# John M. Mayer, LLC

## **Business Plan**

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### Mission:

Provide the highest quality of service (maintenance, diagnosis, and repair) to owners of Think City electric vehicles, Prius, and other Toyota/Lexus/Scion compact to mid-size vehicles at a reasonable price and with a completely transparent process.

#### Vision:

Grow and evolve only as much as possible while maintaining excellence.

Continue to do what I know how to do expertly while also devoting a fraction of time and energy to learning, innovating and risk-taking.

#### Values:

Work is a component of life that creates/gives/is quality/fulfillment.

Minimize the conflict of interest inherent in automotive service.

Specialize; develop expertise.

Be transparent.

Be fair.

Strive for excellence.

Innovate. Create. Challenge yourself.

Build and nurture relationships.

Be an active part of the community.

Better a diamond with a flaw than a pebble without.

Plans are nothing. Planning is everything.

There is no substitute for understanding.

Manage expectations.

## **Executive Summary**

John M. Mayer, LLC was established in June 2016 to provide service for Think City electric vehicles. Through an agreement with Green Drop Garage, services were performed at the Moreland shop location. Because of the small number of these vehicles, the quantity of Think service was and will continue to be insufficient to employ a single full-time technician.

John M. Mayer, LLC will continue to provide services for Thinks, but is expanding to also offer specialized service for Toyota Prius and other subcompact to mid-sized Toyota/Lexus/Scion passenger vehicles. This transition will entail many major changes including a new shop location, increased expenses (especially the addition of rent and marketing) and increased sales.

The business will offer several unique selling propositions in order to attract and maintain a loyal client base. All financial information will be completely transparent and available for any interested party to scrutinize. Parts will be sold to customers at the price for which they were purchased with no mark-up. The entire shop space will be visible to the public in real time through a live streaming camera system connected to the Internet. Car handling outside of the shop will be recorded using dash-mounted cameras. Limitation of work to a very narrow range of makes and models will guarantee expertise and minimize warranty repairs.

The purpose of this business plan is twofold:

Solicit loans to pay for start-up costs.

Solicit lease offers for shop locations.

## **Company Description and Service Line**

## Background

I worked as a technician at Hawthorne Auto Clinic for over 5 years. (My resume is attached for a complete overview of my education and work history.) During that time I specialized in work on hybrid and electric vehicles. Specifically (and especially in the last few years of my work at Hawthorne), I worked almost exclusively on Toyota Prius (simply because it is by far the most common hybrid on the market) and Think City electric vehicles. Think is a Norwegian manufacturer that sold around 2,500 vehicles, most of them in Europe, but around 400 vehicles were sold in the US. ("City" is the only model that Think ever sold, so I will often refer to one of these cars as just a "Think.") With 125 or so of those cars being sold in the vicinity of Portland, Oregon and no dealership infrastructure, Think North America offered Hawthorne Auto Clinic the opportunity to become a warranty service center. I was the technician that performed all of the Think services. But when warranties ended, it was difficult for Hawthorne Auto Clinic to justify maintaining its inventory of Think parts in its small and densely utilized shop space, and I was also looking for a career path with greater upward mobility.

In June of 2016 I registered John M. Mayer, LLC with the State of Oregon and began servicing Think City electric vehicles as an independent contractor operating out of Green Drop Garage Moreland. Because there are so few Thinks that need service, I performed all of the Think work that was required as a part-time job while I finished an Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Computer Information Systems from Portland Community College. I also maintain a website with technical information to help Think owners that don't live near a service station, ship parts across the US and Europe, and perform mobile services for Think owners that live just beyond the single-charge-range of a Think (e.g. in Salem, Corvalis and Eugene). Over the course of about 4 months and at a rate of \$40/hr I created revenue of over \$5,500 in labor alone. I have decided to expand my business and have more control over operations by moving to a new shop location.

### Present and Future

I intend to operate my business as a sole owner/member until I have acquired sufficient experience and have gained confidence that I will be able to provide a reliable payroll for employees. Limiting my sales to only the work that I can do alone is not viable for the long term, so I anticipate hiring and training at least one employee within one year of opening the shop, possibly much sooner depending on sales demand.

