

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 13-2 RELATING TO CHARTER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS TO ADD REQUIREMENTS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** City Code Section 13-2-1 (*Definitions*) is amended to read:

**§ 13-2-1 DEFINITIONS.**

(20) PREARRANGED SERVICE means ground transportation service that is scheduled a minimum of one half hour in advance of the trip.

**PART 2.** City Code Section 13-2-251 (*Charter Service Described*) is amended to read:

**§ 13-2-251 CHARTER SERVICE DESCRIBED.**

Charter service consists of transporting passengers using motorized vehicles such as vans, minibuses, buses or motor coaches to transport a group or individual passengers for prearranged service on irregular routes and schedules with a rate of fare based either on a flat rate for each passenger or on an hourly rate operated from locations within the city to locations inside the city (point-to-point and continuous trips) from the same point of origin or from various points of origin to a single point of destination. Charter service does not include services owned, contracted, or subcontracted by a governmental entity, or independent or consolidated school district.

**PART 3.** City Code Section 13-2-252 (*Charter Service Requirements*) is amended to read:

**§ 13-2-252 CHARTER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.**

(A) A holder of a charter service operating authority shall comply with Article 2 (*Ground Transportation Services Other Than Taxicabs*), Division 1 (*Operating Authority*).

(B) A holder must:

(1) use vans, minibuses, ~~[or]~~ buses ,or motor coaches that comply with the following requirements to provide charter service:

(a) have an occupancy capacity of more than six, including the driver; ~~[-, to provide the service.]~~

(b) have no top light or other electric identification sign;

- 1                   (c)    not use a taximeter;
- 2                   (d)    no checkered logo/pattern or insignia to represent the vehicle
- 3                         as a taxicab;
- 4                   (e)    if a charter service holder identifies its vehicles with outer logos
- 5                         or other identification markings, all vehicles used to provide
- 6                         charter services owned by the same holder shall have identical
- 7                         markings on all vehicles that are unique to that holder.
- 8                   (2)    provide the department with a current list of drivers licensed in the
- 9                         manner described in Section 13-2-121 (*Exemption from Chauffeur's*
- 10                        *Permit Requirement*), the driver's license number of each driver, and a
- 11                        photocopy of each driver's license.
- 12                   (3)    provide the department with a copy of proof of a passing annual
- 13                         vehicle inspection conducted by the Texas Department of
- 14                         Transportation for vehicles with a capacity of 16 or more passengers.
- 15                   (4)    not hold itself out as a taxi service as defined in Section 13-2-301
- 16                         (Taxi Service Described), and cannot accept passengers less than one
- 17                         half hour in advance of commencement of scheduled service.
- 18                   (5)    A driver operating a charter service vehicle shall keep in the vehicle,
- 19                         in written or electronic form, a trip ticket containing the information
- 20                         described below, and shall allow a person designated under Section
- 21                         13-2-13(B) (Enforcement) or Section 13-2-14 (Enforcement Officers)
- 22                         to inspect the trip ticket upon request. A trip ticket must include the
- 23                         following information:
- 24                         (a)    date of the trip, the name, address, and phone number of the
- 25                         person or group who booked or paid for the service;
- 26                         (b)    the name, address, and phone number of at least one passenger
- 27                         transported on the trip;
- 28                         (c)    the pickup location, intermittent stops and the drop off location
- 29                         for the trip;
- 30                         (d)    the date and time the reservation was made, and the scheduled
- 31                         and actual passenger pick-up time;
- 32                         (e)    state the rate for services, if charged on an hourly rate, and total
- 33                         amount of fare paid for each passenger or group of passengers
- 34                         using the service; and

1 (f) identify the owner of the vehicle used to provide charter service  
2 and identify the holder, if different, by name, address and  
3 telephone number.

4 **PART 4.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

5 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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10 Lee Leffingwell  
11 Mayor

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14 **APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

15 Karen M. Kennard  
16 City Attorney

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk