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Taxicab Commission Appointment Resolution  
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A RESOLUTION appointing five members to the Seattle-King County Taxicab Advisory Commission, to advise and make recommendations on taxicab regulations, to the City of Seattle and King County legislative bodies and executives.

WHEREAS, in November 2009 Ordinance 123131 was enacted creating the Seattle-King County Taxicab Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the legislation was amended by Ordinance 123333 in July 2010; and

WHEREAS, as the Seattle-King County Taxicab Advisory Commission is advisory only, and will deliberate on proposed regulations, policies, plans, rule changes, work programs, and revisions to the Seattle Municipal and King County Codes regarding taxicabs, and make recommendations to both governments; and

WHEREAS, the enabling ordinances stated that five positions must be appointed by the City of Seattle, of which three are appointed by the City Council and two are appointed by the Mayor, and;

WHEREAS the enabling ordinances further state that five positions must be appointed by the King County Council, with one remaining position, Position #11, to be elected by the Commission itself; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council appointed members to positions five, seven, and nine and the Mayor appointed positions three and one; and

WHEREAS, the King County Council appointed members to positions numbers two, four, six, and ten; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 123131 does not specify that Council confirms Mayoral candidates, however the Council is doing so via this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Council may consider requesting to the King County Council that both governments consider an expansion of the Commission, to include representation from the Port of Seattle and for-hire vehicles, as broader representation from all segments of the industry and government regulators would likely make for broader recommendations and insights and a stronger Commission; NOW, THEREFORE,



1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
2 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

3 Section 1. The City Council hereby appoints the following three individuals to serve on the  
4 Seattle-King County Taxicab Advisory Commission:  
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- 6 1. Carolyn Bilal (Position #5 – Senior)
- 7 2. Faizan Janjua, (Position #9 – Taxicab Driver)
- 8 3. Charles Cruise, (Position #7 – Hospitality industry/medical institution)
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10 Section 2. The City Council hereby confirms the following two individuals, appointed by the  
11 Mayor, to serve on the Seattle-King County Taxicab Advisory Commission:  
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- 13 1. Abebe Tesfay (Position # 1 – Taxicab Owner)
- 14 2. Joseph Blondo (Position #3 – Taxicab Driver)
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16 Section 3. As outlined in the enabling ordinances, Positions #1 and #5 shall each serve a one-  
17 year term, Positions #3 and #9 shall each serve a two-year term, and Position #7 shall serve a  
18 three-year term. At the conclusion of these terms of appointment, all subsequent terms shall be  
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1           Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, and  
2 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_ day  
3 of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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5 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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7 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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10 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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12 Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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15 City Clerk

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**Seattle-King County Taxicab Advisory Commission**

April 2011

Eleven members:

- Three representing taxicab license owners (Positions #1, #2 and #10)
- Three representing taxicab drivers but not license owners, and who have not been an owner within the previous five years (Positions #3, #4, and #9)
- Three representing the hospitality and/or tourism industry and medical facilities as clients of taxicabs (Positions #5, #6 and #11)
- One who is a person with a disability and/or represents persons with disabilities (Position #8)
- One who is a person who represents senior citizens over the age of 60 (Position #7)

Appointing Authorities

- King County appoints positions 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10.
- Seattle appoints 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9.
- Position 11 is Commission appointed.

Terms

- Positions 1,2, and 5 are for a one year term.
- Positions 3,4,9 and 10 are for a two year term.
- Positions 6,7,8, and 11 are for a three year term.

At the conclusion of the initial terms, all subsequent terms of each position will be for three years. The term of 1/3 of all positions shall expire each year.

Position No.	Commission Member	Represents	*D	Years in 1 <sup>st</sup> term	Appointed	Term Ends	Appointing Authority
1	Abebe Tesfay	License owner	2	1	04/11/11	06/30/12	Mayor
2	Manjit Singh	License owner	1	1	04/8/11	6/30/12	King County
3	Joseph Blondo	Driver	4	2	04/11/11	06/30/13	Mayor
4	Mohammed Rafiq Islam	Driver	2	2	04/8/11	6/30/13	King County
5	Charles Cruise	Hosp/ Tour or Medical	6	1	04/11/11	06/30/12	City Council
6	Joseph Ayele, D.C.	Hosp/ Tour or Medical	2	3	04/8/11	6/30/14	King County
7	Carolyn Bilal	Seniors	2	3	04/11/11	06/30/14	City Council
8	Aaron Steven Morrow	Disabilities	6	3	04/08/11	06/30/14	King County
9	Faizan Janjua	Driver	1	2	04/11/11	06/30/13	City Council
10	Hapreet Bassi	License owner	1	2	04/08/11	06/30/13	King County
11	<i>Appointed by the Commission</i>	Hosp/ Tour or Medical		3			Commission

