



Late Backup

June 19, 2013

Mr. Carlton Thomas  
Transportation Regulatory Supervisor  
Austin Transportation Department

Dear Mr. Thomas;

On behalf of the Austin Hotel & Lodging Association, I would like to thank you for reaching out to regarding our concerns with the proposed charter services ordinance. We would like to provide the following information as it relates to the vote today on Item 51 at the Austin City Council.


The AHLA has been involved in the stakeholder process from the outset. Ensuring that our customers have positive travel experiences while in Austin is of the utmost concern and impacts the economic vitality of the City of Austin.

Upon receipt of your recent letter, it is our understanding that as long as a contract for services exists between a hotel and a ground transportation service provider, this effectively satisfies prearranged service under the proposed revised ordinance.

Based on City of Austin's staff's intent, interpretation and future enforcement of the proposed charter services ordinance, as stated in your letter, AHLA supports the proposed ordinance.

Thank you again for the opportunity to work toward a mutually satisfactory ordinance.

Sincerely,

  
James Walsh  
President  
Austin Hotel & Lodging Association