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The services offered will be dependent on acquisition of required shop equipment or leasing a facility where such equipment is available. For example, the ability to offer tire sales requires a tire mounting/dismounting machine and balancer. In order to offer alignments to customers, my location will need an alignment rack and instrumentation. A lift and an air compressor shall be the minimum shop equipment, and these tools will provide the capability to perform most mechanical and electrical diangosis and repair.

John M. Mayer, LLC will depart from many established models of automotive repair businesses.

The emphasis on quality in the mission statement derives from the understanding that the value of automotive service to a customer is much different than the sum of the price of parts and labor. If a customer has to return to the shop for a problem that was paid for and not fixed, there is an additional cost of the customer's time and maybe even emotional stress—after all, when they are driving, their lives depend on their cars. This situation is common enough in the industry to have a name, a "come-back." As an automotive technician I strove to minimize my come-backs through diligence and adherence to procedures, and as the owner of an automotive shop I will go even further. I will make come-backs a matter of public record, and I will also document remedies to prevent ever having a come-back for

the same reason twice. I'm not so naïve as to expect that I will never make a mistake that will require a customer to return to my shop, but my customers will know that no other shop does more to minimize that possibility.

A second way in which I will buck the trend of common automotive repair shops is narrow specialization. While virtually all cars share many similarities, the devil is in the details. It is understandable that automotive shops want to increase business volume, and therefore offer to work on a suffcient variety of cars. But by refusing to specialize, the overall efficiency and quality of repairs goes down. Furthermore, shops need to maintain a larger and more diverse inventory of parts and costly specialty tools to service their clients. I've chosen my specializations for several reasons. For Thinks, the reasoning is fairly self-explanatory: I am just about the only person that has any experience at all working on these cars. My reasoning for chosing to specialize in Prius is not only that I have extensive experience and training, but also that Prius owners laregly fall into a marketing demographic that desires practical, enivronmentally responsible transportation. The diagnostic software and hardware required to work on Prius are the same used for all Toyota/Lexus/Scion models. (Some aftermarket tools claim to be a substitute for the genuine Toyota TechStream, but I have found them to be error-prone or lacking complete data. Other generic tools that can be used on all makes and models of cars lack many of the valuable diagnostic features that are available with the manufacturers' equipment.) Limiting myself to Toyota products will limit the expense of subscription fees that accompany the software and information systems, but will still leave a huge prospective customer base.

The final pieces of the mission statement, "at a reasonable price and with a completely transparent process" go hand-in-hand. The expense of maintaining and repairing a car is quite high for many car owners, and it is reasonable for them to want to understand that expense. I will make all of the business' finances, including all profits transferred to me personally, publicly available for anyone to inspect. This transparency is an effort to establish trust with customers in an industry that is rife with distrust, whether rightfully earned or not. Even the amount of time spent working on cars will be available for customers to review through video. The recorded video will also allow me to review my work and find mistakes or problems in my procedures if errors become apparent after a service.

Another fundamental selling proposition that sets my business apart from typical automotive shops is selling parts at-cost (plus, of course, any shipping charges and fees that I pay). I am of the opinion that the value a a part does not change as it is passed from the manufacturer to a distributor to a repair shop to a customer. There are certainly expenses associated with the transportation, storage and capital necessary to get that part from the manufacturer to the customer. The expense incurred in passing the part from my repair shop to the customer is reflected more accurately by adjusting either the labor rate or the number of labor hours billed to the customer. Most shops add a tiered mark-up to the cost of the part; for example, a shop might add 50% to the cost of a part between \$10 and \$20, and 25% to the cost of a part between \$20 and \$50, and so on. Not only is this system somewhat arbitrary, it is a rare shop that would disclose it to customers. As a result, some customers buy their parts elsewhere and bring them to the shop for installation, and this can result in a poor repair if the customer's part is poor quality (if it is even the correct part). My proposition—that the customer pays the exact same cost as I do—is designed to build trust with my clients. It also reduces the conflict of interest that arises from my role as both the inspector and the supplier of the parts. Obviously, a business model of selling retail parts at the same price for which they were purchased would result in zero net profit. My business model creates net profit from the sale of labor; parts sales are incidental and should be neutral with respect to profit.

