

Explanation of Draft Overview of Items Remaining for Discussion

The Draft Overview includes the taxi, limousine and TNC ordinances with potential future ordinance language. Within the Draft Overview, the language in red is language drafted based on City Council direction. The language in green is language drafted based mostly on Taxi industry recommendations.

Pg 1, Sec 57-20

This provision provides the definitions for the article.

Staff is recommending clarifying the definition of taxicab to clearly exclude TNC's and limousines from the definition of taxicab.

Pg 5, Sec 57-28

This provision establishes requirements in contract between vehicle for hire owner and driver.

Taxi industry has requested removal of this provision.

Pg 6, Sec 57-29(g); pg 7, Sec 57-31; pg 10 & 11 Sec 57-36; pg 12, Sec 57-37

These provisions relate to the certificate of operation fee/street user fee, which cannot exceed 2% of gross revenue per Texas Law.

City Council's last direction was to change the certificate of operation fee to 2% gross revenue to mirror the TNC regulations. Further direction was given to meet with Taxi industry to further discuss fees.

Taxi industry is requesting the fees remain the same. The current fees for taxi are \$250 certificate of operation fee (every 5 years) and \$100 per vehicle street user fee (every 3 months).

If fees remain the same, Staff is requesting a change in nomenclature for the "street use fee" to "certificate of operation fee".

Pg 9, Sec 57-35

This provision establishes the duration of the Certificate of Operation.

City's Council last direction was to change from 5 years to 1 year to match TNC's.

Taxi industry is requesting the term remain the same at 5 years.

Pg 16, Sec 57-80; pg 52, Sec 57-294

These provisions relate to the inspection of vehicles for Taxis and TNCs.

City Council's direction was to eliminate taxi vehicle inspections to mirror TNC regulations. Further direction was given to require State vehicle inspection and double fine for failure to have vehicle inspection by vehicle for hire.

Adopted TNC ordinance had a vehicle inspection requirement. Drafted language eliminates vehicle inspection and requires State registration for both Taxis and TNCs. Under new State law, vehicles no longer obtain inspection sticker, but require state inspection to get registration sticker. Furthermore, current window fine in Municipal Court for expired registration is \$123. The drafted language sets a minimum fine at \$250 for both taxis and TNC's failure to have State registration sticker.

Pg 20, Sec 57-88

This provision establishes the maximum age of taxicabs.

City Council's direction was to increase the age of entry from 6 to 7.

Taxi industry requested ability to utilize specialty cars

Exception 2 allows vehicles over 25 years of age which have been registered with the State as classic vehicles to be utilized as taxicabs. Classic vehicles require State inspection.

Pg 21, Sec 57-96

This provision creates a taxicab and vehicle for hire driver's permit.

Taxi industry has requested taxicab license be the same as a vehicle for hire license.

Pg 25, Sec 57-100

This provision requires the City to issue 2 taxi driver permit id cards.

Staff is requesting to issue only 1 identification card.

Pg 28, Sec 57-105

This provision establishes dress code for taxicab drivers

During City Council discussions, the possible removal of this provision has been mentioned.

Taxi Industry is requesting the removal of this provision.

Pg 30, Sec 57-110

This provision provides that lost article be delivered to the Taxi Inspector.

Taxicab industry is requesting the removal of this provision.

Pg 31, Sec 57-115

This provision requires an off duty sign be posted in taxicabs.

Taxicab industry is requesting removal of this provision.

Pg 32, Sec 57-128, 129; pg 33, Sec 130, 131; pg 134, Sec 57-35; pg 37 Sec 57-136

These provisions relates to taxi metered fares

City Council's last direction was to meet and further discuss with Taxi industry.

Taxi industry has requested deregulation of fares.

In an effort to protect consumers, Staff has drafted a possible alternative to the current fare regulations. The possible alternative would require taxi companies to file their maximum rate with the City and clearly post in their taxi cab. Taxicabs would be allowed to charge a metered rate, minute rate, or flat rate. Flat rate would be based on flat rate map created by city so consumer would be able to accurately compare fares.

Limousines

Pg 39, Sec 57-164

Limousine industry has requested the ability to provide black car service

Modeled after Houston limousine regulations, the definition of limousine is expanded to allow black car service.

Pg 42, Sec 57-167

Limousine industry has requested ability to temporarily increase licensed fleet for high peak demand time such as prom and New Years.

Regulation allows for supplement permit for additional vehicles to be used temporarily. Staff is requesting a change in nomenclature for the "street use fee" to "permit fee".