



**Office of the City Clerk
License Division**

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City Clerk

Rebecca N. Barron
License Division Manager

July 12, 2006

Honorable Common Council
City Hall, Room 205

Re: Ordinance relating to amending the definitions of certain public passenger vehicles.

Dear Council Members:

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

The attached ordinance amends the definitions of certain public passenger vehicles. The License Division has recently received applications for public passenger vehicles permits relating to the operation of vans and commercial motor vehicles, specifically motorbuses, as luxury limousines. The ordinance is necessary in order to provide for the inclusion of approved vans, in addition to sedans and sports utility vehicles, under the executive sedan classification of luxury limousine; and clarify that commercial motor vehicles are exempt from the public passenger vehicle licensing regulations. As you may be aware, commercial motor vehicles are subject to state and federal regulations, which include compliance with minimum safety standards, annual and random vehicle inspections and commercial driver licensing requirements.

In addition, this ordinance establishes that a shuttle vehicle providing group travel service for hire must have a minimum passenger-carrying capacity of 11 persons, excluding the driver. The amendment is necessary in order to prevent motor vehicles with lower passenger-carrying capacities from circumventing the make and model approval process under the executive sedan classification of luxury limousine. The minimum passenger-carrying capacity would not apply to shuttle vehicles providing a shared ride service for hire on a fixed route and fixed schedule to and from predetermined locations.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Pfaff
Assistant Manager License Division

Attachments