

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

ORDINANCE NO.: 1510-2019

DIVISION: Assessments and Licenses

LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE: The proposed legislation amend various sections of Codified Ordinance §443 relating to taxicabs. The proposed amendments remove antiquated pick-up restrictions on drivers, lessen the barriers of entry, increase the life cycle of vehicles and repeal the old method of obtaining driver photographs and fingerprints.

LEGISLATIVE DESCRIPTION: The proposed legislation reduce the number of vehicles required to form a taxicab company from 25 to 15; increase the vehicle service life from five (5) to seven (7) years and allow vehicles to be placed in service that are four (4) years old or less upon passing an inspection. Taxicabs will be allowed to pick up passengers at any safe location within the City's jurisdiction and not just taxi stands.

The proposed legislation repeals the antiquated driver photograph and fingerprint requirements while enacting a section that prohibits the use of the terms "taxi, taxicab, cab, hack and public hack" on roof signs to licensed taxicabs.

PRIORITY: The priority of this item is urgent.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The City met with taxi drivers and owners in a public meeting to discuss the state of the for-hire transportation industry on October 9, 2019. A work group reviewed the suggestions from the meeting and recommended the proposed legislative amendments.