



For-Hire License Regulations

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Government Performance Finance Committee
October 4, 2022



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OVERVIEW



- Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2076 passed during 2022 legislative session
- ESHB 2076 exempts cities from regulating Transportation Network Companies (TNC) and drivers
- Proposing to amend taxi regulations to align with state TNC regulations

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BACKGROUND



- City has regulated the for-hire industry since 1942
- In 2014, a major overhaul of the for-hire regulations was completed when TNC's began operating in Tacoma

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ISSUES



- Remove the requirement for taxi companies to collect the Accessible Service trip fee of \$.10
- Increase the maximum age of a for-hire vehicle from ten to fifteen years
- Reduce the look back period for convictions or violations when denying a license from ten years to seven years

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ISSUES



- Reduce the minimum age requirement for a for-hire driver's license from twenty-one to twenty years of age
- Remove requirement for drivers to pass an exam prior to being issued a license
- Add nondiscrimination language with respect to passengers or potential passengers, including the transportation of service animals

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HEALTH, EQUITY & SUSTAINABILITY ANALYSIS



- Proposed amendments attempt to address inequities between TNC's, taxi companies and their drivers
- Continuing to provide safe transportation options for citizens and visitors in Tacoma

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OUTREACH



- All licensed taxi companies and drivers provided information and options to provide feedback
 - August – in person at annual vehicle inspections
 - September - email

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NEXT STEPS



- Council Committee Review – October 4, 2022
- First Reading – October 18, 2022
- Second Reading – October 25, 2022

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