

ORDINANCE NO. BL2016-329

An ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 6.72 – Taxicabs.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Licensing Commission and its Director now permits and oversees various types of vehicles for hire; and,

WHEREAS, amendments to Title 6, Section 6.72 are necessary to bring said section into uniformity with the other passenger vehicles for hire sections; and,

WHEREAS, certain provisions of Chapter 6.72 are outdated and need to be updated for clarity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That Title 6, Section 6.72.030(A) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “An application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be filed with the metropolitan transportation licensing commission upon forms provided by the commission staff and upon the payment of a nonrefundable fee in an amount to be established by the commission based upon the cost of processing the application.”

Section 2. That Title 6, Section 6.72.030(B)(11) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Such further information as the metropolitan transportation licensing commission or its director may require.”

Section 3. That Title 6, Section 6.72.030(D)(1) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by adding the word “director” after the word “commission.”

Section 4. That Title 6, Section 6.72.030(D)(5) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “There shall be a nonrefundable fee, in an amount to be established by the commission based upon the cost of processing the application, charged for each request for certificates, payable at the time of application. An additional fee in an amount to be established by the commission shall be charged for the issuance of each approved permit associated with the certificate.”

Section 5. That Title 6, Section 6.72.035 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “All certificates of public convenience and necessity shall expire on August 31<sup>st</sup> of the year following the date on which the certificate was issued. All certificates may be renewed by the director for each successive year between August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. A renewal fee in an amount to be established by the commission based upon the cost of processing the application for each approved permit to operate a taxicab shall be charged at the annual renewal of the certificate of public convenience and necessity. Failure to renew a certificate by August 31<sup>st</sup> shall result in forfeiture of the certificate.”

Section 6. That Title 6, Section 6.72.040(B) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Notice of such hearing shall be given to each applicant and to all persons to whom certificates of public convenience and

necessity have been previously issued. Due notice shall be given to the general public by posting the notice on the metropolitan transportation licensing commission home website at least three days, but not more than five days, prior to the public hearing.”

Section 7. That Title 6, Section 6.72.040(E) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “There shall be a nonrefundable fee, in an amount to be established by the commission based upon the cost of processing the application, charged for each request for additional permits, payable at the time of the application. An additional licensing fee in an amount to be established by the commission shall be charged for the issuance of each approved permit.”

Section 8. That Title 6, Section 6.72.070(A) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Persons granted certificates of public convenience and necessity under this article shall keep the metropolitan transportation licensing commission advised, quarterly, of the cabs being insured and operated, and shall, quarterly, pay to the metropolitan transportation licensing commission a fee in an amount to be established by the commission based upon the cost of processing the application for each of its cabs in operation, including those vehicles which as of the reporting date may be temporarily out of commission for repair, etc., as a condition precedent to the operation of such vehicle as a taxicab; and failure to comply herewith shall subject such person to the penalty provided in Section 1.01.030. The time to commence reporting quarterly and paying of the quarterly fee shall be established by rule and regulation of the metropolitan transportation licensing commission. Appropriate identification shall be issued to the reporting companies for attachment to the vehicle upon which the required fee has been paid, evidencing compliance with this section.”

Section 9. That the heading of Title 6, Section 6.72.090 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “6.72.090 Probation, Suspension and Revocation.”

Section 10. That Title 6, Section 6.72.090(A) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “A certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under the provision of this article may be placed on probation, revoked or suspended by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission if there holder thereof has:”

Section 11. That Title 6, Section 6.72.090(A)(5) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety.

Section 12. That the heading of Title 6, Section 6.72.100 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Permit required—Violations and term.”

Section 13. That Title 6, Section 6.72.100 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by adding the following subsections: “(C) A person commits an offense if he or she operates a taxicab in the metropolitan area without a driver’s permit issued by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission. (D) A business commits an offense if it employs or otherwise allows a person to operate a taxicab owned, controlled or operated by the permittee unless the person has a driver’s permit issued by the metropolitan transportation licensing

commission and the commercial automobile liability insurance agreement required pursuant to Section 6.72.210(A). (E) Each permit shall be valid for one year and shall be subject to renewal pursuant to the provisions set forth in this article.”

