

ORDINANCE No. 113613

COUNCIL BILL No. 106352

Law Department

AN ORDINANCE authorizing an interlocal agreement with King County and the Port of Seattle to establish a Taxicab Commission, providing for its structure, placing a moratorium on issuing licenses, authorizing inspection of financial records and providing for reporting of information to assist the Taxicab Commission, requiring two-way communication equipment; providing for an informational course; adding grounds for license revocation; amending Seattle Municipal Code § 6.212.160

and 6.212.070, adding Sections 6.212.045, 6.212.250, 6.212.260, and 6.212.270 and adding a new chapter 3.79 in connection therewith.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Public Safety

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Committee Chair

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8 revocation; amending Seattle Municipal Code § 6.212.160 and
9 6.212.070, adding Sections 6.212.045, 6.212.250, 6.212.260, and
10 6.212.270 and adding a new chapter 3.79 in connection therewith.

11 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

12 Section 1. Taxicab Commission. The Mayor is hereby authorized
13 to negotiate, execute and deliver, and the City Comptroller to
14 attest, for and on behalf of The City of Seattle an irterlocal
15 agreement with King County and the Port of Seattle to establish a
16 Taxicab Commission for studying and reporting to the City and King
17 County Councils and the Port of Seattle on the taxicab industry and
18 taxicab service; making recommendations on appropriate governmental
19 regulations, setting of taxi fares, and taxi licensing (including
20 the number and transferability of licenses); and evaluating regula-
21 tions in effect.

22 The Taxicab Commission shall have nine members: three each
23 shall be appointed by the City and King County, a seventh member
24 shall be appointed by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle, an
25 eighth member shall be selected by the seven appointed members, and a
26 ninth member shall be selected from the Evergreen State Taxi
27 Association or its successor. A member appointed by the City and King
28 County and the Port Commission shall serve for a term of three years,
subject to removal for cause by the appointing authority.
Representation from the hospitality and tourism industry, the han-
dicapped, etc. shall be considered. The following are not eligible
for appointment:

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1 the City's Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs, King County's
2 Director of Licenses, the Port's Airport Manager and any subordinant
3 employee of either director or the airport manager; the owner, lessee,
4 or driver of a taxicab or employee of a taxicab company; and the mem-
5 bers of the "immediate family" (as defined in SMC § 4.15.030 D) of any
6 of the foregoing. Members of the Taxicab Commission may receive reim-
7 bursement of expenses and a per diem compensation as authorized in the
8 agreement.

8 The City through its Department of Licenses and Consumer Affairs
9 and King County or the Port Commission shall provide staff and facili-
10 ties for the Taxicab Commission and for safekeeping of Commission
11 funds as provided in the interlocal agreement.

11 The Taxicab Commission may provide for election of its own offi-
12 cers and its own rules of procedure. The Taxicab Commission shall
13 file its first report to the City and King County Councils and the
14 Port Commission no later than ^{July 1, 1988} ~~January 15, 1988~~ and annual reports
15 thereafter; the Taxicab Commission may make special reports as the
16 need arises.

17 To allow for public review and comment, the Mayor shall provide a
18 draft copy of the proposed interlocal agreement to the Chair of the
19 City Council Public Safety Committee and file a copy with the City
20 Clerk as a public document at least ten (10) days before executing the
21 final agreement.

21 Section 2. Effective upon the date of the establishment of the
22 Taxicab Commission as authorized by Section 1, there is added to the
23 Seattle Municipal Code a new Chapter, designated Chapter 3.79 as
24 follows:

SEATTLE-KING COUNTY TAXICAB COMMISSION

Section 3.79.010 Taxicab Commission.

There is established a Seattle-King County Taxicab Commission to study and report to the City and King County Councils and the Port of Seattle on the taxicab industry and taxicab service; to make recommendations on appropriate governmental regulations, setting of taxi fares, and taxi licensing; and to evaluate regulations in effect. The Taxicab Commission shall have nine members, three each appointed by King County and the City, the seventh member appointed by the Port of Seattle, the eighth member shall be selected by the seven appointed members, and the ninth appointed by the Evergreen Taxi Association. Appointed members shall serve for a three year term. The Taxicab Commission shall have the authority, functions, and duties as contemplated by the interlocal agreement between Seattle and King County and the Port of Seattle as authorized by this Ordinance.

Section 3.79.020. Appointments; removal; staffing.

The Mayor shall appoint the three City members of the Taxicab Commission subject to confirmation by the City Council. The Mayor may remove a member appointed by the City for cause.

The Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs shall provide staff and facilities for the Taxi Commission as authorized in the interlocal agreement.

Section 3. Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 6.212, Ordinance 108934, is amended by adding a new section, designated Section 6.212.045 as follows:

Section 6.212.045 Temporary Maximum Limit on Licenses.

A moratorium is hereby established on the issuance of taxicab licenses to applicants, without previous licenses, and on the transfer

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of taxicab licenses during the period August 1, 1987 through December 31, 1988. Subject to subsections A and B, only licensees, whose licenses are about to expire or have expired within the previous thirty (30) days, are eligible for issue of new taxicab licenses, and then the new issues shall only replace the license currently held.

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A. Transfer: A taxicab license may be transferred to a successor when the licensee dies or is adjudicated as incompetent; to a transferee designated in an order of a bankruptcy court; to his or her marital community when the license holder marries; or to one of the former spouses in the event of a marital dissolution. A corporation, holding a license, may be issued a new license to replace the license currently held during the moratorium when its ownership and control remain with the same principal owners, or the transfer of its ownership or control occurs as a result of death, incompetency, bankruptcy, or between spouses in a marriage or between former spouses as a result of a marital dissolution.

B. Number of licenses: This moratorium on the number of licenses outstanding is subject to the following limitation:

A licensee, who has a taxicab license from King County and operates within an area newly annexed to the City may secure a license to continue operation of her existing cab(s) or replacement cab(s).

Section 4. Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 6.212, Ordinance 108934, is amended by adding a new section 6.212.260 as follows:

6.212.260 Information Requested by Taxicab Commission.

In addition to his/her powers under Section 6.02.040B, for the purpose of providing information requested by the Taxicab Commission, the Director may require that:

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A. Any applicant for a taxicab license, whether or not a holder of a license about to expire, shall complete a questionnaire prepared by the Taxicab Commission seeking financial information about the licensee's taxicab business and operations and submit the same to the Taxicab Commission;

B. A holder of a taxicab license shall supply to the Department at its offices such documents as may be useful for determining revenues and expenses, as follows, including but not limited to:

1. Beginning October ¹⁵ ~~1~~, 1987, the following information must be provided to the Department for each taxicab license in the City:

- a. Total number of trips.
- b. Total paid miles.
- c. Total miles driven.
- d. Amount of fares collected and number of fare units.
- e. Costs, included, but not limited to:
 - 1) Equipment depreciation
 - 2) Equipment purchases
 - 3) Repair and maintenance costs
 - 4) Fuel and oil costs
 - 5) Other supplies
 - 6) Leases and service contract costs
 - 7) License fees and taxes
 - 8) Insurance
 - 9) Labor costs
 - 10) Other

This information must be provided quarterly to the director as follows:

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<u>For the period:</u>	<u>No later than:</u>
April 1 - June 30	July 15
July 1 - September 30	October 15
October 1 - December 31	January 15
January 1 - March 31	April 15

2. The licensee's general ledger, expense records, cancelled checks, and credit card charges, and any balance sheets and/or operating statement prepared during the course of the year. This information is to be retained by the licensee for not less than three calendar years from creation of the document and be made available upon request of the Commission.

Failure of an owner to report as required shall result in immediate suspension of his or her license until such time as the information is provided.

C. Information stored on meters as required by this Ordinance shall be collected at official county or city taxicab testing stations pursuant to the schedule in Section 6.212.260B of this ordinance. Other information required to be reported under this section shall be reported in a manner established by the director.

D. The director may verify operating cost information reported by the taxicab industry through special audits performed on a random sample basis. Failure to submit information required by this section for a special audit within two weeks of the director's request shall result in immediate suspension of license until such time as the information is provided.

Any costs reported but not verified during an audit will not be used to determine average operating costs for rate-setting or licensing purposes.

1 E. A holder of a taxicab license shall appear before the
2 Taxicab Commission and there answer questions or supply information
3 about revenues and operating costs, services provided, public
4 demand, and other matters related to the taxicab industry. This
5 includes but is not limited to an investigation or finding of
6 facts of a particular incident or series of occurrences.

7 The Director is further authorized to examine business and
8 occupation tax returns filed by taxicab licensees for the purpose
9 of generating statistical information about the industry. The sta-
10 tistical information shall not identify any particular licensee.