**\*Diversity**

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latin	(4) Native-American	(5) Other**	(6) Caucasian
<b>Mayor</b>	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Council</b>	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
<b>King County</b>	5	0		4	3	1				1
<b>Total</b>	10	1	0	8	4	3	0	1	0	3

\*\*Other includes diversity in any of the following: race, gender and/or ability

**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b>	<b>CBO Analyst/Phone:</b>
Legislative	Monica Ghosh/ 4-8807	N/A

**Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION appointing five members to the Seattle-King County Taxicab Advisory Commission, to advise and make recommendations on taxicab regulations, to the City of Seattle and King County legislative bodies and executives.

**Summary of the Legislation:**

In October 2009, the City Council passed legislation (Ordinance 12313), creating a Seattle-King County Taxicab Advisory Commission. The legislation was later amended by Ordinance 123333.

The enabling ordinances direct that five positions must be appointed by the City, of which three are appointed by the Council and two by the Mayor and five positions must be appointed by the King Council, with one remaining position, Position #11, to be elected by the Commission itself.

This legislation confirms the five members appointed by the Council and the Mayor.

The Commission is comprised of individuals representing taxicab drivers, owners, seniors, the disabled community, and representatives from the hospitality and medical industry.

**Background:**

In 2009, Council passed legislation creating a Seattle-King County Taxicab Commission.

The Commission is advisory only and deliberates on proposed regulations, policies, plans, rule changes, work programs and revisions to the Seattle Municipal Code and King County Code regarding taxicabs.

Please check one of the following:

**This legislation does not have any financial implications.**  
(Stop here and delete the remainder of this document prior to saving and printing.)

**This legislation has financial implications.** (Please complete all relevant sections that follow.)

**Appropriations:**

This table should reflect appropriations that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the



project/programs associated with this ordinance had, or will have, appropriations in other legislation, please provide details in the Notes section below.

Fund Name and Number	Department	Budget Control Level*	2011 Appropriation	2012 Anticipated Appropriation
<b>TOTAL</b>				

\*See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.

Appropriations Notes:

**Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement: Resulting from this Legislation:**

This table should reflect revenues/reimbursements that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the issues/projects associated with this ordinance/resolution have revenues or reimbursements that were, or will be, received because of previous or future legislation or budget actions, please provide details in the Notes section below the table.

Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2011 Revenue	2012 Revenue
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

**Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through this Legislation, Including FTE Impact:**

This table should only reflect the actual number of positions affected by this legislation. In the event that positions have been, or will be, created as a result of other legislation, please provide details in the Notes section below the table.

Position Title and Department	Position # for Existing Positions	Fund Name & #	PT/FT	2011 Positions	2011 FTE	2012 Positions*	2012 FTE*
<b>TOTAL</b>							

\* 2012 positions and FTE are total 2012 position changes resulting from this legislation, not incremental changes. Therefore, under 2012, please be sure to include any continuing positions from 2011.

Position Notes:

**Do positions sunset in the future?**

(If yes, identify sunset date)

**Spending/Cash Flow:**

This table should be completed only in those cases where part or all of the funds authorized by this legislation will be spent in a different year than when they were appropriated (e.g., as in the case of certain grants and capital projects). Details surrounding spending that will occur in future years should be provided in the Notes section



below the table.

<b>Fund Name &amp; #</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Control Level*</b>	<b>2011 Expenditures</b>	<b>2012 Anticipated Expenditures</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				

\* See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.

Spending/Cash Flow Notes:

**What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**

(Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs.)

**Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

(If so, please list the affected department(s), the nature of the impact (financial, operational, etc), and indicate which staff members in the other department(s) are aware of the proposed legislation.)

**What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?** (Include any potential alternatives to the proposed legislation, such as reducing fee-supported activities, identifying outside funding sources for fee-supported activities, etc.)

**Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements?**

(If yes, what public hearings have been held to date, and/or what plans are in place to hold a public hearing(s) in the future?)

**Other Issues:** (Include long-term implications of the legislation.)

**List attachments to the fiscal note below:**