

#16-0718

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

**DATE**: July 12, 2016

**TITLE**: Public Hearing to Review Application for Certificate of Public Convenience

and Necessity for Rental Cars with Chauffeurs and Sightseeing Vehicles

for C & Sea Barhopper Inc. LLC

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing C & Sea Barhopper Inc. LLC to operate three golf cart shuttle vehicles within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

### **Background**

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale makes it unlawful for any person to engage in, or carry on, the business of operating 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).

Pursuant to Section 27-192 (a)(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, the individual or entity seeking a permit or business tax receipt for the operation of rental cars with chauffeurs and/or sightseeing vehicles must apply for a CPCN with the City's Department of Transportation and Mobility (TAM). Upon receipt of such application the department will review each application for sufficiency and forward sufficient applications to the City Commission for review and approval.

C & Sea Barhopper Inc. LLC is applying to provide service in the City of Fort Lauderdale utilizing three (3) six passenger EZ-GO gas powered golf carts as shuttle vehicles on a combination of city, county and state roadways. The City does not have the authority to make a determination on the operation of these vehicles on Broward County roadways or the state highway system.

Staff has received and reviewed the attached application (Exhibit 2) from C & Sea Barhopper Inc. LLC. The applicant proposes to provide a point-to-point passenger shuttle service to and from hotels, restaurants, and other locations requested by the passenger. TAM has found the application to be acceptable and recommends approval to operate on City roadways along the route outlined on the attached map (Exhibit 3).

### **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.

## **Attachments**

Exhibit 1: C & Sea Barhopper Inc. LLC Business Tax Application

Exhibit 2: C & Sea Barhopper Inc. LLC Certificate of Public Convenience and

**Necessity Application** 

Exhibit 3: City Roadway map

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