

RESOLUTION NO. 15-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, EXTENDING A MORATORIUM WITHIN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR, OR ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR, MOTORIZED VEHICLES FOR HIRE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 27, ARTICLES I THROUGH V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE FOR A PERIOD OF NINETY (90) DAYS TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL STUDIES OF LOCAL, COUNTY AND STATE REGULATIONS AND CURRENT PRACTICES FOR ANY NEEDED REVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission found there is a need to re-evaluate regulations, policies, and standard related to Motorized Vehicles for Hire; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Mobility Department has and continues to receive new and renewal applications for Motorized Vehicles for Hire; and

WHEREAS, business owners of the City of Fort Lauderdale have identified and expressed their concerns regarding new and emerging private transportation services operating in the City without permits; and

WHEREAS, a study of existing state and county regulations is needed to streamline and provide for new categories of Motorized Vehicles for Hire services in the City; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of January 6, 2015, the City Commission discussed these concerns and expressed a desire to study the impact of these regulations to determine whether existing regulations adequately service business owners and the public; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2015, Ordinance C-15-07 was adopted by the City Commission, which imposed a ninety (90) day moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications for Vehicles for Hire; and

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WHEREAS, Section 4 of Ordinance C-17-07 provides that the ninety (90) day time limit on the moratorium, may be extended by resolution for up to an additional ninety (90) days in the event the City Commission finds that additional time is needed for staff to conclude its study associated with Motorized Vehicles for Hire and drafting of amendments to regulations of such ordinances.

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional time to review and consider Broward County's regulatory actions pertaining to motorized vehicles-for-hire and to evaluate the impact on the City's existing requirements for approval of applications for those businesses to operate in the City.

NOW, THEREOFRE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and hereby made a part of this resolution.

SECTION 2: MORATORIUM EXTENDED. A moratorium on the acceptance and consideration of an application for, or issuance of, a permit for Motorized Vehicles for Hire including any that have not yet been submitted by the department for review by the City Commission is hereby extended for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this resolution in order to continue to study and update Chapter 27 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 3: Pursuant to Section 4 of Ordinance No. C-15-07, the City Commission finds that additional time is needed for staff to conclude its study associated with Motorized Vehicles for Hire and for drafting of amendments to regulations of such ordinances is needed.

SECTION 4: That if any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon and after its final passage.

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Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH

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