

ORDINANCE No. 114903

COUNCIL BILL No. 107750

The City of

AN ORDINANCE relating to taxicabs, extending the moratorium on issuance of taxicab licenses; and amending Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Section 6.212.045, and declaring an emergency.

Honorable President:

Your Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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Introduced: DEC 11 1989	By: NOLAND
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# The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE

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President:

Committee on

Public Safety

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Jane Bland

Committee Chair

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WHEREAS, the enabling legislation of both Seattle (Ordinance 113613) and King County established a moratorium on new taxicab licenses until December 31, 1988, which was subsequently extended through December 31, 1989, anticipating that the Regional Taxicab Commission would submit its recommendation for a uniform policy by then; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Taxi Commission will submit its workplan to both Seattle and King County no later than January 31, 1990; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 6.212.045 (Ordinance 113613, Section 3, as last amended by Ordinance 114352, Section 1) is further amended 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 of taxicab licenses during the period October 15, 1987 through ~~((December 31, 1989))~~ April 30, 1990. 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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3 principal owners, or the transfer of its ownership or control occurs as a  
4 result of death, incompetency, bankruptcy, or between spouses in a  
5 marriage or between former spouses as a result of a marital dissolution.

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

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9 within an area newly annexed to the City may secure a license to continue  
10 operating his or her existing cab(s) or replacement cab(s).

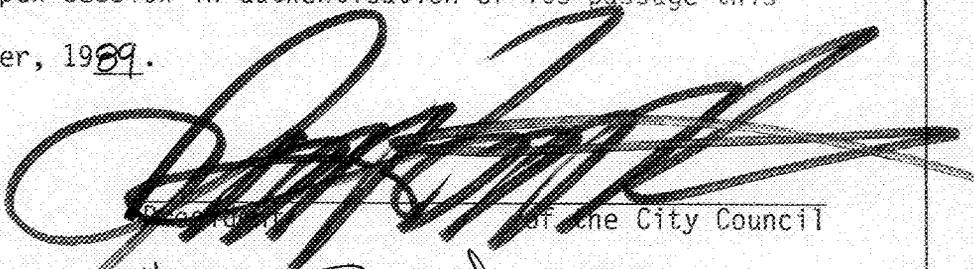
11 Section 2. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be  
12 separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence,  
13 paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance or the inva-  
14 lidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall not  
15 affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of  
16 its application to other persons or circumstances.

17 Section 3. Any action the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs  
18 may take in declining to issue new taxicab licenses on and after January  
19 1, 1990 until enactment of this ordinance is hereby ratified and con-  
20 firmed.

21 Section 4. To prevent a change in the number of taxicabs licensed in  
22 Seattle which would thereby disrupt the work of the Regional Taxi  
23 Commission, preventing the City's ability to adopt meaningful regulations  
24 governing taxicabs in the City, the City Council hereby finds that a  
25 public peace, health and safety emergency exists that necessitates the  
26 immediate adoption of the regulations of this ordinance. Because of the  
27 emergency declared herein, this ordinance shall become effective imme-  
28 diately upon its approval by the Mayor or passage over his veto.  
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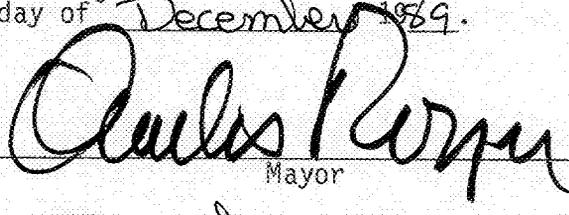
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and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this  
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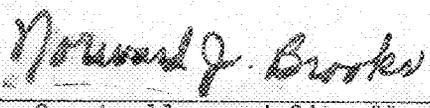


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Member of the City Council

Approved by me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1989.

  
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Mayor

Filed by me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1989.

ATTEST:   
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City Comptroller and City Clerk

By:   
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Deputy

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ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

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WHEREAS, uniformity in taxicab ordinances is necessary to maintain a viable, efficient taxi industry because of the amount of travel between Seattle and its suburban areas; and

WHEREAS, the enabling legislation of both Seattle (Ordinance 113613) and King County established a moratorium on new taxicab licenses until December 31, 1988, which was subsequently extended through December 31, 1989, anticipating that the Regional Taxicab Commission would submit its recommendation for a uniform policy by then; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Taxi Commission will submit its workplan to both Seattle and King County no later than January 31, 1990; and

~~WHEREAS, The Regional Taxicab Commission has extended its workplan through April 30, 1990; Now, therefore,~~

*Handwritten signature and initials*

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

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22 1, 1990 until enactment of this ordinance is hereby ratified and con-  
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26 Commission, preventing the City's ability to adopt meaningful regulations  
27 governing taxicabs in the City, the City Council hereby finds that an  
28 emergency exists that necessitates the immediate adoption of the regula-  
tions of this ordinance. Because of the emergency declared herein, this  
ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the  
Mayor or passage over his veto.

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Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_  
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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

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Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

ATTEST:

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City Comptroller and City Clerk

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Your  
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Department of Licenses and Consumer Affairs



Andrew J. Lofton, Director  
Charles Royer, Mayor

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TO: Jane Noland, Chairperson  
Public Safety and Justice Committee

VIA: Bobbie Faucette, Analyst  
Office of Management and Budget

FROM: Andrew J. Lofton, Director  
Department of Licenses and Consumer Affairs

DATE: November 28, 1989

SUBJECT: TAXICAB MORATORIUM EXTENSION

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Please find enclosed legislation which extends the taxicab moratorium from January 1, 1990 to April 30, 1990. This legislation is similar to legislation being presented to the King County Council to assure that we are regionally consistent in this area. The Regional Taxicab Commission work will require this extension, so the taxi industry remains at status quo, while they complete their recommendations on entry and rates.

If you have any questions, please call me at 4-8444 or Walter Tank, at 4-8414.

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Enclosure

cc: Walter Tank, Assistant Director

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# City of Seattle

Executive Department-Office of Management and Budget

Kenneth R. Bounds, Director  
Charles Royer, Mayor



December 4, 1989

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The Honorable Douglas Jewett  
City Attorney  
City of Seattle

SEATTLE CITY ATTORNEY

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Dear Mr. Jewett:

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

REQUESTING  
DEPARTMENT: Licenses and Consumer Affairs

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE relating to taxicabs, extending the moratorium on issuance of taxicab licenses; and amending Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Section 6.212.045.

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

After reviewing this request and any necessary redrafting of the enclosed legislation, return the legislation to OMB. Any specific questions regarding the legislation can be directed to Walter Tank at 4-8414.

Sincerely,

Charles Royer  
Mayor

by

*Kenneth R. Bounds*

KENNETH R. BOUNDS  
Budget Director

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Enclosure

cc: Director, Licenses

STATE OF WASHINGTON - KING COUNTY

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City of Seattle

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Affidavit of Publication

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

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The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which amount has been paid in full.

Bethany Morris

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

Levi Ray

Notary Public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle

# City of Seattle

## ORDINANCE 111983

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SAM SMITH

President of the City Council

Approved by me this 27th day of December, 1989.

CHARLES ROYER

Mayor

Filed by me this 27th day of December, 1989.

Attest: NORWARD J. BROOKS,

City Comptroller and City Clerk

(Seal) By THERESA DUNBAR,

Deputy Clerk

Publication ordered by NORWARD J. BROOKS, Comptroller and City Clerk. Date of official publication in Daily Journal of Commerce, Seattle, January 3, 1990.

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