



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

Res 31808

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Title: A RESOLUTION relating to the for-hire transportation industry; establishing a work program for the City Council to review the administrative rules and regulations to improve customer service and lower costs to participants, and to explore ways to ensure equal market access to all participants.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Harrell

Vetoed by Mayor:

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Full Council	04/02/2018	referred	Governance, Equity, and Technology Committee			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Governance, Equity, and Technology Committee Notes:						
1	Governance, Equity, and Technology Committee	04/03/2018	adopt as amended				Pass
	Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt as amended the Resolution (Res). In Favor: 4 Chair Harrell, Vice Chair Herbold, Member Mosqueda, O'Brien Opposed: 0						
2	Full Council	04/09/2018	adopted as amended				Pass
	Action Text: The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:						

Notes: ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Harrell, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 31808, by substituting version 3 for version 2.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31808 as amended.

In Favor: 7 Councilmember González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

3 City Clerk 04/09/2018 attested by City Clerk

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.

Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION relating to the for-hire transportation industry; establishing a work program for the City Council to review the administrative rules and regulations to improve customer service and lower costs to participants, and to explore ways to ensure equal market access to all participants.

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Ordinance 124524 on July 14, 2014, establishing minimum operating requirements for transportation network companies (TNCs) and affiliated drivers; imposing industry-wide vehicle inspection and driver training standards; imposing insurance requirements for transportation network companies and affiliated vehicles; altering insurance requirements for taxi and for-hire vehicles; requiring rate transparency across the industry; establishing and altering licensing fees; establishing an accessibility service charge; raising the maximum number of taxicab licenses issued by the City; granting hailing rights to for-hire vehicles; and establishing a property right in the license for taxi and for-hire vehicle license holders; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Ordinance 124968 on December 23, 2015, establishing a framework that would require companies that hire or contract with for-hire drivers licensed to operate in the City to bargain the terms and conditions of work with a Driver Representative if enough such drivers chose to be represented; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, over the last several years, has worked on new policies to create a competitive and fair environment for taxis, for-hire vehicles, and TNCs, allow new market entrants and technologies, and improve customer convenience and safety; and

1 WHEREAS, industry participants have requested the City Council enact legislation to establish a
2 minimum fare for all segments of the industry that ensures equal market access and
3 establishes an industry aligned with the City's values of fairness, shared prosperity, and
4 transparency; NOW, THEREFORE,

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

6 Section 1. The City Council requests that taxicab companies, for-hire vehicle companies,
7 and transportation network companies (TNCs) work collaboratively with designated City staff to
8 develop a list of data that they will voluntarily share with the Council through a secure
9 mechanism, that will be responsive to the Council's need to have a clear understanding of the
10 current state of the for-hire industry as it formulates policies. City staff will include and consider
11 the distribution of: 1) the hours the driver worked, or in the case of TNCs, the hours active on the
12 companies' platform, 2) the number of trips the drivers completed, the distance traveled with the
13 passenger in the vehicle, the distance traveled to pick up the passenger, and, in the case of the
14 TNCs, the distance traveled while logged onto the company's app. 3) the value of the fares
15 charged, and 4) the compensation to drivers for calendar year 2017. The data shared should be
16 anonymous and provided to the City by no later than May 31, 2018. If the requested information
17 is not provided to the Director of Finance and Administrative Services by May 31, 2018, the
18 Council will consider legislation requiring the data from all market participants, including
19 possibly drivers, to support the formation of City Council policy for the industry. In drafting
20 such legislation, the City Council will consider defining what constitutes an operating hour and
21 will explore creative ways to address the concerns of market participants about the release of
22 data.

1 Section 2. The City Council will consider legislation to establish a set of minimum
2 charges across all segments of the for-hire transportation industry to ensure fair market access to
3 all participants. Options could include setting a minimum base fare rate of \$2.40.

4 Section 3. Additional issues the City Council will examine and review to improve the for-
5 hire transportation industry in Seattle include, but are not limited to:

- 6 1. Transition to regional license system for all market segments. The City would
7 continue to coordinate with King County in establishing and administering
8 consistent rules, regulation, and fare structures;
- 9 2. Consolidation and leveling of operating fees in Seattle Municipal Code Section
10 6.310.150;
- 11 3. Options for conversion of for-hire vehicles to metered taxicab for those choosing
12 to convert;
- 13 4. Flexibility in licensing tenures to allow drivers time to travel to visit family
14 overseas, and to accommodate the seasonality of the market;
- 15 5. Flexibility in the financial obligations on drivers and owner-operators in the taxi
16 industry;
- 17 7. Flexibility in insurance standards to lower driver costs;
- 18 8. Establishing a bill of rights for drivers and passengers;
- 19 9. Expanding the Seattle–King County Taxicab Advisory Commission to include all
20 for-hire transportation industry segments; and
- 21 10. Addressing issues specific to Wheelchair Accessible Taxi.

Section 4. The City Council will introduce preliminary policy recommendations by the end of the second quarter of 2018 and final recommendations with legislation by the end of the third quarter 2018.

Adopted by the City Council the 9th day of April, 2018,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 9th day of
April, 2018.



President _____ of the City Council

Filed by me this 9th day of April, 2018.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

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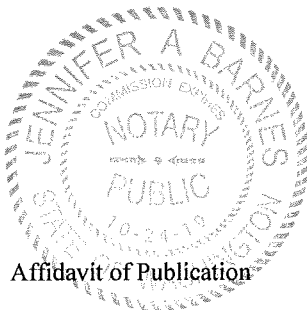
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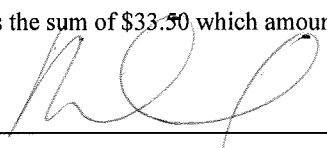
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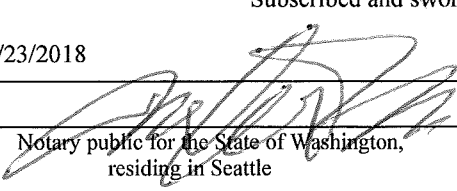
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The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on April 09, 2018, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://seattle.legistar.com>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>.

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