An optional selling proposition is operating during hours outside of the traditional 8:00am to 5:00pm work day. Shop facilities typically only make active use of their equipment and facilities for one-third of the day. The shop is still in use for storage and security of employees' tools and customers cars through the night, but these functions could be preserved while another crew makes active use of the facilities and equipment. Some auto repair jobs require multiple days on a lift and can't be moved on and off the lift between shifts, so it would be likely that the shop would have to reserve one or more lifts and make them unavailable to the second shift crew. Similarly, the second shift crew would at least ocassionally need to use a lift for multiple days and make it unavailable to the day shift. But a sufficiently sized shop should be able to accommodate multiple crews with one or more lifts reserved

exclusively to each shift and others lifts explicitly designated to be free at the end of the shift.

### **Market Research**

Anyone who has ever owned a car is probably at least somewhat familiar with the automotive service industry. Consumers (car owners) often have very little understanding of automotive issues and therefore are forced to trust their service providers to treat them fairly. As a result, brand name and customer reviews play an important role in recruiting new customers and creating loyal repeat customers.

My automotive service shop will consist of two basic markets: Think and Prius (along with other Toyota-brand passenger vehicles).

### Think

My unique experience as a Think warranty service technician makes me one of the few people in the country that can reliably and economically repair Thinks. While some Think services are typical of any automobile and can be performed by any competent service shop (like tires and brakes), many of the common failures require specialized knowledge of specific software applications and mechanical procedures that have been developed and refined through trial and error and extensive repetition. Think owners, therefore, are essentially a captive market; they really have nowhere else to go. Because of this I feel an obligation to make sure that these customers are treated fairly, and I think that I have earned many Think owners' trust and a reputation that makes my knowledge sought from across the US and Europe.

Thinks will continue to need maintenance and repairs for many years to come, but the services and repairs that I anticipated prior to operating at Green Drop Garage did not match exactly what I experienced. One of the main outliers was the drastic decrease in the number of MLEC replacements from previous years. Part of this is certainly due to the warmer months that are tabulated here and the cause of MLEC failure being related to use of the cabin heater. Hopefully, though, the decrease can be attributed to awareness of the root cause of the problem and customers' actions to prevent it. Other services that were performed fewer times

than predicted were front brake replacement and tires (simply because my repair facility did not have tire replacement capability).

Surprisingly, Thinks required more of some specific services than I anticipated. Traction battery repair was not even on my radar based on my previous years of Think service. I had replaced a few RLECs during my tenure at Hawthorne Auto Clinic, but it was a very rare condition. Encountering 10 instances in only a few months makes me think that water infiltration into the traction battery is going to be an ongoing problem that has simply taken a long time to surface. I have also noticed that some transaxles are slowly starting to make more noise, and I suspect that eventually many of them will require rebuilding. Such sharp increases in these two high-labor repairs is unfortunate for Think owners, but promising for my job security.

Table 1 in the attachments shows my original projections for Think services, the actual services that I performed, the services for which I consulted with remote customers, and revised projections. The overall effect of my observations on my revised estimates is that the demand for Think labor is about 40% greater than I had originally projected. My original projections were for about 25 labor hours per month of Think work. What I actually experienced during my time at Green Drop Garage was demand for about 35 labor hours per month, and my new projections are in line with those observations.

I am happy to do my part to keep these fun little cars on the road and making their drivers happy for as long as possible, but it's simply not enough work to keep a business running, even with only one full-time owner/operator. So the other half of my automotive service will focus on Toyota Prius, a model ubiquitous on the streets of Portland.

#### Prius

Hybrid cars require specialized training for handling of high voltage systems and components, though unlike Think service, there are plenty of well-trained technicians and an enormous manufacturing infrastructure to support Toyotas. When I first began my career as an automotive service technician at Hawthorne Auto Clinic many customers had the impression that hybrid gas-electric vehicles

could only be worked on by dealerships. While any shop can perform basic services on hybrids (like oil changes and tire replacement), only shops that invest in specialized training are capable of safely diagnosing and repairing high voltage traction batteries, inverters, motors and more.

The staple of automotive service is the engine oil change, and this goes for Prius as well (but not for electric vehicles like Thinks which have motors, not engines). Other regular maintenance items that I anticipate to be in demand for Prius service include engine and cabin air filter replacements, transmission fluid replacement, bulb replacements, tire rotations, tire replacement, brake pad/rotor and drum/shoe replacements, 12 Volt battery replacement, steering and suspension component replacements and tune-ups which include spark plug replacement. Diagnosis and repair services will usually require connection of diagnostic hardware and reference to manufacturer information and technical service bulletins. Replacement of hybrid vehicle traction batteries and inverters are not entirely uncommon. As many Prius are now turning 15 years old, we may begin to see engine repair become a cost-effective means of keeping very fuel-efficient vehicles on the road.

