Minneapolis Taxicab Licenses

Convenience and Necessity Hearing May 17, 2006

Convenience and necessity hearing ordinance requirements

341.270. Public convenience and necessity. (a) At least once every twenty-four (24) months, the city council shall conduct a hearing to consider whether public convenience and necessity warrant additional licenses.

In determining whether public convenience and necessity warrant additional licenses, the city council shall take into consideration:

- the level and quality of service being provided by existing taxicab operators;
- whether additional competition would improve the level and quality of service or the degree of innovation in delivery of services;
- the impact upon the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic;
- the impact upon traffic congestion and pollution;
- the available taxicab stand capacity;
- the public need and demand for service;
- the impact on existing taxicab operators;
- and such other factors as the city council may deem relevant.

TAXI INDUSTRY COMPLAINTS

Complaint Types

Type of Complaint	Number			
Refusing an Orderly Customer	18			
Rude Conduct/Bad Driving	24			
Criminal Behavior	7			
Financial Complaints	12			
Illegal/Unlicensed Pick-Ups	6			
Miscellaneous	12			

Driver vs Company Complaints

Complaints on Driver	Complaints on Company	Total		
72	8	80		

Complaint Outcome

Туре	Number
Unsubstantiated	42
Administrative Citation	12
Verbal Report	11
Written Report	1
Refer to another Agency	4
Accidental	1
Civil Matter	7
Other	2
TOTAL	08

January – November 2005

Historical Taxi License Data

- 1983 Taxicab Licenses set at 248
- 1988 Taxicab licenses increased to 273
- 1995 Taxicab Licenses increased to 343

Allocated as follows:

- · 35 licenses to a new company (Green & White)
- 35 licenses to existing companies by lottery.
- 2002 Taxicab licenses increased to 388

Allocated as follows:

45 Wheelchair accessible vehicle licenses allocated as follows: 20 to Airport/Town Taxi, 15 to yellow Taxi, and 10 to Rainbow Taxi.

Current taxicab company licenses

	Reg.	Non-transfer	Winter	Neigh-ride	Total
Yellow	42	11	2	6	61
Blue & White	47	7	10	0	64
Red & White	51	0	0	0	51
Rainbow	45	5	0	0	50
Green & White	10	34	6	0	50
Airport / Town	40	5	9	0	52
ABC	23	0	0	0	23
Air-connect	22	0	0	0	22
AYS	6	3	2	0	11
Minneapolis	6	3	0	0	9
Skybird	<u>4</u>	1	1	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	302	69	30	6	399

Total without winter vehicles = 377

Dormant Taxicab Licenses

		Allocated	In Service	Dormant
	Yellow	74	59	15
•	Blue & White	54	54	0
•	Red & White	51	51	0
	Green & White	45	45	0
	Rainbow	60	49	8
	Airport	49	44	5
•	ABC	23	23	0
	Air-connect	22	22	0
	AYS	9	9	0
	Minneapolis	9	9	0
	Skybird	5	5	0
	City of Mpls			
	Total	401	366	28

Dormant Winter Licenses

	Avail.	Requested	In Service
Yellow	13	2	2
Blue & White	10	10	10
Red & White	10	0	0
Green & White	9	6	6
Rainbow	10	0	0
Airport	9	9	8
ABC	5	0	0
Air-connect	4	0	0
AYS	2	2	2
Minneapolis	2	0	0
Skybird	1	1	1
	otal 75	30	29
Total dormant winter	licenses = 4	46	

Dormant Licenses by Type

Regular	Licenses	0
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- Wheelchair Accessible 28
- Non-transferable
- Neighborhood Rideshare 0
- Limited Winter Licenses 46

Total unused licenses 74

Survey of Comparable Cities

Cities	# of comp service	# of vehicles Licensed	Annual Fee/vehicle	Minimum cars	Cap on licensed Vehicles	GPS. Service - mandate?	Require Handicapped vehicles?	Do you encourage Atl. Fuel	Other types of transportation
Buffalo, NY Pop: 292,648	Waiting response	A CAR							
Cincinnati, OH Pop: 331,285	about 30	about 415	\$161 per vehicle	No	No cap	No	No specific Veh, are required	No	Bus, no rail or subway; Other- limos
Kansas City, MO Pop: 441,545	total 17	City ordinance 600, active 518	one time fee \$500. no annual fee, Comp	yes, at least 10	the cap is	No	not required by ordinance	No	Bus, shuttle, and limo
Omaha, NE Pop: 390,007	5	call state Public Service Commission (PSC)	\$25 per vehicle	call state PSC	call state PSC	call state PSC	call state PSC	call state PSC	Bus, horse & carriage in old market
Pittsburgh, PA Pop: 334,563	Waiting response								
St Louis, MO Pop: 348,189	14 on call taxicab	750 licensed	\$55 per vehicle	No	No cap	No	No	No, we do not oppose them.	Bus, light rail, rickshaw, horse carriage
St Paul, MN Pop: 287,151	9	No limit	\$317	No, but the city is consider- ing	No limit	No	No	no	Bus, Metro mobility
Toledo, OH Pop: 313,619	Waiting response							7	
Tulsa, OK Pop: 393,049	Currently 6	No limit	\$35 per vehicle	must have 10 cars to begin with	No cap	No	No	No	Bus, horse & carriage, wheelchair Veh., limos

