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The Honorable, The Common Council  
City Hall, Room 205

Re: An ordinance clarifying regulations relating to restricting the operation of public passenger vehicles for hire.

Dear Council Members:

The License Division respectfully requests that the attached ordinance be referred to the appropriate licensing committee for consideration.

Currently, the code provides that persons not first holding public passenger vehicle permits issued by the City are prohibited from operating public passenger vehicles for hire within the limits of the City.

The attached ordinance is necessary to clarify that a public passenger vehicle not holding a permit issued by the City is authorized to operate for hire within the limits of the City provided that the transportation of passengers for hire within the City is part of a continuous trip where the point of origin of the trip is located outside the limits of the City.

In addition, this ordinance establishes the definition of "continuous trip" to mean the transportation of a passenger from the point of origin to the point of destination, or in the instance of a round trip, back to the point of origin, and can include multiple stops and the transportation of passengers not part of the original party, provided that at least one passenger part of the original party remains as part of the entire trip.

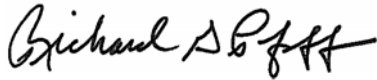
The definition of "continuous trip" is established to clarify that a public passenger vehicle not holding a permit issued by the City is authorized to do the following:

1. Drop off passengers at any location within the limits of the City provided that the point of origin of the trip is located outside the limits of the City.
2. Pick up passengers at any location within the limits of the City provided that the trip is the return leg of a round trip that originated outside the limits of the City.

3. Make multiple stops within the limits of the City en route to the point of destination, or in the instance of a round trip, back to the point of origin, provided that the point of origin of the trip is located outside the limits of the City.
4. Pick up passengers at any location within the limits of the City not part of the original party, provided that at least one passenger part of the original party remains as part of the entire trip and that the point of origin of the trip is located outside the limits of the City.

Further, this ordinance establishes that any person found operating an unlicensed public passenger vehicle for hire within the City is subject to the regulations and penalty provisions established in ch. 100, MCO, unless the person can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that at the time of the alleged violation the transportation of passengers for hire within the City was part of a continuous trip where the point of origin of the trip was located outside the limits of the City.

Sincerely,



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Attachments