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Carriage operator says neigh to proposal

The operator of horse-drawn carriages in Omaha since the 1970s has a message for police officials who want to ban him from around the College World Series: Hold your horses.

There's no reason, Mark Donovan said, to rush into a policy prohibiting his operation.

"We don't cause any issues, and it seems unfair," Donovan said. "It seems like a small business is getting pushed out of the way because of a big, somewhat corporate event."

The proposal comes up for a public hearing Tuesday before the Omaha City Council, with a vote scheduled the following



Michael Kelly

week. Police say the plan, which also would ban rickshaws and pedicycles, is needed to ensure traffic flow and safety.

"Our local operators are great," Deputy Police Chief Todd Schmauder said Saturday. "But we run the risk of being overtaken by out-of-state pedicabs, carriages

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CHRIS WACHOVAN FOR THE WORLD HERALD

Mark Donovan, of Magrath Journey Carriage Services, says a proposal by the Omaha police to prohibit nonmotorized vehicles around TD Ameritrade Park during the College World Series will hurt his business and "seems unfair."

FENDER BENDERS AND FUN

5 inches or more of snow means slick streets and the season's first sledding runs

By M O'Brian
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RUGGLES

Kelly: Police fear losing control of 'traffic situation'

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and similar modes of transportation that come to Omaha for the lure of quick profits."

He said several such outside operators arrived last June, the first time the CWS was played at the new TD Ameritrade Park north of downtown.

That may be true, Donovan said, and his operation didn't do a lot of business around the stadium this year. But he doesn't want the city to set a precedent of banning horse-drawn carriages.

No one from the Police Department spoke to him before the plan was made public last month, he said, even though police had asked him — and he agreed — to donate a horse, carriage and driver for the "Santa at the Southeast Precinct" event next Sunday on South 24th Street.

"I'm a downtown building owner, and I've been a business owner for 35 years," he said, "but they don't bother to contact me to discuss this?"

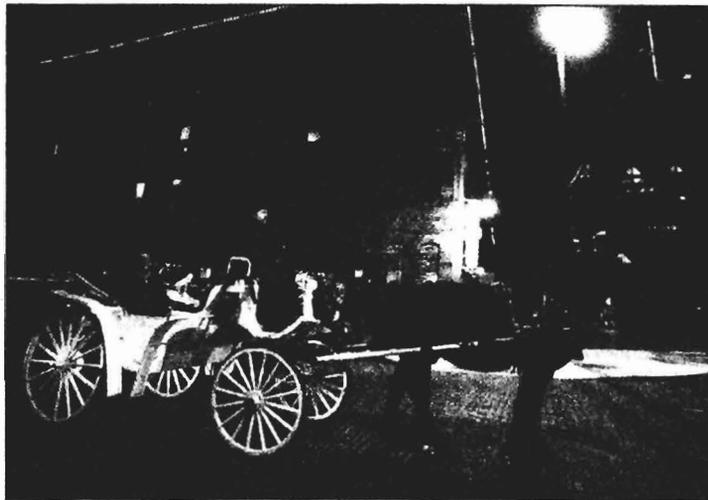
Last week, 10 days after the plan was made public, Donovan met with Schmaderer and three other officials.

"It seemed like they were willing to maybe compromise a little bit, but I'm not sure," said Donovan, who will make his case Tuesday to the City Council.

Schmaderer said that because all operators must be treated equally, the difficulty would be in making exceptions.

The proposal, he said, originated with police traffic commanders; it wasn't requested by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which runs the College World Series. But when police officials ran the idea past the NCAA, "we didn't receive any resistance," Schmaderer said.

The CWS, the national championship of college baseball, was



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Mark Donovan, who operates carriage rides in places such as the Old Market, will oppose a proposed CWS-area ban at a City Council hearing.

played at Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium from 1950 until 2010. The deputy chief noted that the series will slightly overlap next summer with the U.S. Olympic Swim Trials next door at the CenturyLink Center Omaha.

If a proactive ordinance isn't passed to regulate the situation, Schmaderer said, "there's a potential to lose control of the traffic situation." To move 25,000 people into and out of the ballpark, he added, "we need every inch of traffic lanes."

He said it's common around the country to regulate "clean zones" around major events. Doing so in Omaha may actually help local operators in the long run, he said, because out-of-towners wouldn't come to the city for big events.

The proposed ban would prohibit nonmotorized carriages on the streets around the ballpark for three days leading up to the CWS and through the day after the final game.

It would apply to an area from Abbott Drive and Nicholas Street

on the north to Interstate 480 on the south, from 15th Street on the west to Riverfront Drive on the east. Regular bicycles still would be allowed.

Donovan said Riverfront Drive is a popular area for his horse-drawn carriages, and the ban would hurt his business.

Now 53, Donovan started his operation with a friend after graduating from Westside High School. His friend left the business four years later.

M&J Carriage Service, for "Mark and Jim," is now called Magical Journey Carriage Service. Starting with two carriages, it now has 12, as well as three sleighs (with wheels), a covered wagon and 12 horses.

"I say 11½," Donovan said, "because one is a pony."

None of the animals works more than two night a week, he said, and they are returned nightly to his farm north of the city. Carriages are stored in his building near 22nd and Farnam Streets.

His carriages operate all over the metro area, he said, and have led parades for St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, River City Roundup and other community events. He has witnessed many creative marriage proposals.

His customers have included celebrities such as actor Kevin Costner and singer Eddie Money, as well mayors, governors and other politicians. After winning the CWS championship last June, South Carolina coach Ray Tanner treated his family to a carriage ride in the Old Market.

Donovan served four years as president of the Old Market Business Association and four years as president of the Carriage Operators of North America.

"I'm not a millionaire," he said, "but I like to work outside and this lets me be my own boss. Growing up, I was not a horse person. I had no idea I'd make my livelihood driving horses."

He graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2008 after attending part time for 30 years, and he was teased and roasted afterward at Sortino's Pizza Parlor — an event attended by friends, his three grown children and his ex-wife.

He hopes to operate his business until he's 70 or 75, and he said he's always had a good relationship with the police, including the mounted patrol. "They are good guys, and sometimes we loan them our shovel and poop bucket."

In three visits to the stadium last summer, he said, he never held up traffic and never created danger.

"We have a pristine record," he said. "I know my stuff when it comes to pedestrian safety."

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THE WORLD-HERALD

Carriage rides around TD Ameritrade Park may not be allowed during the College World Series if the Omaha Police Department gets its way. The department says carriages, rickshaws and some types of cycles stalled the flow of traffic.

Police request: No rickshaws, carriage rides around CWS

By JEFFREY ROBB
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

You might have to put away your rickshaws during the College World Series.

And not just rickshaws, any horse-drawn carriage, pedicycle or four-person quadracycle could be off limits around TD Ameritrade Park.

The Omaha Police Department is asking the City Council to prohibit carriages on the streets around the ballpark for three days leading up to the CWS and

continuing through the series' final day.

Lt. Darci Tierney, an Omaha police spokeswoman, said the rickshaw cycles were an issue the department has noticed.

With the CWS in its new north downtown location, even regular vehicle traffic can tie up the streets around the ballpark.

Tierney said the cycles stalled the traffic flow around the stadium. The department also is concerned about people's safety because the riders step into the

street to load onto a cycle.

The ban would apply in an area from Abbott Drive and Nicholas Street on the north to Interstate 480 on the south, from 15th Street on the west to Riverfront Drive on the east. Regular bicycles still would be allowed.

The City Council, which will vote next month on the proposal, will hold a public hearing on the plan Dec. 6.

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NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT

Syracuse man's murder

Man accused

0 year old si

November 30, 2011

Honorable Jim Suttle
City of Omaha, Office of the Mayor
1819 Farnam Street, Suite 300
Omaha., NE 68183

Dear Mayor Suttle:

The Carriage Operators of North America (CONA) is an international organization of professional horse drawn carriage operators. CONA is committed to promoting the humane welfare of carriage animals. We promote quality carriage and customer service. We strive to be the voice of the professional carriage industry by representing our membership and assisting government agencies at the local, state and federal levels. We provide open communications and education for members and the public on the operation and management of the carriage trade. We encourage networking and sharing of ideas throughout the industry.

CONA has member companies in all 50 states, Canada and the Caribbean. One of the core functions of our organization is to provide a united voice for the horse and carriage industry. CONA is a member of both the American Horse Council and the Animal Welfare Council which are national organizations that promote the safe use of equines for pleasure, sport and commerce.

Our past president Mark Donovan, owner of Magical Journey Carriage Service, has brought to our attention a current proposal before Omaha's city council that would be extremely detrimental to the financial viability of his business. Mr. Donovan has been a successful small business operator in downtown Omaha for over 30 years operating in the Old Market area. Enacting a ban on the operation of "slow moving" vehicles during the College World Series is short sighted and detrimental to promoting tourism and economic viability for year round businesses in Omaha.

This ban would impact the livelihood of many people and change the feel of the Old Market area. The restriction would not only stop the wonderful carriage rides that give the old market part of its wonderful atmosphere, it would also hinder the growth of environmentally friendly traffic that we are starting to see in Omaha. Horse drawn carriage rides in Omaha, as in many cities around the country, provide tourists and locals with a view of the present and a glimpse of our past. Horses are synonymous with the American story. Horses were bred to pull loads, carry humans into battle and transport them on their journeys westward. Today's carriage operators provide their clients with an informative ride that brings the horse and carriage era to life.

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The carriage rides in the Old Market not only attract visitors to the area but extend their visit and highlight the local shops and restaurants. The CWS is undoubtedly a huge draw for the city and provides significant economic stimulus to the tax base. However it is limited to 12 days during the year. Carriage rides and the Old Market are year round contributors to the city revenue base.

I visited Omaha in 2008 for the CWS and the US Olympic swimming trials which took place consecutively from mid-June through mid-July. Huge crowds filled the quest Center each day for the trials and the market place traffic was manageable with the carriage rides doing brisk business.

