



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#24-0457

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: June 18, 2024

TITLE: Public Hearing Approving the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for EZ Rides Transport LLC to Operate Three Low Speed Vehicles within the City of Fort Lauderdale - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing EZ Rides Transport LLC to operate three (3) for-hire low speed vehicles within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Background

Per Chapter 27 of the City's Code of Ordinances, it is unlawful for any person to engage in, or carry on the business of operating for-hire transportation services within the City without obtaining a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Vehicle for Hire applications are reviewed by staff for sufficiency before they are scheduled for City Commission approval. Risk Management will review the Certificate of Insurance prior to the issuance of any permits.

EZ Rides Transport LLC applied to provide service in the City utilizing three (3) low speed vehicles which are registered with the State of Florida as four-wheeled vehicles capable of speeds up to 25 MPH and may operate on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 MPH or less and are not considered golf carts per Florida State Statute 320.01(22). Staff reviewed the application (Exhibit 1) in which the applicant proposes to operate with the sole purpose of providing a private, for-hire transportation service. Staff has found the application to be acceptable and recommends the approval to operate on City roadways.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient,

multimodal transportation network.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Connected

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Business Development Focus Area
- The Economic Development Element
- Goal 6: Enhance Fort Lauderdale's stature as a global, business friendly destination through the development of a business entity, enhanced marketing, branding, and support for local activities and tourism development

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Vehicle for Hire Application

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