



# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Ald. Michael J. Murphy  
**From:** Richard L. Withers, Legislative Fiscal Analyst ext. 8532  
**Date:** May 9, 2013  
**Subject:** Summary of Changes to Taxicab Regulation in File Number 111222 in Proposed Substitute C

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Attached is a copy of the draft of a Proposed Substitute C to the taxicab legislation currently before the Public Safety Committee in File Number 111222. This new draft retains many elements of Substitute 2, which is the version before the committee, and of the Proposed Substitute B which has been prepared at the request of Ald. Bauman. Proposed Substitute C would, however, remove the limitation on the numbers of cab permits that may be issued by the city. New and old permittees would be subject to the same requirements and regulations related to transfer of permits and leasing of permitted vehicles as currently apply.

This memo provides a summary of the differences between Proposed Substitute C, prepared at your request, and the provisions of Substitute 2 and Proposed Substitute B.

### **1. Lifting the “cap” on taxicab permits.**

- No limit is placed on the numbers of new taxicab permits that may be issued. An orderly process for submitting applications to the licensing committee may be established and a lottery, similar to that proposed in earlier versions, may be implemented to establish the order of submissions.
- Proposed Substitute C retains the limit of 2 new permits per applicant and the city residency requirements.

### **2. Addressing the transfer of taxicab permits.**

- Both current and new taxicab permittees are authorized to transfer permits under the current transfer regulations

### **3. Addressing the leasing of taxicabs by permittees.**

- Leasing provisions are restored to current requirements for both current and new permittees.

### **4. Encouraging entrepreneurial entry into the taxicab market.**

- The removal of any absolute limitation on the numbers of taxicab permits issued may encourage entry into the market.

### **5. Ensuring and improving the safety and appearance of taxicabs.**

- All taxicab drivers are required to complete a driver training course offered by the Taxicab, Limousine and Paratransit Association or its equivalent approved by the chief of police.
- The uniform requirements in Proposed Substitute B remain the same and include allowing drivers of an affiliated taxicab to wear a shirt reflecting the colors of the affiliated taxicab.
- The requirements of Proposed Substitute B are retained related to installation of rear seat swipe credit card processing equipment.

**6. Revising permit-related fees to reflect the actual cost to the City of permit issuance and renewal, including inspection costs.**

- The provisions in Proposed Substitute B for permit and inspection fees remain the same.

Attachment: Proposed Substitute C