



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#15-1030

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

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

DATE: August 18, 2015

TITLE: Regulations for Transportation Network Company Services

At its February 17, 2015 meeting, the City Commission adopted ordinance C-15-07 (Exhibit 1) imposing a 90-day temporary moratorium on the consideration of Motorized Vehicles for Hire applications. On April 21, 2015 the City Commission adopted resolution 15-90 (Exhibit 2) extending the moratorium for an additional 90 days, which expires on August 15, 2015. Effective August 16, 2015, Vehicles for Hire will be considered under the current Chapter 27.

The moratorium was put in place to re-evaluate the scope of the ordinance and to formulate policies related to emerging transportation alternatives for the public. The moratorium also allowed City staff to consider eliminating City requirements for vehicles for hire that duplicated existing County standards. The County has since updated Section 22½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances to regulate Transportation Network Companies (TNC) operating in Broward County. Several TNCs have made the decision not to do business in the County due to the regulations as per Broward County ordinance 2015-21 (Exhibit 3).

At the County's August 11, 2015 Commission meeting the County Attorney was directed to draft a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 22 ½ -7B of Broward County Ordinance that regulates TNCs. The County Commission voted to enact provisions similar to those of the Tallahassee Ordinance 15-O-10AA (Exhibit 4) approved at their City Commission meeting on July 8, 2015. These provisions included criminal background checks to be conducted by a third party vendor; alternative process for chauffeurs who wish to drive as TNC drivers; and vehicle inspections by a certified automobile mechanic utilizing a County issued form as opposed to County administered inspections.

It is recommended that the City Commission take into consideration similar provisions for TNC operations under Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale. On account of the moratorium, the Transportation and Mobility Department is currently working on updating Chapter 27 to streamline various criteria and processes for the Vehicle For Hire Program categories that will include TNCs. As this will be a future agenda item, staff is requesting direction on the revisions to Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale as it relates to TNCs.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action

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*.

Attachment(s)

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance C-15-07

Exhibit 2 – Resolution 15-90

Exhibit 3 – Broward County Ordinance 2015-21

Exhibit 4 – Tallahassee Ordinance 15-O-10AA

Exhibit 5 – Uber's Proposed Ordinance

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