THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY

In Re: Authorization of Wheelchair

Docket No. 15-006

Accessible Taxicab Medallions

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ORDER

BY THE AUTHORITY:

The Philadelphia Parking Authority (the "Authority"), regulates all taxicab and limousine service in the City of Philadelphia (the "City"). The Authority is currently empowered to issue and sell 60 new taxicab medallions and 1 existing medallion.

Background.

On February 24, 2015, the Authority entered an Order at Docket No. 15-003 authorizing revised terms for the sale of taxicab medallions (the "February Order"). The February Order authorized the Director of the Authority's Taxicab and Limousine Division ("TLD") to administer the sale of 61 medallions, each of which is designated as a wheelchair accessible vehicle ("WAV") medallion. The February Order was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on March 7, 2015 and is available for review on the Authority's website at www.philapark.org.

Pursuant to the February Order, the WAV medallion sales began on May 6, 2015, which has resulted in 50 WAV medallions sold thus far (WP-1601 through WP-1650). As of July 8, 2015, only 1 of the 50 WAV medallion sales has actually resulted in the operation of a WAV medallion taxicab. Recognizing the need to focus on providing WAV taxicab service in Philadelphia, the Director of the TLD exercised his discretion to reschedule the 11 remaining WAV medallion sales

¹ See 53 Pa.C.S. § 5701 et seq., as amended, (the "act").

² See 53 Pa.C.S. §§ 5711(c)(2) and 5717(a).

(WP-1651 through WP-1661) pursuant to paragraph no. 9 of the February Order.

To date, the remaining 49 WAV medallions sold at auction have neither reached settlement, let alone been placed into WAV taxicab service. Exercising his discretion as provided in paragraph no. 10 of the February Order, the TLD Director has requested that the Board remove the remaining 11 WAV medallions from the February Order's schedule. The TLD Director believes this change will permit TLD staff and the regulated industry to focus on getting all of the WAV medallions already sold into service more rapidly.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The sales of the following eleven WAV medallions authorized for sale pursuant to this Board's Order dated February 24, 2015 are hereby cancelled: WP-1651, WP-1652, WP-1653, WP-1654, WP-1655, WP-1656, WP-1657, WP-1658, WP-1659, WP-1660 and WP-1661.
- 2. The Director of the Authority's TLD may, at his discretion, place any of the aforementioned eleven medallions before this Board for a new sale authorization, pursuant to such terms and conditions as the Board may then impose.
- 3. The contact person for this Order is James R. Ney, Director, Taxicab and Limousine Division, (215)-683-9417.
- 4. The Executive Director shall cause this Order to be deposited with the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING **AUTHORITY**

Joseph T. Ashdale Chairman

Chairman (SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED:

July 22, 2015

ORDER ENTERED:

July 22, 2015

Certified:

Alfred W. Taubenberger Vice-Chairman/Secretary

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