



Legislation Text

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Vehicles For Hire Ordinance (B)

Ordinance No. 140741

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to vehicles for hire; by amending in its entirety Article I. Motorized Vehicles of Chapter 28, Vehicles for Hire; by amending Section 2-339 of Chapter 2 to provide civil penalties for vehicle for hire violations; and by amending Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges to provide fees for vehicles for hire; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

On March 19, 2015 the City Commission directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to provide regulations for Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) and to refine existing regulations for taxicabs based on recommendations of staff and the Public Safety and Economic Development University Community Committees.

The City Attorney's Office prepared draft regulations and City staff circulated the draft regulations to interested stakeholders for review and input. On June 18, 2015, the City Commission heard a presentation on the proposed draft regulations, received public comment and directed the City Attorney to finalize the draft regulations into an ordinance for first reading.

This ordinance was scheduled for First Reading on July 16, 2015, continued to August 6, 2015 and then continued to August 20, 2015. The draft ordinance submitted for the July 16, 2015 meeting, has now been further revised at the direction of City Management, as a result of a meeting on August 13, 2015 that included Legal, Gainesville Police Department (GPD) and City Management staff, Mayor Braddy and Uber representatives. GPD scheduled a meeting on August 17, 2015, with taxi cab company representatives to review the revised draft ordinance. However, no representatives of any of the taxi cab companies appeared at that meeting.

This ordinance deletes the existing vehicle for hire regulations in City Code and creates new regulations that are uniform for all vehicles for hire (inclusive of TNCs, taxicabs and others) and that address the basic health, safety and welfare concerns of the City with respect to vehicle for hire operations.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.