



COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Urban Transportation Commission

Recommendation Number: 20141209-3A: Pedicab Code Amendment

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2012, the Austin City Council approved an ordinance which provided regulations for the operation of pedicabs as vehicles-for-hire and instituted a moratorium on new pedicab permits to allow for an evaluation of a potential cap and the use of trailer-type pedicabs as vehicles-for-hire; and

WHEREAS, normal pedicab market conditions were influenced by the discussions of a potential cap, causing the market to peak at 534 permits; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Transportation Department has continued discussions with the pedicab stakeholders to address a cap on available permits and the use of trailer-type pedicabs; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions nationwide, such as San Francisco, Ca, Portland, Or, and New Orleans, La have implemented regulations prohibiting the use of trailer-type pedicabs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission encourages the Austin City Council to approve the recommendations of the Austin Transportation Department to cap available pedicab permits at 300 and prohibit the use of trailer-type pedicabs as vehicles-for-hire.

Date of Approval: 12-9-14

Record of the vote: 4-1-0-2

Attest: 

(Staff or board member can sign)