

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13-2 (GROUND TRANSPORTATION PASSENGER SERVICES) OF THE CITY CODE TO ADD SUBPARTS RELATING TO HOTEL COURTESY VEHICLES AND SHUTTLES.

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

PART 1. City Code Chapter 13-2 (*Ground Transportation Services*) is amended to add a new Subpart I (*Hotel Courtesy Vehicle Service*) and Subpart J (*Hotel Shuttle Services*) to Article 2 (*Ground Transportation Services other than Taxicabs*) to read:

Subpart I. Hotel Courtesy Vehicles Service.

§13-2-293 Hotel Courtesy Vehicle Described.

Hotel courtesy vehicles are hotel-owned vehicles with exterior markings clearly identifying the hotel name.

§13-2-294 Hotel Courtesy Service Requirements.

- (A) Shuttles must be vans or vehicles categorized by the automobile industry as sport utility vehicles or sport activity vehicles with a minimum occupancy capacity of four excluding the driver.
- (B) All vehicles must be identified to the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) and issued a permit by ATD. Fees for these permits will be established by separate ordinance.
- (C) The permit issued by ATD will be valid for two years.
- (D) All hotel courtesy vehicle drivers must be employees of the owner-hotel and possess a valid City of Austin chauffeur permit and shall comply with Article 1 (*General Provisions*), Division 6 (*Drivers*) of this chapter.
- (E) As employees of the owner-hotel, drivers may accept traditional “tips” for hospitality service.
- (F) Hotel courtesy vehicles must have signage stating, “Not For Hire.”
- (G) Hotel courtesy vehicles may only transport guests of the hotel or its events.

1 **§ 13-2-295 Hotel Courtesy Vehicle Operations.**

2 Except as otherwise approved by the ATD director, hotel courtesy vehicles may
3 only transport guests as described below:

- 4 (A) within a two-mile radius of the owner-hotel;
- 5 (B) within a two-mile radius of the Texas State Capitol building; and
- 6 (C) to and from a major transportation terminal.

7 **Subpart J. Hotel Shuttle Service.**

8 **§13-2-296 Hotel Shuttle Service Described.**

- 9 (A) Hotel shuttle vehicles are hotel-owned vehicles with exterior markings
10 clearly identifying the hotel name.
- 11 (B) The owner-hotel of the shuttle may establish a rate of fare and drivers may
12 accept “tips”.

13 **§13-2-297 Hotel Shuttle Service Requirements.**

- 14 (A) An operating authority is required as provided in §13-2-3.
- 15 (B) All drivers must be sponsored under the operating authority.
- 16 (C) All drivers must possess a valid City of Austin chauffeur permit and shall
17 comply with Article 1 (*General Provisions*), Division 6 (*Drivers*) of this
18 chapter.
- 19 (D) All hotel shuttle vehicles must be insured as described in §13-2-34.
- 20 (E) All hotel shuttle vehicles must be vans or vehicles categorized by the
21 automobile industry as sport utility vehicles or sport activity vehicles with a
22 minimum occupancy capacity of four excluding the driver.
- 23 (F) Hotel shuttle vehicles must have signage stating, “Not For Hire.”
- 24 (G) Hotel shuttle vehicles may only transport guests of the hotel or its events.
- 25 (I) Hotel shuttle vehicles may transport guests from the hotel to any point in the
26 City of Austin with no prearrangement required.
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PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2013.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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Mayor

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