



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** February 8 , 1999

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AN AMENDMENT TO AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, ORDINANCE NO. 6770, ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.72 (VEHICLES FOR HIRE)

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

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BACKGROUND:

Ordinance No. 6770, establishing a six-month moratorium on the issuance of vehicle owner's permits and driver's permits for the operation of vehicles for hire was placed into effect in November 1998. 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 as to the current state of taxicab service in Pasadena.

Because Ordinance No. 6770 covers both vehicle owner's permits and driver's permits, a consequence has been to prevent existing operators from replacing drivers who leave their employ with new drivers who were not previously permitted. Existing operators have called this to staff's attention and requested that the moratorium be revised so as not to cover driver permits. Staff

believes that this revision should be made, as not allowing existing operators to replace drivers would, in effect, force them to reduce their fleet currently serving the City.

On December 14, 1998 the City Council approved the amendment in concept by directing the City Attorney to undertake its preparation.

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE:

The proposed Ordinance will enable current taxicab operators to replace drivers without increasing the number of permitted vehicles operating in the City, thus preserving the intent of the moratorium.

REASON WHY THIS LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

The modification of the taxicab moratorium may only be accomplished by an ordinance.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The proposed ordinance will impact the Licensing Division by again requiring it to process applications for driver's permits. The existing taxicab operators will be permitted to add or replace drivers, but will not be allowed to add additional cabs.

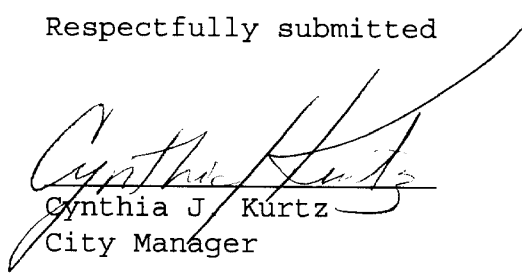
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The Environmental Administrator has determined that the proposed amendment is statutorily exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies. The taxicab moratorium will be used to study the relationship of the current ordinance and the operation of taxicabs within the City. Any future revisions to the ordinance would have to consider possible impacts on the environment.

FISCAL AND SERVICE IMPLICATIONS:

There is no cost associated with amending the ordinance to allow for the issuance of driver's permits beyond the staff time used to process applications for driver's permits which, in turn, is covered by fees for that service. The costs associated with the moratorium are negligible.

Respectfully submitted



Cynthia J. Kurtz
City Manager

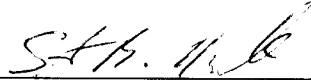
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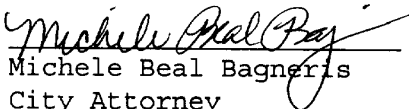
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Concurrence:



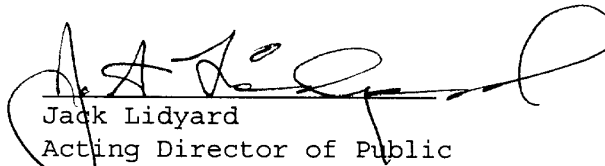
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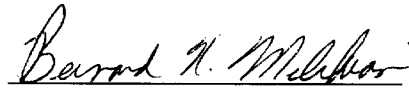
Michele Beal Bagneris
City Attorney



Jay Goldstone
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Jack Lidyard
Acting Director of Public
Works and Transportation



Bernard Melekian
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Introduced by Councilmember

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CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.72
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The People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Ordinance Number 6770 shall be amended
to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The license collector shall not accept
applications for an owner's permit pursuant to Section 5.72.050
of the Pasadena Municipal Code to operate any vehicle defined in
Section 5.72.020 of the Pasadena Municipal Code from November 23,
1998 through May 21, 1999, inclusive. All applications filed
prior to November 23, 1998 and after May 21, 1999 shall be
processed according to Chapter 5.72 of the Pasadena Municipal
Code, and all other provisions of Chapter 5.72 of the Pasadena
Municipal Code shall otherwise remain in full force and effect."

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this
ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published in full text.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its
publication.

Signed and approved this day of _____, 1999.

Chris Holden
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Pasadena at its meeting held the ____ day of _____, 1999, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Published:

Jane L. Rodriguez
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney