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Mr. David Corliss
City Manager Lawrence, KS

RE: POWERS PEDICABS

Dear Mr. Corliss,

I am writing in regard to a business I would like to start in Lawrence. The business will be called Powers Pedicabs and will offer sustainable and novel transportation in the downtown area as well as near athletic venues in the style of a bicycle rickshaw. In researching city codes I was unable to find provisions for such a business venture and was referred to your office by City Legal Services. I am seeking your assistance in securing a business license and operational regulations according to city codes.

Pedicabs are a great way for patrons of museums and local historical societies to gain a front-row view of our city's beauty in addition to eventually providing opportunity for young people to earn money in a healthy and enjoyable fashion. There are currently hundreds of companies operating thousands of pedicabs in dozens of cities across the United States, and they provide a great way to get around as well as a wonderful way to see the many historic sites in Lawrence.

Projected date of operation of Powers Pedicabs is spring 2010, just in time to capitalize on the large number of basketball fans watching March Madness games downtown. The cabs will continue to operate evenings and weekends as long as our unpredictable Kansas weather will permit with an anticipated four-month winter offseason.

It is understood that such a business cannot operate without the express consent of the city in the form of a business license and, without proper regulation, operation of such a business could be inherently dangerous to pedicab operators and the general public.

I welcome the opportunity to speak with you in greater depth on this issue. You can reach me by telephone at (913) 908-0394 or by e-mail at shane.pwrs@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to speaking with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shane Powers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and "P".

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