Section 14. That Title 6, Section 6.72.110(A) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “An application for a taxicab drivers permit shall be filed with the metropolitan transportation licensing commission and shall comply with regulations set forth by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission or the metropolitan transportation licensing commission director.”

Section 15. That Title 6, Section 6.72.110(B) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “(B) Such application shall be certified under oath and shall at a minimum contain the following information:”

Section 16. That Title 6, Section 6.72.110(B)(3) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Any other request for information the metropolitan transportation licensing commission director considers necessary or relevant.”

Section 17. That Title 6, Section 6.72.110(B)(4) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety.

Section 18. That Title 6, Section 6.72.110(B)(5) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety.

Section 19. That Title 6, Section 6.72.110(B)(6) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety.

Section 20. That Title 6, Section 6.72.110(C) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “(C) The applicant shall provide copies of the following documents in order to submit his application:

1. A valid Tennessee driver license that complies with all applicable requirements of state law as further specified in rules to be adopted by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission.
2. A Social Security card or birth certificate.
3. If a resident alien, a current work permit or other valid United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement document.
4. On forms provided by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission director, the applicant will provide a statement under penalty of perjury of their physical and mental fitness to act as for-hire driver. Such other information as may be reasonably required by regulation promulgated by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission pursuant to this chapter.
5. Certification that the driver has completed the certificate holder's mandatory driver training program approved by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission director.”

Section 21. That Title 6, Section 6.72.110(E)(1)(c) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “c. Reckless driving;”

Section 22. That Title 6, Section 6.72.110(E)(1) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by adding subsection (d.) and the following: “d. Felony Reckless endangerment.”

Section 23. That Title 6, Section 6.72.110(F) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “At the time the application is filed, the applicant shall pay to the metropolitan transportation licensing commission a fee in an amount to be established by the commission based upon the cost of processing the application plus the cost of the investigation.”

Section 24. That the heading of Title 6, Section 6.72.130 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “6.72.130 Criminal background investigation.”

Section 25. That Title 6, Section 6.72.130 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “A. Upon receiving an application for a driver's permit from an applicant, the applicant must undergo an identification and background check as required by state law as more specifically provided by rules or regulations adopted by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission. Upon receipt of the background check report, the metropolitan transportation licensing commission director shall determine whether the applicant's background check disqualifies him or her from eligibility for a driver's permit.

B. Additionally, certificate holder shall check the National Sex Offender Database to verify whether the applicant is listed on the database, and shall certify under oath to the metropolitan transportation licensing commission that it has conducted this check and verified that the applicant does not appear on the database. Any applicant listed on the database shall be disqualified for eligibility for a driver's permit.

C. Any applicant shall, in addition to any disqualifications listed elsewhere in this chapter, be disqualified if the applicant:

1. Has been convicted, pleaded guilty, nolo contendere, is on probation or has been placed on judicial diversion pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. Sec. 40-35-313, or been released from incarceration, probation or parole within a period of seven years prior to the date of application for violation of any of the following criminal offenses under the laws of Tennessee, any other state, or the United States of America:

- Homicide,
- Rape,
- Aggravated assault,
- Kidnapping,
- Robbery,
- Burglary,
- Domestic assault or domestic violence,

- Child sexual abuse,
  - Any sex-related offense,
  - Leaving the scene of an accident,
  - Criminal solicitation, or criminal attempt to commit any of above,
  - Perjury or false swearing in making any statement under oath in connection with the application for a driver's permit, or
  - The felony possession, sale or distribution of narcotic drugs or controlled substances.
2. If, at the time of application, the applicant is charged with any offenses in 1. above, consideration of the application shall be deferred until entry of a plea, conviction, acquittal, dismissal, or other final disposition of the charges.
3. Has been convicted for a period of two years prior to the date of application of the violation of two or more sections of this Code or other ordinances governing the operation of vehicles for hire.
4. Has failed to disclose any criminal conviction, except traffic citations, on the application for a permit.”

