

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE 17 October 2014

TO The Honorable Members of the Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee:
Vonciel Jones Hill (Chair), Lee M. Kleinman (Vice Chair), Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Monica R. Alonzo,
Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins, Sandy Greyson, Sheffie Kadane

SUBJECT Upcoming Agenda Item: Consideration of a resolution temporarily modifying the taxicab age limits set out
in Section 45-7.2.1(a) of the Dallas City Code due to special circumstances

The attached resolution has been placed on the 22 October 2014 Addendum for City Council consideration. The resolution would direct the city manager to take no action to enforce age limits on taxicabs between 60 and 64 months of age (for vehicles that are not alternative fuel vehicles) and taxicabs between 84 and 88 months of age (for alternative fuel vehicles) until 1 May 2015 while the City Council continues consideration of a new transportation-for-hire ordinance.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joey Zapata'.

Joey Zapata
Assistant City Manager

Attachment

c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
A. C. Gonzalez, City Manager
Warren M.S. Ernst, City Attorney
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge
Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager

Eric D. Campbell, Assistant City Manager
Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
Mark McDaniel, Assistant City Manager
Jeanne Chipperfield, Chief Financial Officer
Sana Syed, Public Information Officer
Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager – Mayor & Council
Kris Sweckard, Director, Code Compliance

KEY FOCUS AREA: Efficient, Effective and Economical Government

AGENDA DATE: October 22, 2014

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and City Council

CMO: A. C. Gonzalez, 670-3297

MAPSCO: N/A

SUBJECT

Consideration of a resolution temporarily modifying the taxicab age limits set out in Section 45-7.2.1(a) of the Dallas City Code due to special circumstances - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

BACKGROUND

Section 45-7.2.1(a) of the Dallas City Code prohibits the operation of a vehicle as a taxicab if the vehicle is older than 60 months of age if it is not an alternative fuel vehicle or older than 84 months of age if it is an alternative fuel vehicle. Vehicle age is calculated from January 1 of the model year of the vehicle.

The City Council Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee is reviewing changes to the city's vehicle-for-hire regulations. One of the issues that the Committee is considering is eliminating the age requirement for vehicles operated as taxicabs. It is unlikely that any changes proposed by the Committee will receive final Council action prior to January 1, 2015. This means that taxi companies may be required to replace part of their vehicle fleet due to age prior to January 1, 2015, only to find that the vehicle age limitation was eliminated following Council action on changes to the transportation-for-hire regulations.

Section 45-7.2.1(c) allows City Council to modify or waive the taxicab age limits by resolution after a review of the specific circumstances. The proposed resolution extends the time period for replacing a vehicle used as a taxicab by four months.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee will consider this matter at their special-called meeting on October 17, 2014 – recommendation pending.

FISCAL INFORMATION

No cost consideration to the City.

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WHEREAS, Subsection (a) of Section 45-7.2.1, "Taxicab Age Limits," of Article VII, "Vehicles and Equipment," of Chapter 45, "Taxicabs," of the Dallas City Code, as amended, prohibits the operation of any vehicle as a taxicab in the city that is older than: (1) 60 months of age for a vehicle that is not an alternative fuel vehicle, or (2) 84 months of age for an alternative fuel vehicle;

WHEREAS, the city is reviewing its transportation-for-hire regulations, including the regulations in Section 45-7.2.1, in contemplation of adopting a new transportation-for-hire ordinance;

WHEREAS, Subsection (c) of Section 45-7.2.1 provides that the city council may modify the taxicab age limits set forth in Section 45-7.2.1 after a review of special circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the city council finds that it is in the public interest to temporarily modify the taxicab age limits by taking no action to enforce Section 45-7.2.1 for certain aged taxicabs pending a review of the applicable regulations; **Now, Therefore**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That, until May 1, 2015, the city council directs the city manager to take no action to enforce Section 45-7.2.1, "Taxicab Age Limits," of Article VII, "Vehicles and Equipment," of Chapter 45, "Taxicabs," of the Dallas City Code, for certain taxicabs as follows:

(a) A taxicab that is between 60 and 64 months of age for a vehicle that is not an alternative fuel vehicle.

(b) A taxicab that is between 84 and 88 months of age for an alternative fuel vehicle, if the vehicle was:

(A) purchased new as an alternative fuel vehicle; or

(B) converted to an alternative fuel vehicle within 30 days after the vehicle was purchased new.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.