBA Names Black Tie Wine Tours

Company Legacy ID

Unified Business Identifier 602-276-517

Regulatory Status Unregulated

Contact Name Amy Bruner; Leah Maldonado, Manuel Maldonado

Contact Title

Contact Phone

Contact E-Mail Address

Contact Fax

Address Change Date

Physical Address Street 1650 Reser Rd.

Physical Address City Walla Walla

Physical Address State WA

Physical Address Zip 99362

Mailing Address Street 1650 Reser Rd.

Mailing Address City Walla Walla

Mailing Address State WA

Mailing Address Zip 99362

Website <https://blacktiewinetours.com/>

Comments Company Phone No. (509) 525-8585

Company ID 19,641

Version: 2.0
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Reservations

Form

First and Last Name*	Jake Swanson
Company	NA
Phone number*	509-862-8288
Prefer not to provide mailing address. Please communicate via email.	
Email*	swannyjacob@gmail.com
Mercedes Sprinter Van or Passenger Van	
Pick Up Location	Marcus Whitman Hotel
6/28/19 or 6/29/19 depending on your availability	

SEND

Call or send us a message to make a reservation.

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Thank you for your inquiry! We will get back to you within 48 hours.

Call or send us a message to make a reservation.

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Jake Swanson <swannyjacob@gmail.com>

Wine Tour Inquiry

3 messages

Black Tie Wine Tours <reservations@blacktiewinetours.com>

Thu, Apr 11, 2019 at 4:45 PM

To: "swannyjacob@gmail.com" <swannyjacob@gmail.com>

Hi Jake,

Thank you for your inquiry. We do currently have both the sprinter van and the passenger van available on both June 28th and 29th.

I tried calling and was unable to leave a message (your voicemail box was full). Could you give me a call at 509-525-8585 when you have a chance so I can answer any other questions you may have and get your reservation scheduled?

Thank you,

Amy

Black Tie Wine Tours

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Jake Swanson <swannyjacob@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 12, 2019 at 11:43 AM

To: Black Tie Wine Tours <reservations@blacktiewinetours.com>

Good morning Amy,

If it's okay with you I'd like to communicate via email, as I work a ton and my line of work doesn't really allow for much personal time.

I'm looking to take a group of 10 on a wine tour on 6/29/19. We'll all be staying at the Marcus Whitman Hotel in Walla Walla and would like for your company to pick us up around 11am at the hotel, take us to multiple wineries in the Walla Walla area, possibly take us to a nice restaurant for dinner, and then take us back to our hotel. I'd imagine this will require the Mercedes Sprinter Van (the vehicle I prefer) for about 5-6+ hours. I'd also prefer (if it's an option) that your company arrange for the various wineries since you're more knowledgeable about the area than I.

The cost of \$110 per hour is specifically for the transportation and does not cover the fuel, gratuities and wine tasting, correct? Also, do I need to put down a deposit to reserve the date?

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Thanks,

Jake

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Black Tie Wine Tours <reservations@blacktiewinetours.com>

Fri, Apr 12, 2019 at 1:55 PM

To: Jake Swanson <swannyjacob@gmail.com>

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Hi Jake,

The sprinter van is available on Saturday, June 29th. For a five hour tour, the cost would be \$550.00 plus 5% fuel charge and 15% driver gratuity for a grand total of \$660.00. Each additional hour would be \$110.00 plus the 20% for a total of \$132.00 per hour.

The tasting fees are separate because they are part of the winery/tasting room and not our company. But most of the wineries do refund or waive the tasting fee with purchase.

We do require a \$330.00 deposit to be put down to guarantee vehicle availability. When you are ready to do that, please feel free to give me a call so I can get your credit card information over the phone versus the internet. I do work in the evenings and on weekends so am pretty available by phone.

And yes, I am more than happy to come up with an itinerary for your group and call the wineries ahead of time to set up your wine tour for you. I'm also happy to give some suggestions for dinner.

Thank you,

Amy

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