

# INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Craig Croner, Administrative Services Manager  
Jamie Heinzerling, Deputy City Clerk

Cc: Debbie Broughton, Matt Wilde, Josh Leonard

Date: October 27, 2011

Subject: Proposed Taxi Ordinance

Administrative Services and the Legal Department worked in coordination with stakeholders to develop a proposed taxi ordinance. In addition, staff compared the proposed ordinance recommendations to other cities taxi requirements and found them to be consistent. A summary of the proposed amendments have been outlined below:

- Creation of a vehicle decal and an out of service decal.
- Establishment of an age limit on all new taxi vehicles that are placed into service. Existing taxis will be grandfathered.
- Increased frequency of inspections.
- No tobacco use in vehicles by driver or passenger.
- Friday and Saturday “No Pick-Up/Drop-Off Zones” extended to 7 days a week.
- Taxi drivers and owners must demonstrate ability to read, write and speak the English language.
- Licensed taxi vehicles may not be used for personal use.
- Merchant Debit/Credit cards must be accepted by all taxi vehicles.

Staff recommends the following implementation schedule:

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION, 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, Bonneville Room** – City Council conducts a public work session with legal counsel to review the proposed ordinance and the corresponding public process. No public comment will be accepted at this time.

**INVITATION TO STAKEHOLDERS, Wednesday, Nov. 30** – Clerk’s Office sends a written invitation to all existing taxi license holders giving them an opportunity to provide written comment on the proposed ordinance before Friday, December 9.

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION, 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, Bonneville Room** – Mayor and Council review comments from stakeholders, provide direction on any suggested changes to the proposed ordinance and set the ordinance reading calendar and public hearing dates.