11 Section 5. Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 6.212 is amended by
12 adding a new Section 6.212.250 as follows:

13 Section 6.212.250. Two-way Communications Equipment.

14 Taxicabs shall be equipped with two-way communication equipment
15 affiliated with a central dispatching system or with an operational
16 citizens' band ("CB") radio, car telephone, or other telecomm-
17 munications device and have an arrangement for calling for prompt
18 assistance in the event of a breakdown enroute.

19 Section 6. Seattle Municipal Code Section 6.212.160 is amended
20 by adding new subsections D and E as follows:

21 Section 6.212.160. Equipment.

22 A. Each taxicab shall be equipped with a taximeter installed
23 in the vehicle in such a position that the face upon which the fare
24 or charge is indicated is readily visible to and readable by
25 passengers. Taximeters shall compute, record, and display only a
26 single tariff or rate of fare. The use of multiple rate meters is
27 prohibited.
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1 B. At a minimum, each taxicab shall be equipped with either a
2 top light, a flag attached to the taximeter, or other equipment
3 approved by the Director which indicates that the taxicab is
4 employed or unemployed and is visible from a distance of ten (10)
5 feet from the vehicle.

6 C. Cabulances may be exempted from all or part of the require-
7 ments of this section if deemed necessary by the Director.

8 D. The Director may promulgate rules to require that all taxi-
9 cabs placed into service or equipped with new taximeters after
10 January 1, 1988 be equipped with a taximeter capable of storing the
11 information contemplated by Section 6.212.210.

12 E. The Director may promulgate rules governing the collection
13 and/or reporting of data stored on taximeters and/or taximeter
14 tapes to the Department of Licenses and Consumer Affairs.

15 Section 7. Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 6.212 is amended by
16 adding a new Section 6.212.270 as follows:

17 Section 6.212.270. Training Course.

18 Effective July 1, 1988, every taxicab licensee shall make sure
19 that each driver of his/her cab has within the last two years
20 completed an approved training course, offered or certified by the
21 Director, covering the following subjects:

- 22 1. Defensive driving; the appropriate use of battery-starter
23 cables; and other matters affecting automobile safety;
- 24 2. Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and first aid;
- 25 3. The geography of Seattle; locations of hospitals, landmarks
26 and tourist sites; Seattle's history and traffic flow pat-
27 terns;
- 28 4. Driver/passenger relations, personal appearance, and com-
munication skills; and
5. The provisions of SMC Chapter 6.212 and taxicab rates in
effect.

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The Director is authorized to offer a training course for taxicab drivers and to charge a fee to those attending a training course offered by the City in order to defray its cost. If the City does not offer such a course and no approved course is provided by another, the Director shall waive this requirement.

Section 8. Seattle Municipal Code Section 6.212.070 (Ordinance 108934 § 6.150, as last amended by Ordinance 111901 § 4) is further amended as follows:

Section 6.212.070. Grounds for license suspension, revocation, or denial.

In addition to the reasons set forth in SMC 6.202.230 as now or hereafter amended, a taxicab license also may be suspended, revoked, or denied upon a finding that the licensee or applicant has:

A. Falsified any record, document, or information required to be kept or submitted to the Director (or Hearing Examiner) by this title, or by rule or regulation prescribed hereunder or failed to supply information asked or required of him or her for rate-setting purposes.

B. Driven, or authorized any person to drive a taxicab which was not equipped and in safe condition as required by the Seattle Traffic Code and RCW 46.37, as now or thereafter amended;

C. Driven, or authorized any person to drive a taxicab which was not equipped with seat belts for all passengers;

D. Driven, or authorized any person to drive a taxicab designed for the transportation of persons confined to a wheelchair unless retaining locks for wheelchairs were installed and operable;

1 E. Charged, or authorized a driver to charge, any passenger an
2 amount different than a rate or charges filed pursuant to this
3 chapter, or, if the transportation was provided pursuant to a
4 contract or zone fare, an amount different than the rate or charge
5 set forth in the contract or provided for by ordinance;

6 F. Used, or authorized to be used, a trade name, color scheme,
7 or other identification upon a taxicab or in any advertising or
8 public listing, which was likely to be confused with the registered
9 trade name, scheme, or identification of another licensee or which
10 tended to deceive or mislead the public as to the type of service
11 offered;

