

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 by an initial reservation 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, [ø] 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.]~~

- 1 **(b) have no top light or other electric identification sign;**
2 **(c) not use a taximeter;**
3 **(d) no checkered logo/pattern or insignia to represent the vehicle**
4 **as a taxicab;**
5 **(e) if a charter service holder identifies its vehicles with outer logos**
6 **or other identification markings, all vehicles used to provide**
7 **charter services owned by the same holder shall have identical**
8 **markings on all vehicles that are unique to that holder.**

9 **(2) provide the department with a current list of drivers licensed in the**
10 **manner described in Section 13-2-121 (*Exemption from Chauffeur's***
11 ***Permit Requirement*), the driver's license number of each driver, and a**
12 **photocopy of each driver's license.**

13 **(3) provide the department with a copy of proof of a passing annual**
14 **vehicle inspection conducted by the Texas Department of**
15 **Transportation for vehicles with a capacity of 16 or more passengers.**

16 **(4) not hold itself out as a taxi service as defined in Section 13-2-301**
17 **(*Taxi Service Described*), and cannot accept passengers less than one**
18 **half hour in advance of commencement of scheduled service.**

19 **(5) A driver operating a charter service vehicle shall keep in the vehicle,**
20 **in written or electronic form, a trip ticket containing the information**
21 **described below, and shall allow a person designated under Section**
22 **13-2-13(B) (*Enforcement*) or Section 13-2-14 (*Enforcement Officers*)**
23 **to inspect the trip ticket upon request. A trip ticket must include the**
24 **following information:**

25 **(a) date of the trip, the name, address, and phone number of the**
26 **person or group who booked or paid for the service;**

27 **(b) the name, address, and phone number of at least one passenger**
28 **transported on the trip;**

29 **(c) the pickup location, intermittent stops and the drop off location**
30 **for the trip;**

31 **(d) the date and time the reservation was made, and the scheduled**
32 **and actual passenger pick-up time;**