## **Marketing and Sales**

The goal of my business is to create demand for my services exceeding what I can supply. I plan on providing higher quality service and lower prices than competitors. To be clear though, this is not a race to the bottom, to attract the customers that desire maximum services for minimum payment; I will not compete with franchise quick-lube shops. The competitors that I seek to challenge price-wise are those that offer a similar level of quality and expertise. This model maximizes the use of fixed-expense resources and minimizes marketing expenses.

My shop will operate in a manner that has more similarities with dental offices and veterinary clinics than most automotive shops. Many car owners think of automotive repair facilities as drop-in, on-demand services whether for regular maintenance or restoring a car to a driveable condition. My business will schedule regular maintenance and inspections during the first part of the day, and reserve a certain amount of time in the afternoon for time-sensitive services. Clients that have already had regular maintenance performed will have preferred status

(through scheduling preference and labor rates) for urgent, on-demand services. In the same way that you would probably prefer to go to your regular dentist when you have a dental emergency, or you would give preference to your regular vet when your pet has an acute need—my shop will develop a loyal clientelle based on expertise and familiarity. Eventually sales will reach an equilibrium in which new and repeat customers will schedule regular appointments weeks in advance, and my time will be fully utilized.

Of course, Think and Prius owners will need to know about my shop before they will beat my door down for service. Distributing this information to Think owners is a trivial task; the Think community is small, and many owners are already directly in contact with me through email. Marketing my services to Toyota customers will require more effort.

I hope that my unique selling propositions will inspire enough interest to generate recognition in the news media. Local print (the Oregonian, Portland Tribune, Portland Business Journal, Willamette Week, Portland Mercury, Southeast Examiner, Green Living Journal, etc), radio (OPB, KNRK, KINK, etc), television (OPB, KOIN, KATU) and their associated online media sources will receive a press release detailing the opening of the shop and ongoing operations.

The location of my shop will have a huge impact on the street traffic visibility. Not only will more prospective customers be more likely to become aware of my shop if it is located near the center of Portland, they will be more likely to bring their car to that location for service. Even if a customer is exposed to advertising for my shop, the location must be convenient so they don't have to go out of their way to buy my services.

I plan on acquiring and maintaining a small fleet of loaner vehicles available to customers to minimize the impact of vehicle service on their daily schedules. These cars may serve as an advertising platform.

Because expertise forms the foundation for reasons customers should choose to have their vehicles serviced by my shop and not others, I will invest heavily in establishing and communicating that expertise. I have already begun execution of this strategy for the Think market segment through my website, thinkcitypdx.com. I

offer lengthy, technical explanations of issues for Think owners and technicians. I also actively participate in online groups with EV enthusiasts. Because my Think customer base is captive, I have paid little attention to graphic design, website traffic statistics and search engine optomization. In a competitive market, these factors will be essential. If I can invest a relatively small amount of time providing free, valuable advice to Prius owners around the world through my website, then local Prius owners will be funnelled toward my business when they search for Prius service on the Internet. While I have gained considerable skills in web development, my investment in web development needs to be directed toward content, and I will need to hire professionals for design and implementation.

Finally, I will need to invest in traditional advertising. Because I have no practical knowledge or experience in marketing, I will hire a consultant to provide guidance.

As one example of a traditional marketing campaign, I have inquired after the cost of underwriting on Oregon Public Broadcasting through radio spots. Many Priusdrivers tune their car radios to OPB, and I would also like to support OPB's mission and journalism. The minimum annual contract with OPB Radio is \$4,000, and with 10 second spots starting at \$100 this could buy 40 spots. A huge variety of options allow the spots to be spread out over the year or guaranteed at particularly well-listened times (at a higher cost), like during the morning commute. A branding campaign is usually \$10,000 or more, but for the sake of budget estimates we might assume between \$350 and \$850 per month to advertise by this medium.

