

City of Corpus Christi Vehicle for Hire / Taxi Ordinance

Discover, Discuss & Decide Process



May 10, 2016



Timeline

May	3	No Council Airport Taxi Focus Group
	10	Discuss / Direction
	17	2nd Reading Ordinance No. 030788 / 1st Reading Initiative
	24	2nd Reading Ordinance No. 030788 / 1st Reading Initiative



Council Questions

Questions Asked by City Council on April 26th, 2016

1. *Provide taxi cab rates for the “Company Regulated” cities of Bryan, College station and Waco.*

Taxi Rate information was not available for the cities of Bryan, College Station or Waco. A number of online Taxi Rate Finding services were used, all of which did not have Taxi rate information for the cities requested.



New Discovery

Responses from Taxi Focus Groups and Questionnaires

▪ **Airport Taxi Focus Group – *Meeting 5.3.16***

Requests Include:

1. City or Airport to issue all taxis an Automated Vehicle Identification (AVI) Tag which will replace the current paper permit.
2. Airport permit fees to be reduced by 83% and paid on annual basis only
3. The Airport permit will be the standard fee structure for Taxi Cabs and TNCs
4. An option to apply for, and purchase Airport permits on line.
5. A commercial lane and curbside to be reserved for Taxi Cab Use only – TNCs in Parking Lot
6. Airport to post a sign listing all City Taxi Cab phone numbers at no charge

▪ **Taxi PD Focus Group – *Questionnaire Sent by PD on 4.29.16***

No Response Received



New Discovery

Responses from TNC Questionnaires Sent on 4.25.16

TNC Provider	COMPANY				DRIVER					VEHICLE		AIRPORT	
	Annual Permit	2% Annual Gross Receipts	Trade Signage	Record Inspection	12 hrs per 24 hrs Driver Limit	Vehicle for Hire Permit	\$50 Permit Fee	Medical Report	Fingerprint Background Check	Annual Vehicle Inspection by City	7 Yr Cap, 3 Yr Extension with Inspection	Comply with Airport Regulations	Monthly \$50 Trip Fee or \$2 per Arrival for Taxicabs
Uber		Flat Fee					Flat Fee						\$1 Pickup Fee
Tride		1%				\$20 - \$30	\$20 - \$30						\$1 Pickup Fee
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<i>Favor</i>	
<i>Oppose</i>	



Background

Potential TNC Ordinances

	TNC					DRIVER					VEHICLE		AIRPORT		
<i>City Data & Ordinance Adoption</i>	<i>TNC requires permit to operate</i>	<i>TNC permit fee</i>	<i>Requires place of business within the City</i>	<i>Trade Signage or emblem</i>	<i>Right to inspect business records</i>	<i>TNC driver permit required</i>	<i>TNC driver permit fee</i>	<i>Limit on operating hours of driver</i>	<i>Physical / Medical</i>	<i>Background check for drivers required</i>	<i>Vehicle Inspection</i>	<i>Limit on age of vehicle</i>	<i>Compliance with Airport Regulations</i>	<i>Airport Permit</i>	<i>Airport Fees</i>
1. Corpus Christi Under Reconsideration	Annual	2% gross receipts	no	yes, readable at a distance of at least 50 feet	yes	Vehicle for hire driver's permit required, valid 2 years	50	Driver limited to 12 hours in 24 hour time span	yes	Council Discretion	Annual by City Taxi inspector	10 years (7 years with 3 year extension)	required	To Be Established	none currently established
2. Corpus Christi Initiative	Annual	(i) \$300.00 for (10) or fewer drivers. \$600.00 for (11) to (40) drivers. (iii) \$900.00 for (41) to (70) drivers. (iv) \$1,200.00 for (71) or more drivers.	no	no	yes	No, TNC responsible for ensuring driver's are qualified	n/a	no	no	TNC responsible for conducting Nationwide background check	No, require compliance with State law	no	required	required	not specified



Background

Current Taxi Ordinance

1.

	TAXI COMPANY					DRIVER				VEHICLE				AIRPORT	
	<i>Min # of Vehicles</i>	<i>Certificate of Operation</i>	<i>Local Office</i>	<i>City Access to Records</i>	<i>Street Usage Fee</i>	<i>Finger Printing</i>	<i>Driver Training</i>	<i>Medical</i>	<i>Permit</i>	<i>Licensing Fee</i>	<i>Vehicle Inspection</i>	<i>Fire Extinguishers</i>	<i>Age of Vehicle</i>	<i>Permit Required</i>	<i>User Trip Fee</i>
Corpus Christi 10/12	3	\$250 per 5 Years	yes	yes	\$100 per vehicle Quarterly	yes	yes	yes	\$50 for 2 years	\$15	City	yes	6 begin service max 10 years	\$50 per Month	no



Discussion & Direction

Redline Version of Ordinance #030788 – Agenda Item #16-0507

Ordinance

Amending Chapter 57 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances to establish Article VI. - Transportation Network Companies; **amending Chapter 57 to remove fingerprint requirements for taxi and vehicle for hire driver's permits** and providing for severance, publication, penalty, and an effective date

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 57 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances is amended by adding Article VI – TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES, as follows:

Initiative Ordinance – Agenda Item #16-0508

Ordinance

amending Chapter 57 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances to establish Article VI. - Transportation Network Companies; and providing for severance, publication, penalty, and an effective date

Whereas, Article I, Section 4 of the City Charter provides that any fifty registered voters may commence initiative proceedings to propose ordinances to City Council;

Whereas, on April 15, 2016, the City Secretary was presented with a petition with at least 50 registered voters entitled "Statement of Intent to Circulate Petition Calling for Initiative"

Whereas, Article I Section 1 of the City Charter provides that in the case of an initiative, the City Attorney shall draft an ordinance in legal form, consistent with the laws of the State and the United States, incorporating in substance the text submitted;

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

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Consideration – Decision & Direction



Questions

Questions for Staff Regarding Any Topics Covered?