

Ordinance

Amending Chapter 57, Section 57-20 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance to clarify the definition of "taxicab" to clearly specify that drivers for transportation network companies are subject to the City's taxicab regulations; and providing for severance, publication, penalty, and effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance, Chapter 57, Section 20 is amended as follows:

Sec. 57-20. - Definitions.

The following terms, as used in this article, article III, and article IIIA, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

Business days: The official working days of the City of Corpus Christi not including weekends or public holidays.

Certificate: A certificate authorizing taxicab or vehicle for hire service in the City of Corpus Christi issued pursuant to this article.

Driver or chauffeur: Shall be held to include every person in actual charge of the operation of a taxicab or vehicle for hire, whether he is the owner or is an agent, servant or employee of the owner.

For hire: For money or other thing of value, gratuities, tips and free-will offerings, whether paid directly or indirectly, as compensation or consideration for services rendered.

Mobile data terminal or MDT: A computerized GPS dispatch system terminal that is mounted in the vehicle to allow for dispatching of taxicabs.

Owner: Any person, firm, corporation, association, partnership or society who holds a valid and current certificate and who has the control, direction, maintenance and the benefit of the collection of revenue derived from the operation of one (1) or more taxicabs on or over the streets or public ways of the city, whether as owner or otherwise.

Taxicab: Every automobile or motor-propelled vehicle used for the transportation of passengers for hire over the public streets of the city and not over a defined or fixed route, irrespective of whether or not the operations extend beyond the city limits, at rates for distance traveled, for waiting time, for both or at rates per hour, per day, per week or per month under circumstances that such vehicle is routed under the direction of the passenger hiring same. The term includes an automobile or motor-propelled vehicle used to offer or provide a ride to a transportation network company rider in exchange for compensation or payment of a fee. The term "taxicab" does not include

driverless vehicles, nor does it include vehicles operated exclusively under any special certificate carrying to or from any municipal airport of the city to any point within the city or through any part of the city, but the provisions relating to drivers shall apply to all vehicles operated under special certificate, as well as other vehicles included herein, when a driver is furnished.

Taxicab stand: A public place alongside the curb or curblin of a street which has been designated by the city traffic engineer as reserved exclusively for the use of taxicabs in accordance with the provisions of this article and the traffic ordinances of the city.

Taximeter: A machine adapted automatically to calculate at a predetermined rate and to register the charge for hire of a taxicab, and such charges shall be indicated numerically.

Vehicle for hire: Shall mean every chauffeured vehicle, other than mass transit vehicles or vehicles involved in an organized car pool not available to the general public, which operated for any fare or compensation and used for the transportation of passengers over city streets. Such vehicles shall include but not be limited to taxicabs, buses, vans, motor coaches, limousines, classic vehicles, luxury vehicles, horse-drawn carriages and pedicabs.

Waiting time: Such time as may be consumed or lost at the special instance and request of a passenger after such passenger has first entered the taxicab to make a trip and before reaching his final destination; and no charge shall be made against a passenger for any time lost on account of any other delay whatsoever.

SECTION 2. If for any reason any section paragraph subdivision clause phrase word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect any other section paragraph subdivision clause phrase word or provision of this ordinance for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section paragraph subdivision clause phrase word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

SECTION 3. Publication shall be made one time in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

SECTION 4. Penalties are as provided in Section 1-6 of the Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 5. This ordinance takes effect after official publication.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the _____ day of _____, _____, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Brian Rosas	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lucy Rubio	_____
Chad Magill	_____	Mark Scott	_____
Colleen McIntyre	_____	Carolyn Vaughn	_____
Lillian Riojas	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the _____ day of _____, _____, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Brian Rosas	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lucy Rubio	_____
Chad Magill	_____	Mark Scott	_____
Colleen McIntyre	_____	Carolyn Vaughn	_____
Lillian Riojas	_____		

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the _____th day of _____, _____.

ATTEST:

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor