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Substitute resolution directing the Department of Public Works to evaluate and report on the feasibility and costs of third-party alternatives for conducting public passenger vehicle inspections. This resolution directs the Department of Public Works to evaluate the feasibility and costs of using one or more third parties to conduct public passenger vehicle inspections, and to report the findings of this evaluation to the Common Council within 90 days.

Whereas, Section 100-51 of the Code of Ordinances assigns responsibility for conducting public passenger vehicle inspections to the Department of Public Works; and

Whereas, Section 100-51 also provides that the Commissioner of Public Works may, subject to Common Council approval, designate one or more additional parties, businesses or agencies to conduct inspections; and

Whereas, Because of the recent proliferation of technology-based ride-sharing businesses subject to the City's public passenger vehicle regulations, as well as anticipated changes in those regulations and the resulting increase in the number of public passenger vehicle permits, the number of required passenger vehicle inspections is likely to rise substantially in the near future; and

Whereas, Currently, DPW conducts public passenger vehicle inspections during limited hours one day per week, thereby limiting accessibility of inspection services to public passenger vehicle operators and making it difficult for operators to return vehicles to service if they have had mechanical problems or crash damage; and

Whereas, The use of third-party (non-City) vehicle inspection services may assist the Department of Public Works in fulfilling its responsibility for public passenger vehicle inspections while keeping City costs down and maintaining a high level of inspection quality; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Department of Public Works is directed to evaluate the feasibility and costs of using one or more third parties to conduct public passenger vehicle inspections; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the evaluation shall include a cost/benefit analysis, the ease of City control and oversight, the ease of auditing third-party vendors, inspection turn-around time, accessibility of inspection services to public passenger vehicle operators and accessibility of inspection records to City staff; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Department of Public Works shall submit the findings of this evaluation to the Common Council within 90 days of adoption of this resolution.

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