

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	15317	Agenda Number	73.
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Meeting Date:	5/24/2012	Department:	Transportation
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**Subject**

Approve first reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20100527-048 renewing a franchise to Greater Austin Transportation Company d.b.a. Yellow Cab Company to operate a taxicab service in the City of Austin for five years.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

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

**Purchasing Language:**

**Prior Council Action:**

**For More Information:** Gordon Derr, 974-7228, Carlton Thomas, 974-7020, Gilda Powers, 974-7092.

**Boards and Commission Action:** Reviewed by the Urban Transportation Commission.

**MBE / WBE:**

**Related Items:**

**Additional Backup Information**

Pursuant to Chapter 13-2-402, Special Franchise Permits, the total number of special franchise permits issued by the department may not be less than six percent or more than six and one-half percent of franchise permits issued by the department. Currently, Yellow Cab has 22 special franchise permits, which equals 5.1% of a 433 vehicle fleet. In order to maintain Yellow Cab Company's ratio of franchise permits to special franchise permits, it is necessary to increase the number of special franchise permits currently held by Yellow Cab from 22 permits to 28 permits.

The Urban Transportation Commission reviewed the special franchise permit information for all three franchises on February 7, 2012. The Commission voiced no objections.

The City Charter requires a franchise amendment to be granted by ordinance and read at three regular City Council meetings. The third reading may not occur until 30 days after the first reading. Following is the schedule for the second and third readings:

Second reading – June 14, 2012

Third reading – June 28, 2012