

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 13-2 RELATING TO CHARTER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS TO ADD REQUIREMENTS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** City Code Section 13-2-1 (*Definitions*) is amended to read:

**§ 13-2-1 DEFINITIONS.**

(20) **PREARRANGED SERVICE** means ground transportation service that is scheduled a minimum of one half hour in advance of the trip.

**PART 2.** City Code Section 13-2-251 (*Charter Service Described*) is amended to read:

**§ 13-2-251 CHARTER SERVICE DESCRIBED.**

Charter service consists of transporting passengers using motorized vehicles such as vans, minibuses, buses or motor coaches to transport a group or individual passengers for prearranged service on irregular routes and schedules with a rate of fare based either on a flat rate for each passenger or on an hourly rate operated from locations within the city to locations inside the city (point-to-point and continuous trips) from the same point of origin or from various points of origin to a single point of destination. Charter service does not include services owned, contracted, or subcontracted by a governmental entity, or independent or consolidated school district.

**PART 3.** City Code Section 13-2-252 (*Charter Service Requirements*) is amended to read:

**§ 13-2-252 CHARTER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.**

(A) A holder of a charter service operating authority shall comply with Article 2 (*Ground Transportation Services Other Than Taxicabs*), Division 1 (*Operating Authority*).

(B) A holder must:

(1) use vans, minibuses, [Ø] buses ,or motor coaches that comply with the following requirements to provide charter service:

(a) have an occupancy capacity of more than six, including the driver;[, to provide the service.]

(b) have no top light or other electric identification sign;

- 1                   (c) not use a taximeter;  
2                   (d) no checkered logo/pattern or insignia to represent the vehicle  
3                               as a taxicab;  
4                   (e) if a charter service holder identifies its vehicles with outer logos  
5                               or other identification markings, all vehicles used to provide  
6                               charter services owned by the same holder shall have identical  
7                               markings on all vehicles that are unique to that holder.

8                   (2) provide the department with a current list of drivers licensed in the  
9                               manner described in Section 13-2-121 (*Exemption from Chauffeur's*  
10                              *Permit Requirement*), the driver's license number of each driver, and a  
11                              photocopy of each driver's license.

12                   (3) provide the department with a copy of proof of a passing annual  
13                               vehicle inspection conducted by the Texas Department of  
14                               Transportation for vehicles with a capacity of 16 or more passengers.

15                   (4) not hold itself out as a taxi service as defined in Section 13-2-301  
16                               (Taxi Service Described), and cannot accept passengers less than one  
17                               half hour in advance of commencement of scheduled service.

18                   (5) A driver operating a charter service vehicle shall keep in the vehicle,  
19                               in written or electronic form, a trip ticket containing the information  
20                               described below, and shall allow a person designated under Section  
21                               13-2-13(B) (Enforcement) or Section 13-2-14 (Enforcement Officers)  
22                               to inspect the trip ticket upon request. A trip ticket must include the  
23                               following information:

24                               (a) date of the trip, the name, address, and phone number of the  
25                               person or group who booked or paid for the service;

26                               (b) the name, address, and phone number of at least one passenger  
27                               transported on the trip;

28                               (c) the pickup location, intermittent stops and the drop off location  
29                               for the trip;

30                               (d) the date and time the reservation was made, and the scheduled  
31                               and actual passenger pick-up time;

32                               (e) state the rate for services, if charged on an hourly rate, and total  
33                               amount of fare paid for each passenger or group of passengers  
34                               using the service; and

