



TRANSPORTATION ORDINANCE REVISION

DS-17-108

November 7, 2017

Previous Discussions

- Texas Local Government Code 215.004 (in part)
 - ▣ To protect the public health, safety and welfare, a municipality by ordinance:
 - Shall license, control, and otherwise regulate each private passenger vehicle that provides passenger taxicab transportation services for compensation and is designed for carrying no more than eight passengers
 - ▣ The ordinance may include: entry into the business, rates, safety and insurance requirements, and any other requirement adopted to ensure safe and reliable passenger transportation service.

- Last Council Guidance
 - ▣ Minimize regulations
 - ▣ Eliminate vehicle inspections
 - ▣ Make it enforceable

Recommendations

CURRENT

- Taxi = 5 year franchise
Other = 3 year operating authority
- Taxi = city inspection
- All = driver permit with driving/criminal history criteria
- Permit in left rear window

PROPOSED

- All ground transportation = 5 year operating authority
(Sec. 29-5, 29-7)
- All = state inspection and registration (Sec. 29-9)
- All = driver permit with standards matching driving/criminal criteria for TNCs* (Sec. 29-12)
- Permit in windshield, passenger-side corner (Sec. 29-8)

Stakeholder's Meeting

- Meeting held November 2
- Attended by Councilmembers Johnson, Fleming and Nash-King, and Cove and Luxury Cab Companies. Email comments received from Express Cab.
- Main items for discussion
 - ▣ Criminal and driving history requirements (Sec. 29-12)
 - ▣ Fees charged by the city (Sec. 29-18)
 - ▣ Enforcement

TNCs at the Airport

- TDLR solicited comments for implementing HB 100, including from the Texas Commercial Airports Association
- New rules adopted October 20 to be effective December 1
- Allow an airport to:
 - collect a reasonable fee
 - request an auditable report or
 - enter into a mutual data sharing agreement
- Airport is analyzing cost recovery approaches

Options



- Leave the current ordinance in place
- Direct staff to bring the draft ordinance as presented for approval
- Give specific direction to staff for recommended changes