Thursday, December 16, 2010

Transportation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 63

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 13-2 of the Austin City Code to include a fee for cleaning a taxicab.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission.

Prior Council Action: September 30, 2010 - "Report on Taxicab Issues" was presented to the City Council.

The City Council approved Resolution No. 20100225 – 060 directing the City Manager to work with the Urban Transportation Commission to collect stakeholder input and make recommendations on several taxicab related issues.

The City Council resolution directed the working group to develop a standard practice to compensate drivers when they must take their vehicle out of service for cleaning.

This code amendment adds \$0.10 to the initial "drop" fee per trip to best meet the interests of the drivers, customers, franchises, and the City. Drivers will keep the additional revenue, estimated to be an average of \$359 annually per driver, to cover unanticipated clean-up costs.