

Request for Hearing for Assembly Man Services

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Dear Board Members

I hope this request finds you all well and with an open mind as my situation is rather complex and requires one to read this in its entirety. I request a hearing based on the fact that I wasn't aware of any of the 4 requirements to operate a box truck. I did know about a mileage log but I truly thought that pertained to someone behind the wheel all day and sometimes longer than they should. I have never operated this truck for more than 2 hours in any given day and it sits parked 99% of the time. Its main use is to drive 3 miles every other month to Home Depot and either pick up a pallet of concrete or 1x4x12' pine boards to build crates from. The only other time its used is when a customer of mine has a swing set that they want to move to their new home which happens maybe twice a year. We do not move house belongings, we are not a mover, we are not a carrier per say and this is not even a truck that requires a CDL license. My understanding up until Wade visited for the audit was that as long as I wasn't allowing others to drive my truck and as long as I maintained the equipment associated with the truck that this couldn't be much different than renting a box truck from U-haul. They don't require a safety course or log book or even a CDL when renting a truck weighing over 26,000 lbs. Understand that I am a very small business with only 3 employees plus myself. In addition I have had to learn all the inner workings/compliance/taxes/withholdings and everything else associated with running my business the hard way. In June of 2016 my now ex-wife handed me divorce papers, left a month later to start a new, leaving with a ton of things to do that I had never done before without any training. At the time I didn't even know about a UCR fee. So my crash course in running the inner side of things was a bit clunky and prolonged as I am mainly a technician. Put a box of parts in front of me without a picture and that where I thrive and had for over 23 years knowing little of the office side. Couple this learning period with a divorce that required so much discovery it would make your head spin. Work for someone and get divorced and you produce pay stubs, own your own business and it gets extremely messy and time consuming. Long story short I was in the fight of my life for everything that I had built over the past 23 years and to preserve the time that I had with my kids. If the stress of a divorce wasn't enough I also had my ex doing everything in her power to sabotage my ability to maintain my business. Anything that could or would take time away from my focus or time with my kids to fix she did. Everything from putting holds on my mail to my shop, changing my personal mail address, going to work for the very company that handles my website and literally changing the format of my website to look like a plastic surgery center, changing passwords to prevent the printing of payroll checks and handing out my social security number and business IEN numbers for any one that might have ill intentions. I literally can't make this stuff up and my attorney has never seen anything like it in his many years. I even have a harassment claim or case pending in the City of Lenexa, claim # 26529 because she shows no signs of stopping. My divorce just became final on October 1st. Two years and four months of a living hell not knowing what the future would hold and so in all this drama and confusion that was my life at the time I did forget to pay UCR fee, I don't know if I even received the renewal notice because the mail situation at the time or maybe I did get it and it just simply slipped my mind. One thing is for sure and that is I wasn't trying to cheat the system or get out of paying what is required of me. I have started a walk around safety check list procedure to document this activity. I now keep a log in the truck for even the smallest of trips and I now keep a maintenance log of oil and fluid changes. Again I feel that my ignorance in these areas are to blame and not defiance so I feel that the imposed fines are not needed. In addition I am completely broke and am trying to rebuild my life and my accounts after paying an attorney 350.00 an hour off and on for the past 2 years 4 months. I just paid an equalization payment to my ex of \$8000.00 and I still owe my attorney \$9500.00. I literally have nothing to give and am heading into our slow season so PLEASE show me some compassion.

Sincerely
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