

#### **Records and Licensing Services Division**

Department of Executive Services

## DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

#### (IMPORTANT -- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

King County ("the County") may obtain information about you, for purposes of processing your For-hire Driver License application, from the following consumer reporting agency ("Agency"), Background Screening Consultants, LLC, 2775 Algonquin Road Ste 220, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008, Phone: (888) 578-8600, Fax: (888) 548-0421, or another outside organization. Agency's privacy policy can be found at http://safescreener.com.

Thus, you may be the subject of a "consumer report" and/or an "investigative consumer report" which may include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and/or mode of living which can involve personal interviews with sources such as your neighbors, friends, or associates. These reports may be obtained at any time after receipt of your authorization and, if you are issued a For-hire Driver's License, throughout your licensure period. These reports may include, but are not limited to, checks regarding your criminal history, social security trace, employment and education references, driving history, professional licenses and credentials. Credit history will be requested only in accordance with applicable law. These reports may contain information regarding your use of social media, and other publicly accessible information. Social media includes, but is not limited to, social networking websites (i.e., Facebook and others), professional networking websites (i.e., Linked In and others), blogs, and other online media.

You have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable time after receipt of this notice, to ask the County to disclose the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report. You also may request a copy of that report from the County. If anyone other than the Agency furnishes an investigative consumer report, the County will provide relevant contact information within five business days of your request. An "investigative consumer report" is a background report that includes information from personal interviews (except in California, where that term includes background reports with or without personal interviews). Please be advised that the nature and scope of the most common form of investigative consumer report obtained with regard to applicants for employment is an investigation into your criminal background and driving history conducted by the Agency. The scope of this disclosure and authorization is all-encompassing, however, allowing the County to obtain from any outside organization all manner of consumer reports and investigative consumer reports now and, if you are issued a For-hire Driver's License, throughout the course of your licensure period and to the extent permitted by law. As a result, you should carefully consider whether to exercise your right to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report.

**Washington applicants or employees only:** The County will provide the disclosure described above concerning its procurement of an investigative consumer report either five days after receiving your request or after requesting the investigative consumer report, whichever is later. You have the right to ask the County to provide you with a summary of your rights under the Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act. Requests can be submitted via email to Forhiredriver@kingcounty.gov or in person at the For-hire Driver License counter at 500 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Rm 401, Seattle, WA 98104.

# A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. For more information, including information about additional rights, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/leammore or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

- You must be told if information in your file has been used against you. Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of
  consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment or to take another adverse action against
  you -must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- You have the right to know what is in your file. You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your "file disclosure"). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  - o you are the victim of identity theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  - o your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  - you are on public assistance;
  - o you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, all consumers are entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore for additional information.

- You have the right to ask for a credit score. Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See www. consumerfinance.gov/learnmore for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.
- Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information. In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- Access to your file is limited. A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need -- usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers. A consumer reporting agency may not give out
  information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer.
   Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to
  www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore
- You may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report. Unsolicited "prescreened" offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-567-8688.
- You may seek damages from violators. If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a
  furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal
  court.
- Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights. For more information, visit
  www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore

States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. For information about your federal rights, contact:

Type of Business	Contact		
a. Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over \$10 billion and their affiliates.	a. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau     1700 G Street N.W.     Washington, DC 20552      b. Federal Trade Commission:		
b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list, in addition to the CFPB:	Consumer Response Center – FCRA Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357		
<ul> <li>2. To the extent not included in item 1 above:</li> <li>a. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks</li> <li>b. State member banks, branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than federal branches, federal agencies, and insured state branches of foreign banks), commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and organizations operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a. Office of the Controller of the Currency Customer Assistance Group 1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3450 Houston, TX 77010-9050</li> <li>b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center P.O. Box 1200 Minneapolis, MN 5548</li> <li>c. FDIC Consumer Response Center1100 Walnut Street, Box # 11 Kansas City, MO 64106</li> <li>d. National Credit Union Administration Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) Division of Consumer Compliance and Outreach (DCCO)</li> </ul>		
Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State     Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state     savings associations     Federal Credit Unions	1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314		
3. Air carriers	Asst. General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement & Proceedings Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, DC 20590		
4. Creditors Subject to Surface Transportation Board	Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board Department of Transportation 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20423		
5. Creditors Subject to Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921	Nearest Packers and Stockyards Administration area supervisor		
6. Small Business Investment Companies	Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access United States Small Business Administration 409 Third Street, S.W., 8th Floor Washington, DC 20416		
7. Brokers and Dealers	Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20549		
8. Federal Land Bank, Federal Land Bank Associations, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and Production Credit Associations	Farm Credit Administration 1501 Farm Credit Drive McLean, VA 22102-5090		
9. Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed Above	FTC Regional Office for region in which the creditor operates or Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center – FCRA Washington, DC 20580		

# **Acknowledgment and Authorization**

### [IMPORTANT -- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING ACKNOWLEDGMENT]

I acknowledge receipt of the <u>DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION</u> and <u>A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT</u> and certify that I have read and understand both of those documents. I hereby authorize the procurement of "consumer reports" and/or "investigative consumer reports" at any time after receipt of this authorization and, if I am issued a Forhire License, throughout my period of licensure. To this end, I hereby authorize, without reservation, any law enforcement agency, administrator, state or federal agency, institution, school or university (public or private), information service bureau, employer, or insurance company to furnish any and all background information requested by Background Screening Consultants, LLC, 2775 Algonquin Road Ste 220, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008, Phone: (888) 578-8600, Fax: (888) 548-0421ID, http://safescreener.com, another outside organization acting on behalf of King County, and/or King County itself. I agree that a facsimile ("fax"), electronic or photographic copy of this Authorization shall be as valid as the original.

I understand that signing my name below constitutes my authorization to proceed, as of the date of the signature, and that by doing so:

- I am authorizing the County, and Background Screening Consultants, LLC to conduct the background check(s) described above
- I acknowledge I have read and understand the above disclosure
- I have received the above "Summary of Your Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act"
- I acknowledge I may request a hard copy of this Disclosure and Authorization form after agreeing to the background check by requesting a copy from King County via email to Forhiredriver@kingcounty.gov or in person at the For-hire Driver's License counter at 500 4th Ave, Rm 401, Seattle, WA 98104; or by calling Background Screening Consultants, LLC at Phone: (888) 578-8600, Fax: (888) 548-0421

Name (print):	 	
For-hire #:		
Signature:		
Date:		