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Mr. John Lord
54 Elmwood Avenue
North Adams, MA 01247

RE: OTT Taxi, 104 River Street

Dear Mr. Lord:

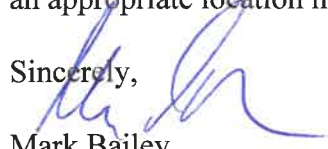
I understand that you submitted a request to the Building Inspector to approve operating a taxi/livery service at 232 Ashland Street, which is currently occupied by Xtra Mart. I further understand that your request is to only operate the dispatch office at that location in one room in the Xtra Mart building.

Please be advised that your request cannot be approved. First, please note that Section 23-7 of the City Ordinances provides that the operation of any taxi or livery service requires that an application to do so be approved by the Chief of Police, and this would include a dispatcher's office. Only if I have approved such an application does it go before the City Council for final approval and issuance of the license (or, in this case, an amendment to an existing license). You currently possess a taxicab operator's license to operate from an address on River Street, and you are not authorized to operate any portion of this business at any other location, temporarily or otherwise.

In addition, I am advised by the Building Inspector that if you were to begin operating a dispatch office at 232 Ashland Street, this would be in violation of the Zoning Ordinance. In order for a second business to be considered to operate at that location, the current owner would be required to apply for and obtain approval of an amendment to its special permit from the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals. Finally, I have seen the condition of the proposed dispatcher office at 232 Ashland Street, and I have concluded that it is not an appropriate location for such an office. As such, I do not approve your request to amend your taxicab operator's license to 232 Ashland Street, and I remind you that you are not authorized to operate this business anywhere in North Adams other than the address listed on such license.

With this, you are to cease operating within the City of North Adams effective 1/1/24 at 8AM until an appropriate location has been approved.

Sincerely,


Mark Bailey
Interim-Chief of Police