

AN ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO ATX COOP TAXI TO OPERATE A TAXICAB SERVICE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR FOUR YEARS.

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

PART 1. FRANCHISE GRANT.

The City Council grants a franchise to operate a taxicab business on the streets, alleys, and public ways in the City of Austin to ATX Coop Taxi ("franchise holder") for a four-year period unless, on review, the Council finds that the taxicab franchise is subject to forfeiture or cancellation for good cause.

PART 2. FLEET SIZE.

The franchise holder must maintain an active fleet of at least 25 and not more than 150 taxicabs. This taxicab allocation may be amended during the course of the franchise.

PART 3. FRANCHISE OWNERSHIP INTEREST REQUIREMENTS.

At all times during the franchise period or any period of extension or renewal of the franchise, the company holding the franchise shall be operated as a cooperative venture in which each member of the venture has equal ownership, an equal vote in decision making, and an equal share in the company's equity and liability.

PART 4. COMPUTERIZED DISPATCH SYSTEM.

- (A) The franchise holder shall maintain a fully operational Global Information System (GIS), automated computer dispatch system, dispatch service requests in an efficient manner, and correct any GIS dispatch system malfunctions immediately to maintain efficient customer service.
- (B) The franchise holder shall submit a report not later than the 30th day after the end of each calendar quarter documenting the system status and any system failures.
- (C) In the event of a system failure that exceeds four hours, the franchise holder shall:
 - (1) notify the Transportation Department not later than the first business day after the system failure; and