



**TO:** Mayor Shaun Sipma  
Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Chief John Klug

**DATE:** March 29, 2021

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING FOR TAXI LICENSE DENIAL – KRISTOPHER BRUNER**

**I. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend the City Council ratify the decision to deny a City of Minot Taxi Driver’s License to Kristopher Bruner based on his disqualifying criminal record.

**II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS**

John Klug, Chief of Police 857-9800

**III. DESCRIPTION**

A. Background

On March 26, 2021, Kristopher Bruner filed an application for a City of Minot Taxi Driver’s License. A background check was conducted which revealed that Mr. Bruner had a conviction for assault.

- Charged: Aggravated Assault 12/12/2016
  - Convicted: Assault 3/10/2017

Sec. 30-53. - Obtaining a license.

(a)Each applicant for a license required by this division shall:

- (1) Possess a valid and current North Dakota driver's license;
- (2) Fill out an application form to be provided by the chief of police and filed with the city as a permanent record; and
- (3) Undergo a background examination.

(b)An applicant shall be denied a license if the background examination reveals:

- (1) That the applicant would present a threat to the health, morals, or welfare of the community;
- (2) Evidence of sex offenses within the last ten (10) years, or the requirement under the North Dakota law to register as a sex offender;
- (3) Evidence of violent criminal activity within the last ten (10) years;
- (4) Evidence of criminal activity involving the use of a motor vehicle within the last ten (10) years;
- (5) Evidence of criminal activity marked by fraudulent or deceitful behavior within the last ten (10) years; or
- (6) Prior revocation of a license issued under this division;
- (7) Any other just cause for denying the application.

B. Decision

The decision to deny Kristopher Bruner a license is based on the assessment that his conviction for Assault is cause to deny him a license under 30-53(b)(3).

**IV. IMPACT:**

A. N/A

**VI. ALTERNATIVES**

Alt 1. The Council could grant the taxi license.

**VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

Ordinance 30-58 gives Mr. Bruner a right to have a hearing appealing this matter to the City Council within 30 days of the decision to deny his license application. A phone conversation with Bruner on March 29, 2021 at which time he was informed of the reason for denial of his application, and he was informed of the public hearing to take place on April 5, 2021 at Minot City Hall, Council Chambers at 5:30 PM. He agreed that this date and time was acceptable, and he would appear for his hearing on that date.

**VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Kristopher Bruner – Taxi License Application
- B. Letter of intent to deny and notification of public hearing.