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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – Establishment of Taxi Stands – November 5, 2013
DATE: October 14, 2013

SUMMARY:

Establishment of three taxi stands to be located in the vicinity of several restaurants and bars on 6th Avenue and one taxi stand near the Holiday Inn Express, University of Washington. The proposed locations have been reviewed and the area would benefit from the additional taxi stands and are therefore recommended to be established.

BACKGROUND:

Taxi operators, businesses, or citizens may submit requests to the City for the establishment of new taxi stand locations. As the requests are received, Tax and License staff coordinates the review with Public Works and then determines whether the request should be brought forward to City Council for consideration.

ISSUE: After staff review of the request for additional taxi stands, four new taxi stands are being recommended:

- 6th Ave and Anderson (several restaurants and bars in this vicinity). Stand will be on the east side of Anderson just north of 6th Ave in the existing load zone.
- 6th Ave and Pine (several restaurants and bars in this vicinity). Stand will be in the first angle parking stall on the east side of Pine, north of 6th Ave.
- 2403 6th Ave (O'Malley's Pub)
- Court C between S 21st St and S 23rd St (Holiday Inn Express, University of Washington)

Businesses adjacent to the new taxi stands have been involved in the review of the locations and do not have objections to the new taxi stands.

Taxi companies pay an annual license of \$175 for the opportunity to use taxi stands. If the Council approves these locations, taxi cabs will be able to sit at these designated locations rather than occupying other parking spots in this area. In addition it provides a safe location out of the street where customers can load into a taxicab.

ALTERNATIVES: New taxi stands are not established and taxi's continue to use existing parking spots available on the street.

RECOMMENDATION:

The establishment of the additional taxi stands is recommended as the new stands will provide four new locations on the street that will be available exclusively to taxi cabs. The new stands will benefit the local restaurants and bars, citizens, hotel and the taxi industry. In accordance with Chapter 6B.220.605, recommendation is made to establish the nonexclusive taxicab stands. Once the Resolution is passed by City Council, signs will be installed at the new locations.



FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.