

Taxi, For-Hire, Limousine Regulations Committee

Proposed Amendments for Discussion

2/27/2014

RESOLUTION

1. Allow pre-arranged dispatch of KC-only vehicles to the city

CM Harrell proposes to explore ways to allow KC-only vehicles to be dispatched into the city.

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5. Working with King County to research and adopt a comprehensive solution for “deadheading.” Currently taxis authorized to pick up in King County only must leave the City of Seattle without picking up another fare, leading to a loss of revenue and undesired environmental impacts. FAS should review this issue closely and develop a solution which may include dual licensing, authorizing pick-ups when King County taxis drop off, pre-arranged trips from Seattle from dispatch or mobile application, or another solution;

2. Reducing regulatory burden

CM O’Brien proposed to add a new item.

Section 1 Scope of work

Review regulations for existing market participants to determine if they are necessary and/or can be revised to reduce current "regulatory burden".

3. Improving enforcement and efficiency

CM O’Brien proposes to a new item to the scope of work to explore ways to improve efficiency and enforcement.

Section 1 Scope of Work

Consider innovative ways to increased service & enforcement levels by the City including automating record keeping and communication between FAS and market participants and reviewing the license lottery system. Consider ways to engage impacted communities and ensure that hiring practices satisfy the City's RSJI filters.

4. Reduce insurance cost

CM O'Brien proposes to add a new item to the scope of work to explore ways to lower the cost of insurance for operators.

Section 1 Scope of Work

Explore ways to lower the cost of insurance for drivers including possibly expanding the grades of insurance and providers that satisfy Seattle's insurance requirements

5. Clarify intent

Committee Staff suggests amending the third item in the work program to clarify the intent:

Exploring ways to phase out the "two-tone" flat-rate segment of the for-hire transportation market;

6. Assess WAT regulation

Committee Staff suggests adding a new item to the scope of work to assess whether the current WAT regulations achieve their goals:

An assessment of wheelchair accessible taxi regulations to determine whether they provide for equal access to transportation as intended.

7. Mitigate environmental impacts

Committee Staff suggests adding a new item to the scope of work to assess ways to mitigate the environment impact of for-hire vehicles:

Exploring ways to mitigate the environmental impacts of the taxi, for-hire, limousine, and transportation network company industries, including the potential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.