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MAYOR

City of Charleston

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

South Carolina

Office of the Clerk

November 6, 2009

Mr. Robert Knoth
Carolina Polo & Carriage Company
16 Hayne Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Dear Mr. Knoth:

Please be advised that the Municipal Court Order in the matter of the City of Charleston v. Carolina Polo, was finalized this week and filed with the Livability Court on November 2, 2009. As you are aware, Carolina Polo pled guilty to four (4) violations of the Animal Welfare Ordinance. Pursuant to Section 29-202 (6)(c), the franchisee shall agree that, upon the violation of the provisions of this section by the franchisee, its agents, employees, or persons acting on its behalf, the right to operate animal-drawn vehicles in the old and historic district shall be suspended for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days.

Upon the authority granted to me pursuant to Section 29-202(c), I have reviewed the facts surrounding these violations and made the determination to suspend the City's franchise agreement with Carolina Polo. Therefore, I am ordering Carolina Polo and Carriage Company to suspend all company operations as follows:

Thirty (30) days suspension conditioned on the business closing for seven (7) consecutive days with the remaining twenty-three (23) days suspended on the condition that there are no further convictions for violations of the Animal Welfare Ordinance during a probationary period of ninety (90) days.

This suspension shall become effective Tuesday, November 24, 2009.

With kindest regards, I remain


Vanessa Turner Maybank
Director of Tourism

cc: Capers Barr, III, Esquire