

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: October 5, 2017

Item Number: **027**

Transportation

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 13 (Transportation Services) relating to chauffeur's permits and creating a Conditional Chauffeur Permit.

Fiscal Note	There is no financial impact for this item. A fiscal note is not required
<u>Prior Council Action</u>	Resolution No. 20130307-067. Ordinance No. 20151217-075.
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Additional Backup Information:

The current Taxi Franchise and alternative mobility programs are suffering from a lack of qualified drivers due to competition in the ground transportation industry. The City has an interest in maintaining its Taxi Franchise program as well as developing new ground transportation mobility options by creating a conditional chauffeur permit. This permit will allow all mobility providers access to a larger pool of qualified drivers, which will increase mobility for residents in Austin.

This action defines a conditional chauffeur permit applicant as having one of two characterizations: (1) an applicant who is enrolled and attending a local college or university with a valid out of state driver's license; or (2) an applicant who has relocated to the City with a valid out of state driver's license. Those applicants enrolled and attending a local college or university will have their conditional chauffeur

permit reviewed annually for renewal until the applicant has obtained a valid Texas driver's license number or establishes Texas residency. By state law, those applicants who have recently relocated to Austin have three months to obtain a Texas driver's license number before their conditional chauffeur permit expires.