Section 26. That Title 6, Section 6.72.135(A) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “At the time of the initial application for a driver permit each applicant shall submit to a test administered by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission staff or designee. The test administered shall:”

Section 27. That Title 6, Section 6.72.135(C) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “The Commission or its director may direct any currently permitted driver to re-take the test upon cause.”

Section 28. That Title 6, Section 6.72.140(B) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “The licensing commission, or its director, may issue a temporary permit prior to receiving the results of the police investigation.”

Section 29. That Title 6, Section 6.72.150 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Upon approval of an application for a taxicab drivers permit, the metropolitan transportation licensing commission shall issue a permit to the applicant pursuant to the format provided by the commission director.”

Section 30. That Title 6, Section 6.72.155 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Upon denial of an application for a taxicab drivers permit, no new application shall be considered for a period of six months.”

Section 31. That Title 6, Section 6.72.160(A) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Each taxicab driver permit shall be issued for a period of one year or any part thereof, or for such other time period

the metropolitan transportation licensing commission prescribes, with all permits issued pursuant to this chapter expiring on September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.”

Section 32. That Title 6, Section 6.72.160(B) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “A permit shall be issued to qualified applicants upon the payment of a fee in an amount to be established by the commission plus the cost of investigation. If the permit for the preceding issuance has been revoked, no new permit shall be issued without prior commission approval. Permits may be renewed by the director between August 15<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. A renewal fee in an amount to be established by the commission shall be charged for each permit issued. A fee in an amount established by the commission shall be charged for all replacement or temporary taxicab driver permit. Such fees shall be in addition to the cost of any investigation.”

Section 33. That Title 6, Section 6.72.165(A) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Every newly licensed taxicab driver shall have attended an approved hospitality program prior to receiving a driver’s permit.”

Section 34. That Title 6, Section 6.72.165(B) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Every previously licensed taxicab driver shall attend an approved hospitality training course or refresher course prior to applying for or renewal of a driver’s permit each year.”

Section 35. That Title 6, Section 6.72.165(C) and Section 6.72.165(D) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting them in their entirety.

Section 36. That Title 6, Section 6.72.175 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Every driver granted a permit under this article shall inform the commission staff in writing of a change in company affiliation prior to the change.”

Section 37. That Title 6, Section 6.72.180 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “(A) The metropolitan transportation licensing commission or its director is authorized to place on probation, suspend or revoke any drivers’ permit issued under this article upon a driver’s failure or refusal to comply with the provisions of this chapter or the taxicab rules and regulations. Upon being placed on probation, suspension or revocation, appeals can be made to the metropolitan transportation licensing commission by filing a written request within thirty days of the action being appealed.”

Section 38. That Title 6, Section 6.72.180 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by adding subsection (B) and the following: “If the driver commits an act in violation of the Criminal Code and the metropolitan transportation licensing commission director determines that driver poses a threat to public safety, the metropolitan transportation licensing commission director may enact an emergency suspension of the driver’s permit to remain in effect until the driver has the opportunity to be heard by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission at the next available commission meeting, but in no circumstance later than sixty days from the date of the emergency suspension.”

Section 39. That Title 6, Section 6.72.180 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended

by adding subsection (C) and the following: “A driver whose permit is revoked by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission or the metropolitan transportation licensing commission director may not reapply for ninety days from the date of revocation and will be treated as a new applicant.”

