



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** February 11, 2019
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY
SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TAXICAB ORDINANCE

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING CHAPTER 5.72 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE (VEHICLES FOR HIRE)

PURPOSES OF THE ORDINANCE

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the City's taxicab regulations to bring them into compliance with bills passed by the Legislature in 2017 (AB 1069) and 2018 (AB 939), limiting local taxicab permit requirements to only those taxicab owners and drivers who are "substantially located" within the local jurisdiction.

REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

At its December 17, 2018 meeting, the City Council directed the City Attorney to prepare this ordinance. This ordinance became necessary as a result of AB 1069 and AB 939, as mentioned.

This ordinance, in short, (a) limits the owner's and driver's permit requirements to those businesses who are "substantially located" in Pasadena; (b) removes the requirement for owners to maintain a permanent place of business in Pasadena, if they are not "substantially located" in Pasadena; and (c) removes the special permit requirements for taxicabs seeking to operate in the City on days of special events, such as the Rose Parade, Rose Bowl Game, and Super Bowl.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

The Finance Department will be affected by this ordinance.

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FISCAL IMPACT

AB 1069 allows the City to impose business license fees only to taxicab businesses that are "substantially located" in Pasadena. It will be incumbent on them to either renew their license or provide proof of a license in another jurisdiction. The City stands to lose approximately \$24,300 in annual taxicab revenue if no owners or drivers are "substantially located" in Pasadena.


ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

On December 17, 2018, the Council found this action exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "general rule" that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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