

Late Backup**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ITEM 55**

City Code Chapter 13-2

Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, 06/04/2015

[New Section 13-2-XXX] FEES THAT HOLDERS CHARGE DRIVERS

- (a) A holder may not charge a driver any fees that are inconsistent with the fees approved by the council under [New Section 13-2-YYY].

[New Section 13-2-YYY] SETTING FEES THAT HOLDERS CHARGE DRIVERS

- (a) The council shall establish a fee structure by ordinance that identifies the allowable fees a holder may charge a driver.
- (b) The recommended fee structure shall include a maximum cumulative amount that a holder may charge a driver.
- (c) The council shall adopt an initial fee structure prior to August 4, 2015.
- (d) On an annual basis, a holder may request a modification to the fee structure based on just cause.

Directive to City Manager:

The city manager shall work with appropriate stakeholders in developing a proposed fee structure and provide notice to stakeholders of the recommended fee structure at least 30 days prior to consideration by the council.

[New Section 13-2-ZZZ] RESOLVING DISPUTES

- (a) The council shall approve a model contract by resolution that establishes procedures for resolving contractual disputes between a holder and a driver.
- (b) The model contract shall include but not be limited to:
 - (1) the designation of an independent arbitrator to resolve disputes;
 - (2) opportunities for the driver to contest suspension, termination, or other disciplinary action; and
 - (3) specific language describing actions or incidents that would result in suspension or termination.
- (c) The council shall adopt the model contract prior to August 4, 2015.
- (d) A holder must establish procedures that reflect the terms of the model contract or, in the alternative, may submit to the council for approval procedures that are sufficiently equivalent to the essential terms of the draft model contract.

Directive to City Manager:

The city manager shall work with appropriate stakeholders in developing a draft model contract and provide notice to stakeholders of the recommended model contract at least 30 days prior to consideration by the council.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ITEM 52, 53, & 54

Language for Franchise Agreements

Current Language:

The City Council extends the franchise described in [Ordinances] to operate a taxicab business on the streets, alleys, and public ways in the City of Austin for [Company] for one year.

Additional Language:

Automatic Extension Option

If the franchise holder submits a contract in compliance with [New Section 13-2-XXX], [New Section 13-2-YYY], and [New Section 13-2-ZZZ] before the franchise expires in one year, the franchise will be extended for an additional four years.