

EXCLUSIVE: Milwaukee Horse Carriage Operator Has No License; Police Ask Public To Notify If Carriage Is Seen

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Milwaukee Police and downtown Alderman Bob Bauman say a well-known Milwaukee horse carriage operator has no license to offer service in the city. Police tell me they are asking the public to contact the police non-emergency number if they see one of the horse carriages on city streets.

The company, Milwaukee Coach and Carriage, has been run for years by Grant Chromy. Chromy boards his horses in a storage center in Walker's Point. Some city residents were alarmed when one of the company's carriages was spotted on a city street being pulled by a horse that seemed emaciated.

After I reported on the situation, Chromy agreed to turn the horse, named "Nick," over to an animal welfare organization. Nick is apparently doing much better now that he is away from Chromy. But Chromy was back out in Milwaukee this past weekend. Bauman, the alderman who represents downtown, posted on social media post that Milwaukee Coach and Carriage has no license to operate.

Milwaukee Police told me this morning they are aware of reports of the company being back on the street but can only issue a citation if an officer sees one of the carriages. Police want the public to call the non-emergency number if they see one of the carriages.

Some cities allow horse carriages to operate in designated areas but Chromy's horses have pulled carriages all over downtown. The only marking is a slow moving vehicle sign. With many Milwaukee streets being horribly lit, the carriages can be hard to see.

Stout horses of certain breeds are fully capable of pulling carriages with several people. But horses that are poorly fed or not cared for have a very difficult time with such an arduous task.

Chromy has not returned my phone calls nor has he agreed to allow me to personally inspect the condition of his horses.

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