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January 11, 2018

Ronald Richard Brooks, President
Lasting Impressions Deejay and Limousine Service, Inc.
P.O. Box 1406
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Re: Revisions to COMAR 20.90 and COMAR 20.95

Dear Mr. Brooks:

On February 6, 2017, the Public Service Commission (PSC) initiated an Administrative Docket, Rule Making 60, which addressed proposed revisions to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 20.90 and 20.95. In addition to changes to the screening standards to be utilized during the for-hire driver application review process, the Commission also considered proposed changes to various sections within COMAR 20.90 and 20.95.

Upon completion of the allotted time required to publish the proposed regulations in the Maryland Register, the Commission held a "Rule Making for final adoption meeting", on January 4, 2018, to consider the proposed changes. During the meeting, the Commission unanimously ruled in favor of all proposed regulation changes presented by PSC Staff. The proposed regulations are to take effect immediately and include changes in the following areas:

- Driver Screening Standards were added in COMAR Subtitle 90-Taxicabs and Subtitle 95-Transportation. The Driver Screening Standards can also be viewed on the Maryland Public Service Commission website under the "Transportation" tab, "General Information".
- Definitions of "Inspection Certificate" and "License" were amended in COMAR Subtitle 95-Transportation.
- Vehicle model year increased to not exceed more than 12 model years of age for all vehicles as defined in COMAR Subtitle 95-Transportation
- COMAR 20.95.01.11 B (2) was changed to provide that owners of vehicles under 10,000 GVWR, over 10 years old, must provide an inspection certificate on a semi-annual basis.
- COMAR 20.95.01.11 B (3) was added to provide that any new vehicles not previously registered, with less than 7,500 miles will not be required to be inspected if a copy of the bill of sale and a copy of the certificate of origin are provided.
- Specified location for Transportation Network Company (TNC) identification logo was added to COMAR 20.95.01.24.

You are advised to review the above referenced sections of COMAR and familiarize yourself with the proposed changes in regulation. You are also responsible for notifying your drivers or potential drivers of the new driver screening standards. If you have any questions concerning the new regulation changes, please contact your Transportation Division representative or me at 410-767-8062 or by email at mark.gorman1@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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