## **Financial Projections**

The operation of John M. Mayer, LLC since inception up to this point in time is a basis for forecasting future financial outcomes, but at the same time, the business is undergoing many changes and some amount of unpredictability is the only certainty. Table 2 (in the attachments) details income and expenses up to this point. It's worth noting that between supplies, tools, uniforms, clothing and furniture, there is close to \$2,700 worth of expense. Many of the purchases in these categories will last for many years, and though I never expect these expenses to drop to zero, they will probably not be recurring with the same magnitude. The balance sheet, Table 3,

below shows that the business has no liabilities, but also that it's assets compared to the start-up costs for a new shop location are small.

My simple model for revenue (creating profit only from sales of labor, and passing all other direct expenses through to the customer at-cost) makes that category of financial projections very straightforward. Revenue will depend directly on the hours billed and the labor rate. However, a myriad of caveats and compromises are built in to those two numbers. Concerning the number of hours billed: How many hours can I expect to bill to customers compared to the total number of hours that I work for the business? What is a reasonable ratio of hours billed to hours worked for an employee that works exclusively on customer cars? Will I bill the same number of hours for the same job as other shops do? If a labor guide indicates that a job should take one hour, but I become efficient enough that I can perform it in one half hour, should I still bill a full hour? What about the opposite situation? If a job consistently takes twice as long as it is alleged to take, should I still only bill what is prescribed? How will I account for non-labor consulting time with customers? Most automotive service shops offer "free" inspections; will I offer free inspections? Newer cars in better condition take less time to inspect and document than older cars in poorer condtion; should I bill according to model year and condition? Concerning the labor rate: How much should I expect my labor rate to vary from typical labor rates due to not marking up parts sales? Should I have separate labor rates for jobs of varying skill levels? All these questions are difficult to answer, but simply acknowledging them and setting clear and fair policies will increase trust with clients and prospective clients.

As a starting point, I think that it is safe to assume that I will be able to perform 4 hours of billable work per day (working full-time), 5 days per week, 4 weeks per month, and I will be able to bill \$100/hour for my labor. (Although I expect it will take at least a few months to develop this volume of demand.) This results in a gross profit of \$8,000 per month or \$96,000 per year; this calculation assumes I am paid out of the profits and not through any wage or salary that counts toward the cost of goods and services sold. Based on my goal of \$2,000 monthly take-home pay (after taxes) and estimating my effective tax rate (federal and state combined) at 24%, the net earnings for the business should be about \$2,650 per month.

This net profit goal of 33% is high compared to the bizstats.com net profit benchmark of 18% (see Table 4), but after adding in the labor portion of cost of sales (4%) and indirect salaries and wages (6%) it falls in a realistic range.

The revenues and expenses of a brand new operation are hard to predict, but the projected income statement in Table 5 shows my estimates of minimum and maximum expected values. Based on these estimates, achieving my target net earnings of \$2,650 will be difficult. But falling short of my personal income goal is not a deal-breaker during the start-up phase of the business. It's also clear from this theoretical income statement that even the maximum feasible sales of labor could be negated unless strict control is enforced on expenses.

It is a slight oversimplification to represent all of the expenses in Table 5 as fixed values that do not vary with sales volume or the number of employees, but given the wide range of uncertainty, it's probably not an unreasonable assumption with which to start. Table 6 shows additional values that would be added to an income statement for a single employee working for John M. Mayer, LLC. The revenue assumes that the employee can perform the same number of billable hours as me (4 hours per day, 5 days per week, 4 weeks per month), but at a lower labor rate of \$80 per hour. The employee's pay is based on \$18 per hour, 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year. The gross profit produced by one additional employee based on these estimates would be likely to double the net earnings of the business (and help to exceed my income goal). If demand is sufficient, additional employees would contribute similar revenues and expenses.

The shop requires certain minimum equipment to offer its essential services. If I elect to sublease a space within an established automotive repair facility, much of this equipment will be included with the lease. But if I lease a bare industrial facility it is likely that I will have to purchase all of the equipment new or used. Table 7 lists the anticipated equipment, the priority and estimated costs.

## **Facility Leasing Considerations**

The possible locations for a shop facility are mind-boggling. A few characteristics of the facility are required which helps to initially narrow the properties for further investigation: The property must be zoned Commercial

General, Commercial Storefront, Industrial or Employment (CG, CS, or anything starting with I or E). The building must have at least one grade-level, drive-in door sufficiently sized to easily accommodate a mid-sized passenger vehicle (but larger is preferable). The ceiling clearance inside the shop space must be at least 12 ft so that a lift can be installed.

