



April 25, 2023

Craig L. Albiston
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Loomis Armored US, LLC
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Rohit Aggarwala
Commissioner

Re: Variance Petition

Mark Page Jr.
Executive Director

59-17 Junction Blvd.
Flushing, NY 11373

Dear Mr. Albiston:

I am writing in response to your October 24, 2022 letter, in which you requested a variance on behalf of Loomis Armored US, LLC (“Loomis”) from the requirements contained in Section 24-163 of the Air Code.

As you are aware, on November 28, 2022, a hearing was held pursuant to Section 24-110 of the Air Code to allow members of the public both in support and in opposition of the variance requested to provide testimony. Loomis’ variance application and testimony states that there are safety concerns with shutting off the engine while the vehicle is being loaded or unloaded, specifically, the risks associated with robbery attempts during pickups and drop offs. You also included a commitment to your goal to electrify the vehicles within your fleet that serve New York City. Currently, two (2) vehicles in the fleet are already electrified. As part of this variance request, Loomis is committing to having the fleet fully electrified by 2025.

As part of the commitment, Loomis has provided a commitment letter laying out the steps that will be taken to electrify the NYC fleet. This included a commitment to the purchase of six (6) electric vehicles each year for the next three years (CY2023, CY2024, and CY2025). The commitment letter also included a presentation to DEP of a purchase order from February 7, 2023, for six (6) electric vehicles for use on routes that service Loomis’ NYC customers, to be applied to the CY2023 commitment. During the next two (2) years, Loomis will determine if there are any issues that could preclude the purchase of any additional vehicles, such as inability to receive necessary permits to install adequate chargers for their electrified fleet., If this condition or any arises, you should as soon as practicable, notify the DEP of any issue and any solution to resolve the impediment.

Based on the submitted commitment, DEP is granting a one-year variance that can be automatically renewed upon proof of purchasing the additional six vehicles in 2024 and 2025, respectively. DEP will be reviewing the progress reports from Loomis at a six-month interval effective the date for when the variance was granted to ensure compliance with the variance prior to the one-year mark of 2024. If a showing of satisfactory progress is not demonstrated, DEP reserves the right to revoke the variance.

The commitment from Loomis and the supporting documentation to fully electrify their fleet is consistent with the goal of improving air quality. DEP supports the electrification of vehicles and granting this variance will help ensure that idling will not be possible for the Loomis trucks that operate within New York City and will inspire other companies to take steps towards electrification.

The variance petition is therefore granted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Page, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Mark Page, Jr.
Executive Director
Bureau of Environmental Compliance