

# City of Corpus Christi Vehicle for Hire / Taxi Ordinance

Discover, Discuss & Decide Process



April 26, 2016



# Timeline

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<b>April</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Discovery / Discuss</b> <b>Staff Respond to Questions from April 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b><i>TNC Skype Session for Available Texas Cities Representatives</i></b>
<b>May</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Discuss / Direction</b>
	<b>17</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ?</b>
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# Discovery Timeline

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<b>April</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Discovery / Discuss – <i>TNC Ordinance</i></b> <b>Staff Response to Council Questions 4.19.16</b> <b>SKYPE Interviews with Available Personnel</b>
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# skype™ Session

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## City Leaders Contacted

**Austin:** Robert Spillar, Director of Transportation

**College Station:** Jennifer Ginsel, Police Assistant

**Dallas:** Eileen Youens, Assistant City Attorney

**Houston:** Alexander Heim, Management Analyst  
Lara Cottingham, Assistant Director Regulation

**San Antonio:** Douglas Greene, Public Information

## Questions Asked of City Leaders



1. If you have updated your Vehicle for Hire / Taxi Ordinance since 2014, please explain what factors led to this update?
2. If your city's Vehicle for Hire Ordinance or Transportation Network Company Ordinance does NOT require Biometric Fingerprinting of Drivers, please briefly explain your justification for not including this requirement.
3. Please provide your current Vehicle for Hire / Taxi permitting fee schedule and what said fees support.
4. Does your Vehicle for Hire Ordinance or Transportation Network Company Ordinance have an auditing process? If so, what measures are involved?
5. Has your city ever conducted a Taxi Company or TNC Company Focus Group to address current or proposed ordinance changes? What was the outcome of said Focus Groups?



# Council Questions

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## Questions Asked by City Council on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

1.  Add Midland and Galveston to our City Summary Spreadsheets
2.  Skype Interviews: Austin, College Station, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio
3. How are the monies received by the City from Vehicle For Hire Permits used?
4. Elaborate on Corpus Christi VFH regulations that local drivers feel are outdated



# Questions Response

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### 4. Elaborate about VFH regulations that drivers feel are outdated

#### Top Light

**Chapter 57-84:** Top light indicating occupancy of taxi There shall be affixed on the outside top and front portion of each taxicab an electric light that can be turned on or a flag, signal or other device that may easily be seen by people on the street or sidewalks in the vicinity of such taxicab, and when a passenger engages and enters such taxicab the light shall be turned on or the flag, signal or other device shall be placed in such position as to denote that such taxicab is employed.

#### 2 Way Radio

**Chapter 57-85:** Dispatch communication system After June 31, 2013, each vehicle used as a taxicab shall be equipped with a two-way radio dispatch communications system or a mobile data terminal to enable the driver of the taxicab to receive requests for service from the public using the business telephone number of the taxicab service and to respond or communicate such circumstances which render the taxicab unable to respond to such requests for service.

#### Geographic Test

**Chapter 57-99:** Geographic test The taxicab inspector shall require a written geography test of each applicant for a taxicab driver's permit covering knowledge of city streets, buildings, etc., to be composed by and at the discretion of the taxicab inspector. Until such applicant is duly qualified in his knowledge of city geography, the taxicab inspector shall not grant a city taxicab driver's permit to such applicant

#### Driver Appearance / Clothing

**Chapter 57-105:** Neat and clean appearance of drivers It shall be the responsibility of every certificate holder to require and to ensure that his or her drivers are neat and clean in appearance while on duty. All certificate holders shall require a driver employed or under contractual agreement with said holder to comply with the following: (1) All male drivers shall wear full length pants or shorts commonly referred to as Bermuda shorts or cargo shorts, with a finished hem, shirts with sleeves and collars, socks and closed-toed shoes. (2) All female drivers shall wear full length slacks or shorts commonly referred to as Bermuda shorts or cargo shorts, with a finished hem, regular length skirts, blouses, socks or stockings and closed-toed shoes.



# Questions

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**Questions for Staff Regarding Any Topics Covered?**