PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL Licensing Committee – 20 February 2014 VARIATION OF LICENCE NO. PH313 – YEARS

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(Renewal Date: 22 May 2014)

Report by Head of Legal Services

Name and Address :	Ralph M Laahs 37 Woodside Crescent Perth PH2 0EW Age: 57
6 Month Decision Date:	8 July 2014
Reason for Report:	The applicant has submitted a request to vary the terms and conditions of the licence, with regard to the age limit for replacing vehicles (see attached copy letter dated 8 January 2014).
Background Information:	The current policy is a taxi or private hire car shall be no more than 7 years old from the date of first registration before being replaced with a vehicle no more than 5 years old. It should be noted that the vehicle will become 7 years old on 30 March 2014. The Annual test will be due on 12 February 2014. The Licence is due for renewal on 22 May 2014.

Contact Officer: Shona Douglas Ext 75154

RALPH LAAHS CONTRACT HIRE

37 Woodside Crescent, PERTH PH2 0EW Tel: Mobile:

8 January 2014

Civic Licensing
Perth & Kinross Council

Citroen Relay SY07 WLH - Licence No. 313

The above vehicle is due to be replaced by 30 March 2014 under the seven year rule.

I am asking the Committee to extend the licensing of my vehicle for a further two years subject to Council tests and MOT's as required.

My vehicle has been converted to the highest specification and is one of the few vehicles which can accommodate a maximum of three wheelchairs plus two passengers. Further combinations are;

8 passengers, 6 passengers and 1 wheelchair, 4 passengers and 2 wheelchairs

I can also take any type of wheelchair or scooter regardless of size or weight. I consider there is a need for this type of vehicle in Perth and I have regular wheelchair clients who frequently travel with me. I have been using wheelchair friendly vehicles for 15 years and I am happy to continue transporting these clients.

The Public Transport Unit has asked me to transport specific passengers due to the size or length of their wheelchairs. I enclose photographs of a regular client who I take to Upper Springlands which shows the versatility of my vehicle. I also have a school contract at Errol Primary School transporting seven children daily.

My vehicle is in excellent condition and has never failed a Council test or MOT. It has been regularly serviced and repaired when required by Arnold Clark Citroen or One-Call Motor Services. I enclose a copy of my last MOT for your information.

The financial cost to replace my vehicle to the same standard is approximately £25,000 and in the current financial climate would be difficult. I will be replacing my vehicle eventually with another wheelchair friendly model but feel at the moment taxi users and especially wheelchair users would benefit from the extension I have requested.

I hope the Committee will look favourably at my application.

RALPH M LAAHS

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