

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM

Application for Taxicab Franchise - Cove Taxi, Inc.

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

City Attorney/City Secretary

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Chapter 29, City of Killeen Code of Ordinances, provides the manner by which a franchise to operate a taxicab service is granted. First, the applicant must present an application fee, application, and supporting documentation to the City Secretary. The City Secretary then forwards copies of the application to the City Manager, the Finance Director and the Chief of Police for their review.

Cove Taxi filed its first Application for Taxicab Franchise in 2011. This application is a renewal of their Taxicab Franchise. Article XI of the City Charter requires the City Council to pass a franchise ordinance in order to give a taxi company the right to operate upon the City's roadways. The City Secretary and City Attorney feel that all requirements specified in the City's ordinance to operate a taxi service have been met.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

Attached is the franchise ordinance that will allow Cove Taxi to operate a taxicab service within the city of Killeen. The City Charter requires three readings of the ordinance with a final vote taking place after the third reading. After passage, there is a sixty-day waiting period before the franchise takes effect.

The franchise ordinance provides for the following:

- A franchise term of five years.
- An initial application fee of \$300.00 and renewal franchise fee of \$100.00.
- Rate of fares as set forth in Section 29, Div 4 of the Code of Ordinances.
- Right of City to inspect taxicabs for safety.
- Maintenance of an active fleet of at least five vehicles.
- A franchise permit fee of \$50.00 per year per cab.
- Color scheme of red cab with white lettering.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on its third and final reading.