

ITEMS #14 & 17

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
10:00 A.M. REGULAR MEETING**

MAY 22, 2018

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION and
GROWTH MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT**



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SUBJECT: Agenda Items 14 and 17 - Chapter 22½ Ordinance Changes

Agenda Item 14 – Motion to Adopt Resolution Amending Chapter 22½

Per the Board’s request during the February 21, 2017 Board Transportation Workshop, staff conducted a July 25, 2017 taxi stakeholder workshop to obtain stakeholder feedback and develop consensus on potential Chapter 22½ – Motor Carriers code amendments. Several of the proposed changes discussed at this taxi stakeholder workshop were subsequently included in a November 7, 2017 Motion to Direct ([Agenda Item 21](#)). In addition, changes required to address the state preemption regarding Transportation Network Companies (June 6, 2017, [Agenda Item 23](#)) and an increase in the redemption time for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle placeholder tickets (August 22, 2017, [Agenda Item 115](#)) were included in Agenda Item 14. All these proposed changes are summarized below.

Status of Proposed Chapter 22½ Changes

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1. Remove TNC regulatory language. 2. Extend WAV vehicle placeholder tickets from 90 to 180 days. 3. Simplify Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity lottery process. 4. Eliminate Certified Motor Carrier License. 5. Complete housekeeping changes. 6. Revise permit expiration dates ¹ . 7. Allow 15-year-old vehicles to remain on the road, but with more frequent inspections ² .	These changes are part of the ordinance update to be considered by the Board for Agenda Item 14 on the May 22, 2018 Agenda.
8. Taxi ride sharing.	Initial ECPD proposal of individual pilot projects rejected at 1/19/18 taxi stakeholder workshop. Industry requested a separate, Division, taxi stakeholder

¹ Item originated from the Division’s effort to spread licensing and permitting renewal dates across the year.

² Item originated at 1/19/18 taxi stakeholder workshop.

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	workshop for ride sharing. That Division workshop is scheduled for 6/11/18, after which a proposed ride sharing alternative(s) will be brought before the Board.
9. Increase minimum taxi fares.	Industry proposal was to increase Port/Airport minimum taxi fare from \$10 to \$20. Port, BCAD and ECPD consider this increase too high relative to current market rates and are currently working on an alternate recommended fee increase to bring before the Board.

Agenda Item 17 – Motion to Direct

After the January 19, 2018 taxi stakeholder workshop, additional modifications to Chapter 22½ are recommended and are supported by the Division, the Port, and BCAD. If approved, Agenda Item 17 on the May 22, 2018 Agenda would direct the County Attorney's Office to prepare ordinance revisions to include these modifications, which are:

1. **Increase solicitor fines to \$1,000 for a first offense and allow towing of solicitor vehicles.** Illegal ride solicitation is when a person offers an unsolicited, paid ride to a potential customer. This practice is responsible for six percent of ECPD's vehicle-for-hire citations. Illegal ride solicitation poses public safety concerns, negatively affects traffic flow in BCAD terminal driveways, encroaches upon the vehicle-for-hire market, and is a detriment to the overall customer experience at the airport. (The Division attributes Port security as a factor in limiting solicitation at the Port.) The Division, Port, BCAD, and the industry have all indicated support for this change.
2. **Allow suspension of chauffeur license for three or more of the same violations within two years.** Twenty-five percent of all vehicle-for-hire violators have three or more citations and are responsible for 55% of citations issued. The Division supports this recommendation to help reduce these repeat violators.

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