City of Milwaukee

Office of the City Clerk
License Division

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Honorable Common Council
City Hall, Room 205

Re: Ordinance relating to the filing of dispatch service affiliation agreements by public passenger vehicle owners and the application for license renewal by public passenger vehicle drivers.

Dear Council Members:

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

The attached ordinance repeals a provision of the code requiring a public passenger vehicle owner to file with the City Clerk a certified copy of each affiliation agreement with a dispatch service or organization under which the vehicle is operated. The ordinance repealing the provision is necessary due to the fact that such agreements between vehicle owners and dispatch services are largely verbal in form and thereby create an enforcement challenge. The establishment of new code provisions requiring that verbal agreements be established in written form would be onerous and likely of little utility due to the fact that code provisions currently require that vehicle owners report at the time of permit application and renewal any affiliations with dispatch services and, subsequently, any changes thereto.

In addition, this ordinance establishes that any public passenger vehicle driver's license holder who fails to apply for renewal prior to the expiration of the license period immediately following the license period for which his or her license was issued shall have the license terminated on its expiration date. As a result, applicants who have not held a license for 2 years or longer would be subject to the requirements of an original license which include the successful completion of a defensive driving course, passing a public passenger vehicle driver test and the payment of a $50 rather than $35 license fee.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Manager License Division

Attachments