In the interest of the local economy and the employees and their families that would be adversely affected by banning the carriages during the busiest tourist times of the year, I would urge the city government of Omaha to work with the local businesses to reach a compromise that would allow the carriages to operate and provide traffic routes that will make the CWS a success for both the winning teams and the businesses of the Omaha.

Sincerely,

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To: Omaha City Council
Subject: **Prevent the ban on the operation of "slow moving" vehicles during the CWS.**
Letter: Greetings,

I just signed the following petition addressed to: Omaha City Council.

Prevent the ban on the operation of "slow moving" vehicles during the CWS.

This would impact the livelihood of many people and change the feel of our Old Market area. The restriction would not only stop the wonderful carriage rides that give our old market part of its wonderful atmosphere but make congestion near the park worse, by preventing people from parking farther out then using the rickshaw rides to get to the T.D. Ameritrade park. It would also hinder the growth of environmentally friendly traffic that we are starting to see in Omaha.

Sincerely,

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promote tourism in Omaha use the image of our only horse drawn carriage service in action on the streets of our Old Market district. I have seen posters in Eppley Airport promising the pleasure of a relaxing entertaining carriage ride through our historic downtown.

Kim Conner-the carriage rides are part of the Old Markets charm... We don't want to see that go away. Besides the carriages aren't what slows things up, there are other things that do tin hat.

Jennifer Quail- why put even more people out of work.

Cindy Stowell- it's ridiculous to PUNISH our cities businesses because the mayor foolishly stuck the World Series in the middle of them!!!

Ronda Stem-in support of all the small businesses in the Old Market all of those small businesses and the carriage rides are the reason so many people make it a point to visit the Old Market.

Don't take that away from them.

Eva Huges- another scorched earth measure that negatively impacts people, horses, and their businesses make our urban areas MORE friendly to slow moving vehicles, not less!! Not to mention erasing charming human scale touches that people LOVE! OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT WAKE UP!!

Shannon Sellsenger-this is what makes the Old Market and downtown Omaha what it is.

Tiffany Herser- the carriage rides are part of the Old Market and downtown Omaha's charm. There are other options that could be considered before deciding on a ban.

Linda Hoerr-this is something that I enjoy when I take weekend trips to Omaha. It would be a loss to the city if it were to put a ban in place. It would cause me to book elsewhere for weekend holiday/vacation options.

Gina Fosco-I think it is unfair to take away someone's business opportunity in the name of traffic.

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Jenifer Quail - why put even more people out of work.

Cindy Howell It's ridiculous to punish our city's businesses because the Mayor foolishly stuck the wedge in the middle of them!!!

Ronda Stem I'm support of all the small business in the Old World. All of these small businesses and the carriage rides are the reason so many people make it a practice visit the Old World. Do not make that any harder for them.

Evan Hayes Another scorched-earth measure that negatively impacts people, horses, and their businesses! Make our urban areas MORE friendly to slow-moving vehicles, not less!! No to mention losing charming human-scale touches that people LOVE! OMAHA CITY COUNCIL WAKE UP!!

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Ray Acends - I feel this is a service that should be continued due to it's role at the attractions that helps draw tourists to the Omahas

Jilly Miller - Because this is just WORKING! Messing with GOOD peoples livelihoods for the sake of some impatience shown by others who, I might add, are also depending on this time of year to boost their yearly incomes!

Andy Goben In support of Magical Journeys Carriage Service, I think a better agreement can be made than a total ban during CWS' share on the city for not first discussing the issue with business owners first.

Jerry Miller Taking away one of the unique attractions in the area that compliments the ambiance of the historic surrounding and slows down the hustle and bustle of the city is an important viable appealing benefit. Keep it support it showcase it.

Karin Fellow Dear City Council! Please turn your attention to the many visual focus promoting Omaha as a tourist attraction. Many signs, brochures, pamphlets, postcards, videos, etc that promote tourism in Omaha use the image of our only horse drawn carriage service in action on the streets of our old west district. I have seen posters in Eagle report promoting the pleasure of a relaxing, entertaining and through our historic downtown support this unique attraction.

Mike Mike - during this economically challenging environment, it is extremely disappointing that a local city government would place an undue economic hardship on a small local long-time, tax-paying business owner.

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Elaine Wikusik - Why on earth would anyone opt to get rid of the garage sides and make congestion near the park worse than it ~~is~~ already is? It's the worst idea I have heard of yet. I am going to look up who initiated this so I know who not to vote for. It shows a serious lack of foresight.

Melanie ~~is~~ Caudillo - the carriages are a wonderful part of our historic downtown Omaha and to recount imagine visiting the Old World not having them there.

Lisa Lewis - although riding in a carriage comes from a long time past, establishing carriage rides in the Old World was an innovative and truly an idea ahead of its time. It was started by a young entrepreneur that grew up in Omaha with an awesome why not? attitude. It is now an icon in the Old World & in Omaha in general. People expect to see it. Why not exploit Omaha's ^{attraction} for the original? Why not show case a business that we hear