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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	23541	Agenda Number	44.
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Meeting Date:	5/23/2013	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 13-2 (Ground Transportation Passenger Services) to revise the definitions, amend the regulations, and add requirements related to the operation of charter services.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Robert Spillar 974-2488, Gordon Derr 974-7228, Carlton Thomas 974-7020, Gilda Powers 974-7092.
Boards and Commission Action:	Reviewed by the Urban Transportation Commission on March 19, 2013. No action taken. Reviewed by the Urban Transportation Commission on April 9, 2013. No action taken. Approved by the Urban Transportation Commission on May 14, 2013 on a 5/0/0/2 vote with Commissioners MacKinnon and Blocker absent.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On July 19, 2012, Austin Transportation Department initiated discussions regarding the number of issues related to the operation of Charter Services. Most issues were attributed to the lack of parameters established within Subpart D (Charter Service) of the City Code. After a series of meetings with the identified stakeholders, including charter operators, limousine, airport shuttle, taxi drivers and franchisees, staff presents the following recommendations for Council consideration.

- A.) Expand on the description of "Charter Service" to include a pre-arrangement requirement of one half hour advance booking.
- B.) Prohibit charter services from displaying taxicab features.
- C.) Require Trip tickets.
- D.) Require fleet markings to be fleet-wide and unique to each individual fleet.
- E.) Inspection requirements for charter vehicles with a passenger capacity of 16 or more.
- F.) Amend the definition of "Prearranged Service" (City Code Section 13-2-1) which would impact all categories

with a prearranged requirement (limos, shuttles, tour and sightseeing) other than charters.