

City of Corpus Christi Vehicle for Hire / Taxi Ordinance

Discover, Discuss & Decide Process



May 17, 2016



Timeline

May	10	Discuss / Direction 2 nd Reading Ordinance No. 030788 - <i>"PASSED on 5.10.16"</i>
	17	Discuss / Direction Vehicle for Hire/Taxi Ordinance
	24	Discuss / Direction



Council Questions

Questions Asked by City Council on May 10th, 2016

1. *Can City Council voluntarily waive the statutory 45 day grace period before initiative proceedings can begin?*

Article I, Section 4 of the City Charter outlines the process for initiative proceedings. The charter states that the city secretary shall present the initiative to the City Council. The Council has 45 days from the date of presentment to consider adoption of the ordinance in substantial form. If the Council fails to take the proposed action within the established timeframe, then the city secretary provides petition pages to the proponents. The Council can waive the 45-day consideration period, however, by approving the proposed resolution and authorizing the city secretary to provide the petition pages upon passage



Discovery

Responses from Taxi Focus Groups and Questionnaires

■ Taxi Police Department Focus Group Responses

1. One time certificate of operation fee of \$250.
 2. Three year moratorium on fees to offset TNC working within the city without fees
 3. Change street user fee proposal to \$50 per vehicle per year
 4. No meter requirement and rates are set by the company
 5. Insurance rates set by state liability rates
 6. Require Taxi Inspector's Office to accept credit cards for all fees
 7. Continue with Finger prints but allow for 30 day temporary permit.
 8. Set \$10 dollar renew fee.
 9. No medical testing, No defensive driving
 10. State Inspection only
 11. No age or style requirement
 12. Trade marking must be unique but color scheme not required.
 13. Street User Fee Reduction – "Cited College Stations Taxi Fee: \$50 Dollars Annually"
 14. Would like Repeal of the Local Office Requirement
 15. Would like the Ability to Charge Flat Rates i.e. *Downtown to Southside*
 16. Would like the Ability for Drivers to Use a Phone to Accept and Dispatch Rides
 17. Would like to Remove Outdated Ordinance Language i.e. *Geographic Test, 2 Way Radio*
 18. Desire to Keep Fingerprinting and Permitting, but would like 15 Days for Drivers to Pay for Their City Permit.
 19. Would like to Remove the Overhead Light Requirements
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Discovery

Responses from Taxi Focus Groups and Questionnaires

▪ Airport Taxi Focus Group Responses

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



Direction

Company						
Direction Item #	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ordinances	Certificate of Operation	Certificate of Operation Fee	Min # of Vehicles	Local Office	Trade Signage or emblem	City Access to Records
TNC	Annual	2% Gross Receipts	na	No	Yes, readable at a distance of at least 50 feet	Yes
TAXI	Certificate, a term not to exceed 5 years	\$250 application fee, \$100 per vehicle, minimum \$500 paid quarterly	3	Yes	Yes, company and phone number on side and rear of vehicle, at least 2&1/2 inch lettering	Yes
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Council Direction						



Direction

	Driver					
Direction Item #	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ordinances	Driver Permit Required	Driver Permit Fee	Limit on Operating Hours of Driver	Physical / Medical	Driver Background Check	Finger Printing
TNC	Vehicle for hire driver's permit, valid 2 years	\$50 for 2 years	Driver limited to 12 hours in 24 hour time span	Yes	Yes	Yes
TAXI	Vehicle for hire driver's permit, valid 2 years	\$50 for 2 years	Driver limited to 12 hours in 24 hour time span	Yes	Yes	Yes
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Council Direction						



Direction

Vehicle				
Direction Item #	1	2	3	4
Ordinances	Licensing Fee	Vehicle Inspection	Fire Extinguishers	Age of Vehicle
TNC	No	Annual, City designated inspector	Yes	10 years (7 years with 3 year extension)
TAXI	\$15	Annual by City Taxi inspector	Yes	10 years (6 years with 4 year extension)
	1	2	3	4
Council Direction				



Direction

	Airport		
<i>Direction Item #</i>	1	2	3
Ordinances	Compliance with Airport Regulations	Permit Required	Airport Fees
TNC	Yes	Yes	<i>None Currently Established</i>
TAXI	Yes	Yes	\$50 monthly or \$2.00 per arrival
	1	2	3
<i>Council Direction</i>			



Questions

Questions for Staff Regarding Any Topics Covered?