



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Urban Transportation Commission

Recommendation Number: 20160510-04B: Consideration of Review and Update of City of Austin's Chapter 13-2 – Ground Transportation Passenger Services

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's ordinances that govern the oversight and regulation of ground transportation passenger services, including those by charter bus, limousine, pedicab, rideshare, taxicab, and transportation network companies are included in Title 13 – Transportation Services, Chapter 13-2 – Ground Transportation Passenger Services;

WHEREAS, the development of Chapter 13-2 has developed and been amended over a lengthy time period;

WHEREAS, the technology and business models for providing these services are rapidly evolving;

WHEREAS, there is a need to harmonize the requirements between and among the various transportation services for fairness, public safety, and state-of-the-art reasonableness; and

WHEREAS, the City's leadership in fostering and embracing technological advances in ground transportation, such as autonomous vehicles, may require adjustments in regulation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Urban Transportation Commission recommends the City Council direct the City Manager to initiate a process to thoroughly review Title 13 – Transportation Services' Chapter 13-2 – Ground Transportation Passenger Services with the goal of (1) removing outdated requirements, (2) harmonizing the requirements among the various services as appropriate; and (3) considering the future need for requirements covering new services now in development.

Furthermore, that the Urban Transportation Commission is eager to provide support in assisting with the process as called upon by the City Manager and City Council.

Date of Approval: May 10, 2016

Record of the vote: 8-0, with Commissioner Hosek absent

Attest: _____

Emily Smith

(Staff or board member can sign)