12 G. Carried any passenger to the destination by a route that
13 was not the safest and most direct, unless the customer specifi-
14 cally authorized the deviation or alternate route;

15 H. Refused to accept as a passenger any person who requested
16 transportation when the taxicab was not already carrying a
17 passenger, unless the person created a hazard to the driver's
18 safety or was unable to pay the fare;

19 I. Operated, or authorized a person to operate a taxicab
20 unless it was equipped with a taximeter, the taximeter had been
21 inspected and approved by the Director, and on which the seal had
22 not been broken, the size of the gears operating the taximeter had
23 not been changed from one vehicle or another, or otherwise tampered
24 with from the time of the Director's last inspection;

25 J. Activated the meter when the taxicab was not employed or
26 failed to activate the meter at the beginning of each trip, unless
27 the transportation was provided pursuant to a written contract or
28 zone fare as required by ordinance;

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K. Activated any equipment which indicated that the taxicab was carrying a passenger when it was not, or failed to activate such equipment when the taxicab was carrying a passenger;

L. Used a taxistand for purposes other than to await the carriage of passengers for-hire;

M. Picked up additional passengers without the approval of the original passenger;

N. Charged a rate not in compliance with shared-ride rates as filed with the Director;

O. Left a taxicab unattended in a taxistand, or slept in a taxicab in a taxistand, for more than fifteen (15) minutes;

P. Carried any person or pet other than the passenger or a licensed trainee in the taxicab without the express approval of the passenger;

Q. Drove or authorized a driver to drive a taxicab without a valid taxicab license;

R. Drove or authorized a driver to drive a taxicab who does not have ((without)) a valid for hire driver's license or who has not completed an approved training course contemplated by SMC 6.212.270 within the preceding two years.

S. Drive or authorize a driver to drive a taxicab that was not insured as required by SMC Section 6.212.080.

T. Failed to provide or maintain the communication equipment required by SMC Section 6.212.250.

U. Declined to provide service to a neighborhood of Seattle or, unless the operator provided a sound basis therefor, refused to respond to a call from a dispatcher because of the location of the pickup.

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V. Engaged in discrimination as an employer in violation of SMC Chapter 14.04, or discriminated in service to the public upon the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, age, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap, except where the same is a bona fide qualification in providing service.

Section 9. Execution of the interlocal agreement authorized in Section 1 pursuant to the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 10. Section 3 (SMC § 6.212.045) shall take effect ^{October 15, 1987} ~~August 1, 1987~~. Sections 5 (SMC § 6.212.250) and Section 7 (SMC § 6.212.270) shall take effect July 1, 1988. All other sections shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the same time it shall become a law under the provisions of the City Charter.

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Passed by the City Council the 14th day of
September, 1987, and signed by me in open session
in authentication of its passage this 14th day of
September, 1987


President of the City Council

Approved by me this 21st day of September, 1987.

Mayor

Filed by me this 21st day of September, 1987.

ATTEST: Norward J. Brooks
City Comptroller and City Clerk

By: Theresa Dunbar
Deputy

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THE CITY OF SEATTLE

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LAW DEPARTMENT

MUNICIPAL BUILDING SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104

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DOUGLAS N. JEWETT, CITY ATTORNEY

September 2, 1987

Hon. Norman B. Rice, Chairperson
Public Safety Committee
Seattle City Council

Re: Ordinance authorizing an interlocal agreement with
King County to establish a Taxicab Commission

Dear Councilman Rice:

As requested by the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs, we are filing with the Comptroller and City Clerk an ordinance, which authorizes an agreement with King County to establish a Taxicab Commission. Among other provisions, the ordinance forbids issue of new City licenses until January 1, 1989, except to people who already hold an existing City license. This restriction is called a "moratorium."

Under federal and state civil rights laws and the City's own ordinances, the City may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin, among other enumerated factors. Discrimination in legislation is measured both by the appearance of an enactment on its face and by its impact, in fact. A moratorium in occupational licensing may have a disparate impact if protected minorities did not have an equal opportunity to participate in the occupation before the moratorium was imposed. Our analysis identifies these protected minorities that might be affected to a substantially greater extent than the public at large:

- (1) The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (100 Stat. 3359, Public Law 99-603; November 6, 1986) established a procedure for undocumented immigrants to the United States to register with the Department of Immigration and Naturalization, to acquire permanent residency status, and eventually to become American citizens. While they were "illegal", these resident aliens tended to avoid occupations subject to government licensing, lest the licensing procedure uncover their unauthorized presence in the United States. The federal amnesty holds open to them the opportunity to pursue

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careers and occupations like other Americans. However, the moratorium forecloses the opportunity to hold a taxicab license because they could not have been licensed before.

