

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

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| Austin City Council | <b>Item ID</b> | 15199 | <b>Agenda Number</b> | 65. |
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| <b>Meeting Date:</b> | 4/26/2012 | <b>Department:</b> | Transportation |
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**Subject**

Approve third reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20070517-064 that awarded a taxicab franchise to Lone Star Cab Company to allow additional taxicab permits, and deleting Part 4 of Ordinance No. 20070517-064 relating to taxicab franchise owner requirements; and discuss the annual calculation of necessary franchise permits, also known as the "formula".

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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| <b>Purchasing Language:</b>          |  |
| <b>Prior Council Action:</b>         | Council Resolution 20111215-065.   |
| <b>For More Information:</b>         | Gordon Derr, 974-7228, Steve Grassfield, 974-1489, Gilda Powers, 974-7092. |
| <b>Boards and Commission Action:</b> | Reviewed by the Urban Transportation Commission.                           |
| <b>MBE / WBE:</b>                    |  |
| <b>Related Items:</b>                |  |

**Additional Backup Information**

The City Charter requires that a franchise ordinance be published in a newspaper within five days of approval by Council. On April 5, 2012, Council approved this item on third reading, amending a taxi cab franchise for Lone Star Cab Company. The ordinance was not published within five days of ordinance approval. Therefore, Council is required to repeat third reading of this ordinance.

On December 15, 2011, Council approved Resolution No. 20111215-065 directing the City Manager to prepare an ordinance aligning the franchise ownership requirements of Lone Star Cab with the requirements of Austin Cab and Yellow Cab companies. The City Manager was further directed to prepare an ordinance that would allow for the issuance of 30 additional franchise permits to Lone Star Cab and an additional 15 franchise permits to Austin Cab.

As a result of this resolution the Austin Transportation Department recommends deleting Part 4 of Ordinance No. 20070517-064 and to modify Part 3 of Ordinance No. 20070517-064 to allocate 30 additional franchise permits to Lone Star Cab.

In 2011 Lone Star Cab received 3 taxicab permits pursuant to the City's annual formula (Code Section 13-2-322). This ordinance takes those three permits into account in addition to those now authorized by Council.