



Legislation Text

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TAXI SERVICE BILL OF RIGHTS (B)

Ordinance No. 090616

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, creating section 28-19 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances, by providing for a Taxi Service Bill of Rights and related requirements; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

The City Commission at its meeting of April 7, 2011 directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Code of Ordinances.

Issues related to taxicab costs and related issues were referred by the City Commission to the Public Safety Committee on December 3, 2009. Meetings addressing these issues in the Public Safety Committee were held, with the last meeting on this issue being February 14, 2011. At that meeting, after hearing input from the Gainesville Police Department, concerned citizens, and representatives of the taxi industry, the Public Safety Committee approved unanimously to send this referral back to the full City Commission with the recommendation to require a Taxi Service Bill of Rights to be posted in the taxis.

At the City Commission hearing on April 7, 2011, the City Commission approved the public safety committee's recommendation that authorizes this office to prepare and the clerk to advertise an ordinance revising the Code to reflect the amendments as set forth in the item. The ordinance, if adopted, will take effect on August 1, 2011, to allow taxi companies sufficient time to comply with the new provisions.

The proposed ordinance addresses the requirement for the creation and posting of a Taxi Service Bill of Rights. Attached for demonstrative purposes is a copy of the current proposed version of the Taxi Service Bill of Rights, subject to approval by the City Manager or his or her designee upon passage of this ordinance.