

RESOLUTION NO. 20151015-051

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to initiate an amendment to City code Chapter 13-2, to address public safety as it relates to Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), that includes the following provisions, and to bring back to the Mobility Committee for recommendation to Council no later than November 16, 2015:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- Align the background check process for TNC drivers with the process for taxis so that the check is conducted nationwide for both types of drivers. Amend the taxi ordinance if necessary to allow for a nationwide process.
- Align the driver eligibility standards for TNCs with that for taxis so that a history of certain offenses is treated the same with regard to eligibility to drive.
- Add a fingerprinting requirement for TNC drivers that collect the same fingerprint information for TNCs as is collected for taxis and other ground transportation drivers.
- Authorize the Austin Transportation Department to contract with a third party to manage the fingerprinting and background check process for ground transportation processes so that the process is completed quickly and does not create barriers for onboarding drivers.

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The City Manager, in conjunction with ATD, is directed to produce a report and make recommendations regarding the effectiveness of criminal background

checks that are designed to match the person whose background is checked with the person who is applying to be and is ultimately the driver. The report should include fingerprint-based and name-based criminal background check processes and a recommendation for which process best protects public safety.

The City Manager, in conjunction with ATD, is also directed to analyze and report on the impact on the city of adopting each of the criminal background check processes addressed in the report. The report should include options for mitigating any impact, including contracting with new and existing TNCs that use the recommended background check process.

ADOPTED: October 15, 2015

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk