



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of August 15, 2017  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of August 22, 2017

**DATE:** July 26, 2017  
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Amending Ordinance to establish guidelines for license applicants with criminal convictions

**CAPTION:** Ordinance amending Chapter 1 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances by adding Section 1-14 to establish Guidelines for License Applicants with Criminal Convictions; and providing an effective date, for severance, and for publication

**PURPOSE:** These guidelines apply to any license, permit, certificate, registration, or other authorization (license) granted by the City that may be denied for prior criminal convictions. The vast majority of criminal convictions reviewed by the City will fit within the categories of crimes detailed in the ordinance. However, these guidelines are not intended to be an exclusive listing, i.e. they do not prohibit the City from considering crimes not listed. After due consideration of the circumstances of the criminal act and the general factors listed above, the City may find that a conviction not described in the ordinance renders a person unfit to hold a license.

In addition to the specific crimes listed, multiple violations of any criminal statute should always be reviewed, for any license type. Multiple violations may reflect a pattern of behavior that renders the applicant unfit for the license.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:** The Police Department met with representatives of the vehicles for hire companies that we permit which include Taxi companies, limousine companies, sightseeing companies, and wreckers. The meeting was held on July 10, 2017 at 1:00 pm with 18 representatives from the 35 companies. Each individual received a draft copy of the new ordinance and was briefed on the contents. They were advised if they had any questions or concerns with the new ordinance to email them by Friday 7/14/17. No emails were received.

No concerns were expressed over the categories of crimes listed that could exclude a driver from receiving a permit. Green N Go cab did express concern about the time frame for some offenses such as drug offenses. It was pointed out to them that under section (3) it provides that offenses not related to the licensed occupation could only be considered if it was less than (5) years.

Lauren Rabe with Environmental Health, met with other local vendors on April 26, 2017 and they were advised of the background regulation changes, which would eliminate some of the ambiguity such as moral turpitude. She advised there was no opposition and they all seemed pleased with the clarity.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Conforms to all city policies.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-emergency

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Legal

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

☐ Operating      ☐ Revenue      ☐ Capital      X Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year: 2016-2017</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s):

**Comments:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends adopting the ordinance.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance