

CHAPTER 100 REVISION COMMENTS

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The proposed changes for Chapter 100 have been developed after significant deliberations by the TRB and the Study Committee. I would first want to commend staff members from LRB and the City Attorney's office for their significant efforts to present the documents before you.

As a member of these committees, one of the underlying factors was perceived to be an oligopolistic market place. This factor, as presented in various Hearing Comments was that the market was dominated by two major organizations. Other testimony, indicated that this resulted in high lease rates and other lease provisions that skewed the lessor/lessee relationship in favor of the lessor.

Language in one of the Substitute Ordinance drafts attempted to address this concern. The draft language (page 6 4.a-3.) "No person having a financial interest in more than one existing taxicab permit shall be eligible for a new taxicab permit, and no person shall be eligible for more than 2 new taxicab permits issued prior to November 1, 2014." This language, unlike one of the other drafts, would allow existing license holders to apply for a second license. The committee may want to preclude applications from existing license holders to ensure a more competitive marketplace. The language to achieve this objective would be to strike the words "than one..." and add the words 'one or' after the word "in" in the previous statement. The language would then read "No person having a financial interest in one or more existing taxicab permit(s) shall be eligible for a new taxicab permit...".

The previous Version 3 draft (9/12/2013) also required an application to "... include an acknowledgement that the applicant does not have a financial interest in more than one additional permit or in the operation of more than one additional taxicab under permit first issued on or after November 1, 2013, nor does the applicant have more than one permit first issued prior to November 1, 2013." I would suggest such a notary public affidavit be included in the new ordinance.