



STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 14, 2017
TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager
VIA: Kathy Davis, City Attorney
FROM: Traci Briggs, Deputy City Attorney
SUBJECT: Amending Chapter 29, Transportation

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Chapter 29, Transportation, is the city's regulation of for-hire transportation services, including taxicabs, limousines and shuttles. Staff was asked to revise the ordinance to minimize the regulations and to ensure it is enforceable.

The main revisions of the proposed ordinance are: having all transportation services obtain a five-year operating authority, as opposed to a five-year franchise for taxicabs and a three-year operating authority for other services; elimination of vehicle inspections; and modifying the driver requirements to align with driver requirements in state law for transportation network company (TNC) drivers.

On November 2, 2017, staff held a stakeholders meeting attended by representatives of two taxicab companies and three city councilmembers. The group provided input on the proposed ordinance.

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The transportation regulations can be amended or the current ordinance can remain in place.

Which alternative is recommended? Why?

Staff recommends amending the transportation ordinance so that the processes for operation of a transportation service can be simplified.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The proposed ordinance conforms to state law and city policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

N/A

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

N/A

Is this expenditure budgeted?

N/A

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached ordinance to amend Chapter 29, Transportation.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

City Attorney

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance