## Transportation Network Company Regulation Questionnaire

The City of Corpus Christi is currently evaluating the attached ordinance for passage. In an effort to create a regulatory scheme that provides safe transportation for the public that is not unduly burdensome on the transportation industry, the City is seeking your input in the form of the attached questionnaire. The attached form and any response will be provided to City Council and will be a matter of Public Record.

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on behalf of	
Transportation Network Company:	Get Me, LLC

## **Company Regulations**

**1.** Sec. 57-285 proposes Transportation Network Company (TNC) permit be issued for the term of 1 year.

Does your company oppose or have an alternative recommended term?

#### Response: Get Me does not oppose.

**2.** Sec. 57-284 proposes a TNC permit fee of 2% of annual gross receipts for the operation of each transportation network vehicle operated by each permittee. *Does your company oppose or have an alternative recommended fee?* 

#### Response: Get Me does not oppose.

In other cities that collect a portion of annual gross receipts from TNC's, some cities we are operating in provide a portion of these fees, paid by all TNC's, to helping driver cost to comply with that cities ordinance requirements. Think it would be helpful to discuss monies collected from TNC's by city. There are 5 TNC's in Austin for example - depending on how the process is managed by the cities, what money goes to help the ondemand driver? Some cities collect fees per vehicle (Taxi's for example) and that pays for a good deal of the permit process.

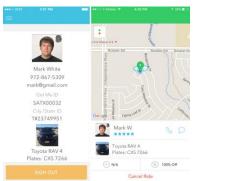
An Example - background checks - happy to discuss more

**3.** Sec. 57-295 proposes a requirement that TNC vehicles have trade signage or emblem readable at a distance of at least 50 feet.

Does your company oppose or have an alternative recommended trade signage regulation?

## Response: Get Me does not oppose.

Get Me will provide trade signage to the ondemand driver who chooses to utilize the Get Me platform (App). As long as they have met all requirements in the city ordinance as well as attended the final process to onboard with Get Me, which includes a personal meeting with the driver, visual inspection of vehicle they plan to use on the Get Me platform, a review of how the Get Me App works, a picture taken to be used for the Get Me identification badge and vehicle photo for verification in Get Me database to show on Member side of mobile app. The personal meeting also serves to provide ondemand driver with a Get Me lanyard that holds the Identification card and a 5x5 vehicle trade signage. We are open to discuss if more is needed but this has worked well in the other cities, Get Me is currently in: Dallas, TX, Austin, TX, Houston TX, San Antonio, TX, Galveston, TX, and Las Vegas, NV.







**4.** Sec. 57-284 proposes that TNC records necessary to determine gross receipts are inspectable by Taxi inspector upon 10 days notice.

*Does your company oppose or have an alternative recommended record inspection requirement?* 

Response: Get Me does not oppose.

# **Driver Regulation**

5. Sec. 57-291proposes TNC driver's hours of operation is limited to 12 hours in any consecutive 24 hour period.

Does your company oppose or have an alternative recommended operating hours for drivers?

Response: Get Me does not oppose.

However, drivers typically work for other TNC companies so we would not be able to regulate the hours on all Apps. Also, they can be sitting at home on our platform and not have to be in the vehicle to accept requests. Get Me is all about providing data and will work with Corpus Christi in the same manner as we have with the other cities which have same requirement.

**Side Note:** *Our terms and conditions state that drivers are prohibited from providing rides for more than 12 hours in a 24 hour period.* 

**6.** Sec. 57-290 proposes that TNC drivers are required to have a vehicle for hire driver's permit.

Does your company oppose or have alternative recommended driver permit requirement?

Response: Get Me does not oppose.

Get Me will follow the Corpus Christi's ordinance for TNC companies - drivers will not be live on the Get Me platform (App) until every box is checked.

Have some additional thoughts on cities in TX that have ordinance which align. We can discuss further via call or in person - we believe this would benefit: driver, city, community and TNC's.

**7.** Current City Ordinance Sec.57-96 establishes a \$50 permit fee for vehicle for hire driver's permit.

Does your company oppose or have an alternative recommended driver permit fee?

# Response: Get Me does not oppose.

Like other cities requiring a TNC driver permit, the driver would be responsible for the fee in order to acquire that city's permit before onboarded with Get Me. As we have seen in other Texas cities (i.e. Houston and Galveston), the cost of the driver permit fee also includes the driver fingerprint portion and more...

Question: Would this permit enable ondemand drivers for use "the permit" in multiple TNC Apps - like other cities - correct? Also, the permit allow the ondemand driver to use for other transportation types; i.e. taxi's?

**8.** Current City Ordinance Sec. 57-97 requires vehicle for hire driver permit applicants to submit a medical report certifying applicant is physically fit to operate a vehicle. *Does your company oppose or have an alternative recommended physical fitness certification for driver permits?* 

## Response: Get Me does not oppose.

*This is an interesting question, if they are certified by the state/city to have a drivers license - what does a medical report do in addition to the already granted / passed drivers license?* 

**9.** Current City Ordinance Sec. 57-97 requires vehicle for hire driver permit applicants to submit to a fingerprint background check. *Does your company oppose or have an alternative recommended background check requirement for driver permits?* 

Response: Get Me does not oppose.

In fact, Get Me is in the process of working with a background company that do fingerprinting and ties into DPS. Get Me is hopeful by end of year to partner with this company / 3rd party in

all cities even where ordinances do not require fingerprinting to be part of our background check process. Initial research shows that it is faster with results, easier for driver, more cost effective, and although we are not law makers, Get Me feels every City has an obligation to the community to make sure they do all they can in the name of safety. We would welcome reciprocity with other Texas cities that require fingerprinting. Maybe TX cities with similar ordinances could work together. For example, Houston and Galveston have similar requirements so the ondemand driver could save time and money because the want to drive in both cities. Again in the name of ease, lower cost, shared city goals and safety. We would be happy to discuss further.

## **Vehicle Regulation**

**10.** Sec.57-294 proposes that TNC vehicles to be inspected annually by the City. *Does your company oppose or have an alternative recommended vehicle inspection?* 

## Response: Get Me does not oppose.

However, we would like to suggest that a driver only be required to have one inspection annually the encompasses all different TNC they choose to drive for whether it be Get Me, UBER, Lyft, etc. Get Me is following this ordinances in some cities now that this is required. With a lot of mileage on the vehicle it makes sense from a safety perspective as long as it is cost effective and convenient for the ondemand driver.

**11.** Sec. 57-293 proposes TNC vehicles have an age limitation not to exceed 7 years in age. The 7 years can be extended 3 years with additional vehicle inspection. *Does your company oppose or have an alternative recommended vehicle age limitation?* 

Response: Get Me does not oppose.

## **Airport Regulations**

City Staff is currently drafting specific TNC regulations for the Airport.

**12.** Sec. 57-296 proposes that TNC drivers operating at Corpus Christi International Airport comply with Airport regulations.

Does your company oppose or have an alternative recommendation for requiring compliance with additional TNC Airport regulations?

Response: Get Me does not oppose.

Thought: interesting that there are regulation on origination trips ok.... but would suggest that drop-offs at airport be permitted as in other cities. Get Me would not allow pick-ups or drop-offs in designated taxi stands or loading zones. Could even be a designated area.

**13.** Current City Ordinance, Chapter 9 does not specifically address TNC usage. Current City Ordinance establishes a trip fee of \$50 monthly or \$2 per arrival for taxicabs. *Would your company oppose or have alternative recommendations for additional fees for TNC vehicles at the Airport?* 

## Response: Get Me does not oppose.

Thought: an origination fee for pick-ups at airport such as \$1.00 per origination similar to San Antonio International Airport but would suggest, as in other cities, drop offs are no charge. With that said you can call any of the cities we are operating in and they will tell you we are "good corporate citizens" and follow the rules.

## **Additional Feedback**

Please provide any additional feedback or comments:

Get Me would like to schedule a call with Mr. Brice and team to discuss other feedback we have learned from other Cities we operate in (Texas).