



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 22
AGENDA DATE: Thu 03/03/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance on first reading only to renew the ROY'S TAXI, INC. taxicab franchise.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: The taxicab permit fee of \$400 per year per permit is a revenue source. Expected annual revenue is \$62,000.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Public Works
DEPARTMENT:

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Sondra Creighton

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Roy's Taxi, Inc. has filed a taxicab franchise renewal application. Roy's Taxi, Inc. proposes to continue to provide taxicab service to the entire city, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The applicant proposes to continue to operate 144 franchise permit taxicabs and 11 special permit wheelchair accessible taxicabs. The application has been reviewed and all required information is on file with the Public Works Department.

Roy's Taxi, Inc. has provided taxicab service in Austin since 1931 and has exhibited the character, experience, and ability to provide the service. The Public Works Department recommends approval.

The City Charter requires a franchise renewal to be granted by ordinance and read at three regular City Council meetings. The third reading may not occur until 30 days after the first reading.