

CITY COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL


Patrick Leary, Chief of Staff

Date Received: August 7, 2017
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TO: Salt Lake City Council
Stan Penfold, Chair

DATE:

FROM: Patrick Leary, Chief of Staff
Office of the Mayor

SUBJECT: Amendments to Ground Transportation Ordinances

STAFF CONTACT: Larry Bowers, Landside Operations Manager
Salt Lake City Department of Airports (801) 320-0729

COUNCIL SPONSOR:

DOCUMENT TYPE: Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION: Amend two ordinances related to ground transportation

BUDGET IMPACT: No budget impact

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Current ground transportation ordinances authorize the department director appointed by the Mayor to administer and enforce the City's ground transportation ordinances to address circumstances in the City that create congestion, security concerns, emergency conditions, or other operational problems on a temporary basis.

In response to consumer and hotel industry complaints about high ground transportation fares from the Airport to Salt Lake City destinations, the department director issued four temporary Notices of Rate Restrictions, each effective for 180 days, applicable to all ground transportation providers in the City except transportation networking companies, which are governed exclusively by Utah law. City ordinances give the City Council 60 days either to approve or disapprove the restrictions in a formal action. The notices were

not disapproved by the City Council, and were thus deemed approved. The current Notice of Rate Restrictions will expire December 7, 2017.

The rate restrictions, which will have been in effect for 24 months at the expiration of the current Notice, appear to have stabilized ground transportation passenger costs to destinations within Salt Lake City. Hotel industry complaints have ceased and consumer complaints have been reduced significantly.

The proposed changes to the ground transportation ordinances are very limited, removing the word temporary, thus allowing the department director to continue to address circumstances in the City exist that create congestion, security concerns, emergency conditions, or other operational problems, subject to the approval of the Mayor and the same approval or disapproval process by the City Council.

PUBLIC PROCESS: The City will provide public notice of the proposed amendments in accordance with applicable law.

SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE

No. _____ of 2017

(Ground Transportation Requirements)

An ordinance amending Sections 5.71.260 and 16.60.140 of the Salt Lake City Code, relating to Ground Transportation within the City.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the city to provide a regulatory environment for ground transportation in the city that provides for exceptions in the event circumstances exist that create congestion, security concerns, emergency conditions, or other operational problems; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, desires to amend Sections 5.71.260 and 16.60.140 of the Salt Lake City Code, relating to ground transportation and Department Authority and City Ordinances Applicable to Airport.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:

SECTION 1. That Section 5.71.260 of the Salt Lake City Code, relating to Department Authority be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows:

5.71.260: DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY:

- A. The department shall enforce the provisions of this chapter and govern the conduct of companies and drivers operating under this chapter.
- B. With the approval of the mayor and upon notice to the city council the department director may waive or ~~temporarily~~ impose restrictions not addressed in this chapter or department rules and regulations if it is determined that circumstances in the city exist that create congestion, security concerns, emergency conditions, or other operational problems, and that a ~~temporary~~ suspension or modification of ordinances is in the best interests of the city to address such circumstances. If the city council does not act within sixty (60) days to approve or disapprove the action, then the action is deemed approved. ~~Waivers issued prior to the effective date hereof shall be void through the earlier of: 1) the expiration of such waiver; or 2) June 30, 2015. (Ord. 66-14-2014)~~

SECTION 2. That Section 16.60.140 of the Salt Lake City Code, relating to City Ordinances Applicable to Airport be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows:

16.60.140: CITY ORDINANCES APPLICABLE TO AIRPORT:

All applicable ordinances set forth in this code, including, without limitation, title 5, chapters 5.71 and 5.72 of this code or their successors, shall apply to the airport. Pursuant to applicable provisions of this code, the department director may enter into contracts and establish rules and regulations for taxicab operations specific to the airport.

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SECTION 3. Effective Date. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the date of its first publication.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, this _____ day of _____, 2017.

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST AND COUNTERSIGN:

CITY RECORDER

Transmitted to Mayor on _____.

Mayor's Action: _____ Approved. _____ Vetoed.

MAYOR

Salt Lake City Attorney's Office
Approved As To Form

By: _____

Marco Kunz

Date: _____

(SEAL)

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MAYOR

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Approved As To Form

By:
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Date: 8/1/2017

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