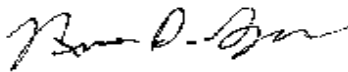


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4 **City of Calistoga**

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6 **Staff Report**

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8 **TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
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10 **FROM:** Susan Jones, Chief of Police  
11 via Lt. Jonathan Mills  
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13 **DATE:** October 16, 2012  
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15 **SUBJECT:** Determination of Public Convenience and Necessity – Vehicle for  
16 Hire Service.  
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19 APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:  
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23 Richard Spitler, City Manager  
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26 **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request for a Determination of Public Convenience  
27 and Necessity (PCN) authorizing a vehicle for hire service. (Application No. PCN  
28 2012-01.)  
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30 **RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a Resolution making a Determination of Public  
31 Convenience and Necessity (PCN) authorizing the vehicle for hire operation.  
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33 **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** At regular City Council meeting on October 2,  
34 2012 a consideration for determination of Public Convenience and Necessity  
35 (PCN) for a vehicle for hire service was brought forward in public hearing. After  
36 discussion the issue was tabled and more information was requested from the  
37 applicant and from staff.  
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39 The applicant, Cab Hopper; Leslie Lodestro and Holly LaBarber, was requested  
40 to provide information about insurance and to identify at least one new model  
41 vehicle to replace the originally proposed 1992 Jeep Liberty. Staff was directed to  
42 review taxi cab fares so a rate could be set.  
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44 The applicant has responded and is prepared, upon approval, to purchase the  
45 proper and required insurance through American Commercial Business

46 Insurance Services, Andrew York, agent. The applicant has also named a  
47 second carrier as back up if needed; Bozzuto Insurance Services. If, upon  
48 determination of the PCN, approval does not become effective until proof of  
49 insurance and indemnification have been filed with the City Clerk's Office.  
50 The applicant states they are working with a car dealership to obtain two newer  
51 model vehicles, possibly a Mercedes SUV and a Minivan.

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53 Staff has reviewed taxi cab rates from area cities. The results are listed in the  
54 table below:  
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Cab Company	City	Flag Drop	Additional Mileage
Valley Valet	Calistoga	\$5.00	\$5.00
Napa Valley Cab	Napa	\$2.50	\$2.50
Yellow Cab	Napa	\$2.75	\$2.75
Black Tie Taxi	Napa	\$2.50	\$2.50
Vern's Taxi Service	Sonoma	\$3.00	\$3.00
Sam's Limo Taxi	Santa Rosa	\$3.00	\$3.00
A Safe Ride Taxi	Santa Rosa	\$3.00	\$3.00
Raz Taxi	Santa Rosa	\$3.00	\$3.00
George's Yellow Cab	Santa Rosa	\$3.00	\$3.00
Allcity Taxi	Santa Rosa	\$3.00	\$3.00
A-C Taxi	Santa Rosa	\$2.75	\$3.00
Sebastopol Taxi	Sebastopol	\$3.00	\$3.00
Healdsburg Taxi Co.	Healdsburg	\$4.00	\$3.00
Windsor Taxi	Windsor	\$2.70	\$3.00

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57 The PCN granted for Valley Valet in 2006 it states, "The rent vehicle fare shall be  
58 established by the owner of each rent vehicle." As shown in the table above that  
59 rate is \$ 5.00.

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61 The applicant has stated that they wish to charge \$5.00 rate.

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63 Staff recommends that the same condition put on Valley Valet's 2006 PCN be  
64 applied to the applicant.

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66 Finally, the Police Department requires all rent vehicle operators to update their  
67 driver permit annually. This includes a background check through criminal and  
68 Department of Motor Vehicle databases. All rent vehicles are to be inspected  
69 annually. Inspection includes a certified brake inspection, proof of calibration of  
70 the taximeter and a safety inspection of the vehicle by the Chief of Police.

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72 **FISCAL IMPACT:** The proposed rent vehicle service is not anticipated to have  
73 a fiscal impact upon the City of Calistoga.

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75 **ATTACHMENTS:**

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77 1. Draft Resolution  
78 2. October 2, 2012 Staff Report  
79 3. Taxicab Inspection Form