



October 13, 2014

Michael James Byrn  
4735 Londonberry Dr.  
Larkfield, CA 95403

RE: APPEAL HEARING FOR A TAXICAB DRIVER PERMIT

Dear Mr. Byrn:

On September 23, 2014, you submitted an appeal on a denial of a taxi cab permit by the Chief of Police. On October 6, 2014, a hearing for your appeal was conducted at the Santa Rosa Police Department. The appeal was an opportunity for you to provide any additional information which might sway the decision to deny your permit. As part of the appeals process, all relevant material in your application was reviewed and the information you provided at the hearing was taken under consideration. At this time, there is no new information or evidence to overturn the city's original decision. The reasons for denial include:

- 1) You had a positive drug test, indicating presence of marijuana in your system. SRCC Section 06-87-250 (G).
- 2) You lack a credible explanation for testing positive for marijuana.
- 3) You violated a city ordinance by continuing to drive a taxi cab without a permit. SRCC Section 06-87.250 (A).

You gave two separate stories as an excuse for why marijuana was found in your system. Laboratory scientists have confirmed that a person would not have a positive test after just having brief encounters with second hand smoke.

Once denied, you are not permitted to re-apply for a taxi permit for 5 years with the City of Santa Rosa. This denial is only with the City of Santa Rosa and in no way precludes you from driving a taxicab for any other city.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN C. SCHWARTZ  
Captain

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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