- (2) People of Asian, Mexican-American, and Latin-American descent are a growing part of the City's population, both in absolute numbers and in percentages. The growth occurs in large part through in-migrations. Historically, newcomers tend to take jobs at lower income levels, such as driving cabs, and then work their way up the occupational, educational, and social ladder. Limiting entry closes off this opportunity.

If protected classes are under-represented in the mix of licenses outstanding as a result of societal attitudes, a moratorium may serve to perpetuate discrimination.

To remedy this potential problem and to reduce the City's exposure to a possible lawsuit on the basis of an impairment of civil rights, we had recommended and still recommend that the new section 6.212.040 B contain a safety valve, by adding the underscored language:

"B. Number of licenses: This moratorium on the number of licenses outstanding is subject to these limitations:

1. A licensee, who has a taxicab license from King County and operates within an area newly annexed to the City may secure a license to continue operating his or her existing cab(s) or replacement cab(s);

2. If a court of competent jurisdiction or the Washington State or City Human Rights Commission determines that this moratorium has a discriminatory effect on women and minorities, the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs may issue such additional licenses to members of the protected class as necessary to comply with the court or commission determination and assure equality of business opportunity."

The ordinance omits it.

As a matter of policy a provision may be made for lifting the moratorium in order to respond to an emergency

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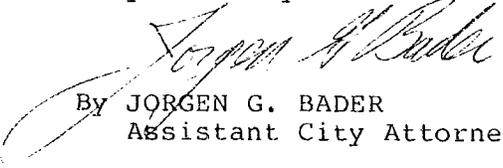
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situation, such as a transit strike, by issuing temporary permits. For this pupose, the following section may be included:

3. In the event of a transit strike or a major event bringing an extraordinary number of tourists to Seattle, the Director may issue a temporary permit to taxicabs licenses by other municipalities within Western Washington in order to provide taxi service within Seattle. Such temporary permits shall only be valid for ten days from the date of issue.

Very truly yours,

DOUGLAS N. JEWETT
City Attorney


By JORGEN G. BADER
Assistant City Attorney

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City of Seattle

Executive Department-Office of Management and Budget
James P. Ritch, Director
Charles Royer, Mayor



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Douglas N. Jewett
CITY ATTORNEY

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The Honorable Douglas Jewett
City Attorney
City of Seattle

Dear Mr. Jewett:

The Mayor is proposing to the City Council that the enclosed legislation be adopted.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Licenses and Consumer Affairs

SUBJECT: An ordinance authorizing an interlocal agreement with King County to establish a Taxicab Commission.

Pursuant to the City Council's S.O.P. 100-014, the Executive Department is forwarding this request for legislation directly to your office for review and drafting.

After reviewing this request and drafting appropriate legislation:

- (X) File the legislation with the City Clerk for formal introduction to the City Council as an Executive Request.
- () Do not file with City Council, but return the proposed legislation to OMB for our review. Return to _____.

Sincerely,

Charles Royer
Mayor

by *Claudia Ellsworth*
for

JIM RITCH
Budget Director

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Enclosure

cc: Andrew Lofton, Director, LCA

Your
Seattle
Department of Licenses and Consumer Affairs



Andrew J. Lofton, Director
Charles Royer, Mayor

August 25, 1987

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The Honorable Norman B. Rice
Seattle City Council
11th Floor, Municipal Building
Seattle, WA 98104

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VIA: Bobbie Faucette
Office of Management and Budget

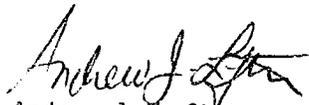
Dear Councilman Rice:

The recent negotiations with King County on regional taxi regulation require some modification so that the County and City codes are compatible. Attached is an ordinance amendment to the Seattle Taxicab Ordinance (SMC 6.212) that will enable the City and County to form a Taxicab Commission and establish similar reporting requirements.

I request your speedy consideration of this ordinance so that we can establish a regional interlocal agreement for consistent taxi regulation in the region.

Please call me at 8444 or Walter Tank at 8414 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Andrew J. Lofton
Director

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STATE OF WASHINGTON KING COUNTY—SS.

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[Signature]
Subscribed and sworn to before me on

September 30, 1987

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Notary Public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle.

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INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

The following agreement establishes a regional taxicab commission as authorized by the Seattle and King County Councils.

AUTHORIZATION

Seattle Ordinance 113613 and King County Ordinance 8450 (amended by Ordinance 8461) authorize the creation of a nine (9) member Taxicab Commission. Three (3) members will be appointed by the City of Seattle, three (3) members appointed by King County, one (1) member by the Port of Seattle, and one (1) member by the Evergreen State Taxi Association. The commission will then select an additional member to be their chair, per guidelines set forth in Seattle Municipal Code (SMC 3.79.010) and King County Code (K.C.C. 6.64).

TAXICAB COMMISSION DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

The duties of the Commission will be to conduct a review of the region's taxicab industry, make recommendations to the Councils regarding appropriate governmental regulations, setting of taxi fares, and taxi licensing (including the number and transferability of licenses) and evaluating regulations in effect.

- The commission shall adopt operating rules and regulations, including procedures consistent with SMC 3.79 and K.C.C. 6.64.
- Members of the Commission shall be governed by the City of Seattle and King County codes of Ethics.
- The Commission will meet once each month at a time selected by the Commission. Additional meetings may be scheduled, as determined by the Commission.
- The Commission will recommend a system for establishing a fair taxi rate. This recommendation will consider, at minimum, the alternatives of open rate setting and a fixed rate procedure, addressing the issue of future rate increases.
- The Commission will recommend a system to identify the justifications for establishing the number at a specific level, addressing the issue of restricting entry and competition.

Pursuant to Seattle Ordinance 113613 and King County Ordinance 8450 (amended by Ordinance 8461), the Commission may look at the following items:

- The current taxi system to determine the impact fare revenues and operating costs have on each segment of the taxi business.
- The number of taxis and level of service required in the region.
- The fares and rate structures in use and the viability of such structures.
- The safety of current taxicabs and drivers, including a review of increasing taxicab insurance rates. The issue of vehicle age and road-worthiness will also be reviewed.
- The economic impact of competition on the taxi industry.

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- The cost of improvements to the industry.
- The Commission will prepare progress or status reports for the Councils through the appropriate jurisdiction's Executive branches.

BUDGET AND STAFFING

Budget and staff support shall be as appropriated and passed by Councils respective ordinances. The contribution from the Port of Seattle shall be by letter of agreement to contribute its portion of funding to the Regional Taxicab Commission's budget. The Department of Executive Administration or its appointee shall maintain records and provide for expenditures of the Commission's budget and Driver Training Program.

FUNDING

Funding for the Commission will be shared by the City, County and Port in ratio to the number of appointments made by each jurisdiction and shall be:

- 40.74% - City
- 40.74% - County
- 18.52% - Port

- The Driver Training Program shall be equally shared by the City, the County, and the Port.

TIME OF PERFORMANCE

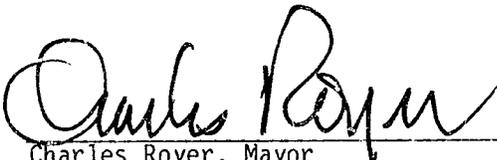
Unless sooner terminated as provided above, this Agreement shall be in force and effect upon execution by all parties and shall be renewed automatically at the end of each calendar year or until sunseted.

TERMINATION

Either party shall have the right to cancel this Agreement at any time upon giving of thirty days written notice to the other of such cancellation. Notice shall be deemed given by delivering notice thereof to the other party or by mailing the same to that party by first class mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested with postage prepaid. A notice so given by mail shall be given on the date of mailing.

Interlocal Agreement
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By signature of the respective executive branches and by confirmation of the respective Councils, this document will be an interlocal agreement by which the Taxicab Commission will function.



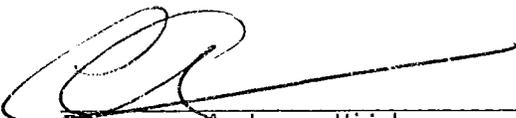
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City of Seattle

Date: 7/6/89



Tim Hill, Executive
King County

Date: 7/18/89



Zeger van Asch-van Wijck,
Executive Director
Port of Seattle

Date: 6/20/89

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