

ORDINANCE NO. 20131121-042

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.

§ 13-2-295 Hotel Courtesy Vehicle Operations.

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

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

Subpart J. Hotel Shuttle Service.

§13-2-296 Hotel Shuttle Service Described.

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

§13-2-297 Hotel Shuttle Service Requirements.

- (A) An operating authority is required as provided in §13-2-3.
- (B) All drivers must be sponsored under the operating authority.
- (C) All drivers must possess a valid City of Austin chauffeur permit and shall comply with Article 1 (*General Provisions*), Division 6 (*Drivers*) of this chapter.
- (D) All hotel shuttle vehicles must be insured as described in §13-2-34.
- (E) All hotel shuttle vehicles 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.
- (F) Hotel shuttle vehicles must have signage stating, "Not For Hire."
- (G) Hotel shuttle vehicles may only transport guests of the hotel or its events.
- (H) Hotel shuttle vehicles may transport guests from the hotel to any point in the City of Austin with no prearrangement required.

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on December 2, 2013.

PASSED AND APPROVED

November 21, 2013

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