



June 25, 2007

Honorable Mayor Patrick McCrory



RE: Complaint/Harassment/False Citation/Terrie Joelle Chambers/Passenger Vehicles for Hire

Dear Mayor McCrory:

On **Friday June 22, 2007**, at approximately **11:20 AM**, I was approached by Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department Officer **Sergeant W.H.(or A.) Strain** on Queen's Road in Myers Park. Before approaching my (signed) tour vehicle, Sgt. Strain had been following me for approximately one mile after he made a u-turn on East Boulevard near Freedom Park. I then stopped to see why I was being followed and that is when the blue lights were turned on the cruiser. My guests and I then explained to Sgt. Strain that we were participating in a city tour of Charlotte. After exchanging small talk with my guests, he asked me to step to the back of my vehicle and commenced to ask me a myriad of questions concerning who owned the company, what we were doing, etc...During his questioning, a uniformed Black female passenger stepped out of his cruiser and began to look around my vehicle. It was then that I realized just what was going on with such a bizarre stop by a CMPD Officer. I then informed Sgt. Strain of my past acquaintance with his passenger and her quest for revenge.

The passenger that stepped from the cruiser is a former contract employee of mine that has a personal vendetta against me for suing her in 2006. **Terri Joelle Chambers** is also currently under investigation and surveillance for Federal criminal charges regarding trade secret disclosure and intellectual property theft. In addition, I had to file a Stop Warrants complaint against her stemming from two false stalking charges that she filed against me in 2004 and 2005 – *see attached*. Ms. Chambers filed those complaints during the period of time that I was suing her for breach of contract.

On the aforementioned date, I was cited for violations of **Sections 22-61, 22-101, and 22-141** of the new Passenger Vehicles for Hire ordinance – *see attached*. The fines levied by Ms. Chambers totaled \$600.00. Her citation was issued in error because operating a tour does not fall into any of the sections listed above pursuant to **Section 22-27** which describes the term "*For Hire*" to mean "Operating any passenger vehicle for hire in exchange for the temporary use by or for the **transportation of a person as a passenger**, whether such is paid voluntarily or upon solicitation, demand, request, contract, agreement, or as a surcharge." A tour of Charlotte is not transportation per se

and therefore does not meet the ordinance's test of a "Vehicle for hire." In addition, if tours of the city of Charlotte are considered as "For Hire" as outlined in the ordinance then you would have to remand horse and buggy, Pedi cabs, and walking tours to the same scrutiny. Furthermore, is Ms. Chambers duly sworn to carry out legal matters that are reserved for sworn officers? Please *see the attached* citation where she indicated that she was a CMPD officer.

It is obvious to any reasonable person that the above event was not in the public's best interest. In fact, it was to the contrary as two of the guests that were present in my vehicle had to be at the airport right after their tour to catch a flight home. In addition, one of the guests became so distraught that she left a very detailed description of her encounter of the entire ordeal. – *see attached .wav file.*

My company has been conducting tours of Charlotte since 1993 and never before have we been detained and cited. In addition, it is not just a coincidence that the inspector causing this bizarre stop was a former contract employee of my company who several years before had been conducting the same tour as a contractor. Even more evident is the maliciously premeditated and calculated manner in which the stop occurred. Because of her past relationship with my company, Ms. Chambers was well aware that we did not have a PVHF permit, and used her position of authority to carry out a personal vendetta against Queen City Tourssm and myself. If she had been fair and impartial concerning this matter, she would have used several reliable means of contacting me before such an embarrassing and harassing event occurred. In addition, she was involved in a failed attempt to take over our customer base by illegally infringing on our aforementioned registered service mark. At that time, she was contracted with **Clarke Allen of Charlotte Arrangements**, another person that I have had multiple legal issues with stemming from years of attempted theft of trade secrets and infringements – *see attached.*

I am therefore requesting that the attached citation be rescinded, and that Ms. Chambers is reprimanded and investigated for her abuse of authority. The pleasure of your response is appreciated by **Thursday July 5, 2007**. Please respond in writing to *J. Whipple, P.O. Box 36160, Charlotte, NC, 28236-6160.*

Best regards,



J. Whipple
Director

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