

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** DECEMBER 14, 1998
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: MODIFICATION OF TAXICAB MORATORIUM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council direct the City Attorney to revise Ordinance Number 6770 to delete the reference to driver's permits, thereby enabling existing taxicab operators to replace drivers that leave their employ without increasing the number of permitted taxicabs.

BACKGROUND

On November 16th the City Council held second reading of an uncodified ordinance establishing a six-month moratorium on the issuance of vehicle owner's permits and driver's permits for the operation of vehicles for hire. The purpose of this moratorium is to preserve the status quo while staff is provided an opportunity to address issues raised by local taxicab operators which are having a deleterious effect on cab service in the City.


Because the Ordinance covers both vehicle owner's permits as well as driver's permits a consequence has been to prevent existing operators from replacing drivers which leave their employ with new drivers who are presently not permitted. Existing operators have called this to staff's attention and requested a modification. Staff believes that this change should be made, as not allowing existing operators to replace drivers would, in effect, force them to reduce their fleet currently serving the City.

Removing the reference to driver's permits will enable current operators to replace drivers without increasing the number of permitted vehicles operating in the City, thus preserving the intent of the moratorium.

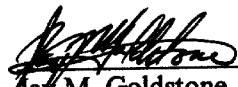
FISCAL IMPACT

There is a negligible fiscal impact in making revising this ordinance.

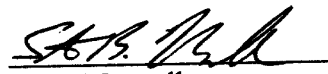
Respectfully submitted,


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