

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 38150 Agenda Number 89.

Meeting Date: 12/11/2014 Department: Transportation

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 13-2 to end a moratorium on pedicab permits, set a cap on available operating permits, and prohibit the use of trailer-type pedicabs as vehicles for hire.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Ordinance No. 20120412-021
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Boards and Commission Action:	Will be reviewed by the Urban Transportation Commission on December 9, 2014.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On April 12, 2012, Council adopted Ordinance No. 20120412-021 to regulate the operation of pedicabs. Part 8 of the approved ordinance established a moratorium on any new permits. Staff met and received stakeholders input, reviewed practices from other jurisdictions and made a determination that a cap on total permits shall be considered, and the use of trailer-type pedicabs shall be prohibited and phased out over a two year period.

The Austin Transportation Department recommends capping the total available amount of pedicab permits at a maximum of 300 permits. The current amount of pedicab permits issued is 503. Staff recommends lowering to the cap through attrition.

Additionally, staff recommends phasing out the use of trailer-type pedicabs by July 31, 2016.