

Office of the City Clerk License Division

Ronald D. Leonhardt City Clerk

Rebecca N. Grill License Division Manager

April 13, 2009

The Honorable, The Common Council City Hall, Room 205

Re: Proposed Substitute A related to CCFN 070478.

Dear Council Members:

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

By correspondence dated August 13, 2007, the City Attorney responded to certain questions posed by our office related to operating a public passenger vehicle for hire upon the streets of the City.

In relevant portion, the City Attorney opined that (a) a public passenger vehicle owner or lessee not holding a permit issued by the City is not authorized to operate for hire within the limits of the City if the fare they are carrying both originated within the City and ends within the City; and (b) if the ride originated within the City, and any portion of the ride stops in the City of Milwaukee, the individual must have a permit issued by the City.

Currently, the provisions of ss. 100-50-1-a and 100-54-1-a of the code, as enforced, provide that a person is operating a public passenger vehicle for hire upon the streets of the City and is required to hold a public passenger vehicle permit and license whenever the person is transporting a passenger for hire on a trip where the point of origin of the trip is located within the limits of the City.

This ordinance, which is based upon the City Attorney Opinion dated August 13, 2007, and is a divergence from the current enforcement of the provisions, establishes that a person is operating a public passenger vehicle for hire upon the streets of the City and is required to hold a public passenger vehicle permit and license whenever the person is transporting a passenger for hire on either:

- 1. A trip where both the point of origin and point of destination of the trip are located within the limits of the City, or
- 2. A trip where both the point of origin and point of any stop made on the trip where a passenger embarks or disembarks the public passenger vehicle are located within the limits of the City.

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Sincerely,

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Attachments (2):

Proposed Substitute A

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City Attorney Opinion