



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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

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TITLE: First Reading of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of The
City of Fort Lauderdale; Chapter 27 Vehicles for Hire

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission introduce an ordinance on first reading amending Chapter 27 Vehicles for Hire to 1) remove provisions that require the review and recommendation of the Community Service Board (CSB) on applications for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity; 2) remove and replace obsolete terminology and 3) update insurance requirements.

Background

The Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Lauderdale makes it unlawful for any person to engage in or carry on the business of operating a taxicab or rental cars with chauffeurs and/or sightseeing vehicles within the city without first obtaining from the city a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN). Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Lauderdale currently requires that the Community Services Board review and make a recommendations to the City Commission on all applications for these CPCN.

On February 7, 2012, the City Commission adopted Ordinance C-12-01 changing the duties of the Community Service Board. The above recommendations of Chapter 27 are incompatible with the new functions of the Community Service Board. Therefore, it is recommended that the ordinance be amended to remove the Community Service Board review and recommendation from the CPCN approval process.

The Transportation and Mobility Department has now been tasked with the oversight of all Vehicles for Hire applications. The process requires an application to be submitted to the Transportation and Mobility Department for Vehicles for Hire that includes: taxicabs, motel or hotel courtesy cars, rental cars, rental cars with chauffeurs and sightseeing vehicles, non-motorized vehicles and non-motorized vehicles that are self-

propelled. Staff will review the application and then disburse for review to the Fire Department, Police Department, and Sustainable Development Department. Staff will review all comments and applications to ensure that they meet the requirements of the ordinance and will then recommend approval to the City Commission for final determination.

In addition, the ordinance removes obsolete terms such as “county social services transportation division”, “business tax division”, “City license inspector” and “Transportation Examiner” and replaces them with the current entities performing the corresponding functions.

Resource Impact

No fiscal impact.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Business Development Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

Goal 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections.

Objective 2: Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Prosperous*.

Attachments:

EX 1 - Community Services Board Meeting Minutes 12-12-11

EX 2 - 12-0144 CAR Background Detail Exhibit 1 2-7-12

EX 3 – EX 3 Ordinance No C-12-01 2-7-12

EX 4 – Proposed Ordinance

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