I am open to the possibility of either subleasing space from an established automotive service shop or another industrial facility or being the primary lessee of a bare industrial space. Advantages and disadvantages of each will have to be weighed individually on a case-by-case basis. For example, several varieties of industrial business might potentially be able to offer a lease: alignment shops, engine rebuilders, body shops, maker spaces might all be potential lessors with a wide range of benefits and drawbacks. Overall, I expect that I would prefer to start with a bare industrial space and be able to equip it and use it as I see fit without obtaining consent from the owner/primary lessee of the space.

The practical lower limit to the size of the space that my business requires is based on the area required to accommodate a lift and my tools. Rotary (a major manufacturer of automotive lifts) recommends a minimum bay size of 12' x 24', or 288 sqft. My tools (a cart, two roll-away toolboxes, and space for a bench) can be expected to take up at least 100 sqft. If I keep any inventory at all, I expect that 500 sqft will be an absolute minimum area, and this might require all adminstrative work to be done from my residence. Additionally, if there is no inside area for overnight storage of customer cars then a fenced lot should be provided. Street parking for customer cars is legally dubious and would definitely raise insurance rates.

The upper limit on the leased area will be limited by total rent. Area for storage of Think parts and even complete Thinks (perhaps cars that have been wrecked/totalled) are good reasons for leasing a property with additional storage space. Some facilities have storage space above finished office areas. Another possibility for increasing storage capacity is renting a separate facility in an area with lower rental rates, further from Portland city center.

Another consideration regarding the size of facility to lease is the opportunity and timing for growth. Obviously, a larger facility with higher rent will be more difficult to afford at start-up, but hiring employees and taking on more work will be

much easier. Renting a smaller, more affordable space will limit the amount of work I will be able to perform. Changing facilities to allow for growth could be very expensive. An ideal lease would have adjoining space that could potentially be leased in the future.

## Loan Request

I have no basis for expectations of loan terms other than a response to an inquiry through the SBA's LINC tool. The "Score and Go" loan is for amounts up to \$25,000 with a ten year term, variable interest rate of Wall Street Journal Prime (currently 3.5%) plus 4.75%. Additional costs include 3% packaging fee and \$250 closing fee. Other loan terms include no collateral required and no penalty for prepayment. Using these terms I've compiled monthly payments for several principal amounts and periods from 1 to 10 years in Table 8. Even though the loan fees are taken out of the loan principal, I've also tabulated the equivalent monthly expense of the fees in Table 9 for comparison. Based on these figures, a reasonable minimum and maximum to budget for monthly loan repayment would be \$100 to \$500.

The amount of loan principal requested will depend on several factors.

- Shop equipment (whether included with a lease or not)
- Terms of the lease agreement, like monthly rate and up-front payments like first and last months rent plus security deposit
- Marketing consultation expenses
- Supplemental personal income during start-up

### Timeline

To put it simply, the time is now. I have Think owners waiting for repairs. I have recently purchased a totalled Think, which I may decide to use for spare parts or to repair and sell or use for the business. I have customers waiting for parts that need

to be ordered from Switzerland. My tools are in storage, and I have very little income now.

I do not anticipate any time-sensitive factors in procuring a lease, but the selection of a facility has such high importance that sufficient time should be devoted to ensure the search is very thorough.

The volume of new business over time is the most unpredictable factor. The expense and revenue projections certainly favor a larger company with more employees, but only when a sufficient demand for services has developed. The first several months' operations will be the most critical for the trajectory of the business. I may have to adjust my marketing strategy or business model. Even though I would like to avoid the discontinuity and expense of changing locations, it may be wisest to start small until I can prove that I can create demand.

## **Doing Business As**

John M. Mayer, LLC makes sense as the legal name of my business, but doesn't effectively convey anything about the nature of the business. I won't be able to use the trademarked terms "Prius" or "Toyota". Whether "Think" and "Think City" are trademarked is not certain because the company is allegedly bankrupt. I may file two names, one name associated with Think (probably "Think City PDX" because I already own the domain thinkcitypdx.com) and another associated with Prius.