

SIMPLE AMENDMENT

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT

PROCEDURAL MOTION

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**AMENDMENT BY ALD. HAMILTON**

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FILE NO.131800

VERSION: PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

TITLE: A substitute ordinance relating to public passenger vehicle licensing, regulation and enforcement.

ITEM: Unfinished Business

COMMON COUNCIL

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**TEXT OF MOTION**

I move to amend the Proposed Substitute by establishing that completion or passage of a defensive driving and safety course, knowledge of city geography and regulations test, or driver training course shall only be required if directed by the common council as a condition of the granting, renewal or suspension of an application for a public passenger vehicle driver's license.

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**ANALYSIS OF AMENDMENT**

Currently, a new applicant for a public passenger vehicle driver's license is required to successfully complete a defensive driving and safety course approved by the police department, if operating a motorized public passenger vehicle. An applicant for a license to operate a taxicab is also currently required to pass a test relating to knowledge of city streets, major buildings, facilities and city regulations, and, effective November 1, 2014, is required to complete a driver training course offered by the Taxicab, Limousine and Paratransit Association or its equivalent approved by the chief of police.

Upon amendment, a new applicant for a public passenger vehicle driver's license shall not be automatically required to complete or pass a defensive driving and safety course, knowledge of city geography and regulations test, or driver training course.

Under this amendment, completion or passage of a defensive driving and safety course, knowledge of city geography and regulations test, or driver training course shall only be required if directed by the common council as a condition of the granting, renewal or suspension of a driver's license application. The common council may direct, if circumstances warrant based on evidence presented at the licensing committee, that the city clerk withhold issuance of a license until the applicant provides the city clerk with documentation indicating the applicant has successfully completed any of the training or testing directed.

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## TEXT OF AMENDMENT

Part 1. Section 100-54-2-d and f-1 to 4 of the code is repealed.

Part 2. Section 100-54-8 of the code is amended to read:

### **100-54. Public Passenger Vehicle Driver's License.**

**8. COMMON COUNCIL ACTION; APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE.** If the police chief files no objection to an application for a new license, the city clerk shall issue the license in accordance with sub. 9. If the police chief files an objection, the application shall be subject to common council review and approval in accordance with the provisions of ss. 85-2.7 and 85-5>>and may be subject to the additional requirements for license issuance under s. 100-56<<.

Part 3. Section 100-54-12-a of the code is amended to read:

### **12. PROCEDURES FOR NON- RENEWAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION.**

a. Any license issued under this section may be subject to non-renewal, suspension or revocation for cause by the common council after notice to the licensee and a hearing >>and may be subject to the additional requirements for license issuance under s. 100-56<<. ~~[[In addition, based on evidence presented at the licensing committee regarding a license applicant's driving record, the common council may direct the city clerk to withhold issuance of a license until the applicant provides the city clerk with documentation indicating the applicant has retaken and successfully completed a defensive driving and safety course.]]~~

Part 4. Section 100-56 of the code is created to read:

**100-56. Additional Requirements for License Issuance.** For an application subject to common council review and approval under this subchapter, the common council may direct, if circumstances warrant based on evidence presented at the licensing committee, that the city clerk without issuance of a license until the applicant provides the city clerk with documentation indicating the applicant has successfully completed any of the following additional requirements:

**1. DEFENSIVE DRIVING AND SAFETY COURSE.** A driver of a motorized public passenger vehicle may be directed under this section to successfully complete a defensive driving and safety course approved by the police department.

**2. KNOWLEDGE OF CITY GEOGRAPHY AND REGUALTIONS TEST.** A driver of a motorized public passenger vehicle may be directed under this section to pass a test established and administered by the city clerk concerning knowledge of city streets, major buildings, facilities and city regulations regarding public passenger vehicles. Alternate tests shall be available for those applicants who possess limited ability to read the English language.

**3. DRIVER TRAINING COURSE.** A driver of a motorized public passenger vehicle may be directed under this section to successfully complete a driver training course offered by the Taxicab, Limousine and Paratransit Association or its equivalent upon approval by the chief of police.

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