Section 40. That Title 6, Section 6.72.185 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “A taxicab driver permit issued under this chapter shall be coterminous with the permittee's valid driver's license issued by one of the fifty states in the United States of America. Any time that a permittee's driver's license is suspended, revoked, or cancelled, the permittee shall immediately self-report said action to the metropolitan transportation licensing commission and their taxicab drivers permit shall likewise be immediately suspended, revoked, or cancelled. The taxicab drivers permit shall immediately be surrendered to the metropolitan transportation licensing commission until such time as their driver's license is reinstated.”

Section 41. That Title 6, Section 6.72.210(A) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “All taxicab companies shall be required to maintain a copy of a commercial automobile liability insurance agreement for each taxicab operated under their certificate in an amount set by the commission and must be able to provide a copy to the commission staff immediately upon request.”

Section 42. That Title 6, Section 6.72.210 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by adding subsection B and the following: “B. Effect of no insurance. The failure of a holder to maintain continuous coverage of insurance as required by this section or to ensure that coverage is maintained shall be sufficient cause for revocation of the certificate of public convenience and necessity. The holder of the certificate of public convenience and necessity shall quarterly certify to the commission director that they maintain current endorsements as to each permitted driver and taxicab pertaining to said certificate holder's certificate or that they ensure that such endorsements are maintained, and shall promptly make all such documentation available to the commission director upon request.”

Section 43. That Title 6, Section 6.72.230(A) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Every taxicab driver shall maintain a written or electronic daily manifest upon which is recorded all trips made each day, showing the time and place of origin and destination of each trip and the amount of fare and number of passengers. All such completed manifests shall be returned to the cab owner by the driver at the conclusion of his tour of duty each day. The forms for each manifest shall be furnished to the driver by the cab owner and shall be of a character approved by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission staff.”

Section 44. That Title 6, Section 6.72.240(A) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “A. It shall be unlawful to drive or to cause to be driven any taxicab that does not have a current inspection compliance decal approved by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission director and issued by the certificate holder. Certificate holders shall cause the decals of any permitted vehicles which may be removed from service to be removed and returned to the metropolitan transportation licensing commission staff. Circumstances under which e-decals may be used or under which the decals may be removable rather than permanently affixed, if any, may be determined by the

metropolitan transportation licensing commission by rule. B. All vehicles shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition at all times and shall always be maintained in first class mechanical condition. C. All safety, noise, and antipollution requirements specified by the United States Government and the state shall be complied with at all times. D. The brakes shall always be kept in safe and proper working order. E. All vehicles shall be air-conditioned and equipped with interior and exterior rearview mirrors, windshield washers, and two-speed windshield wipers, proper headlights and tail lights that shall be in operation from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise when the vehicle is in operation. F. Every vehicle operating under this chapter shall annually undergo a detailed mechanical inspection conducted by an approved mechanic to determine if the vehicle conforms to the standards set out by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission. A safety certificate form, when completed by an approved mechanic, shall be provided to the commission director within thirty days of the inspection. G. The certificate holder shall be responsible for ensuring that the mechanical inspection includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Vehicle identification number;
2. Headlights;
3. Tail lights;
4. Brake lights;
5. Turn signal lights;
6. License plate lights;
7. Horn;
8. Two-speed windshield wipers;
9. Interior and exterior rear vision mirrors;
10. Air conditioner;
11. Tires;
12. Muffler and tail pipe;
13. Condition of the body, fenders, paint, and interior;
14. Compliance with current state and local vehicle registration requirements, as applicable, as more specifically set forth in the rules and regulations adopted by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission;
15. Mileage;
16. Steering;
17. Brakes, including foot and emergency;
18. Seat belts;
19. Windshield;
20. Rear windows and other glass;
21. Doors; and
22. Speedometer.

H. In addition to the review of submitted annual reports, all taxicabs permitted under this chapter are subject to random inspection and testing by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission staff pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission to assure that they are in compliance with the terms of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the metropolitan transportation licensing commission. I. If, as a result of the inspection or test, any taxicab is found not in compliance, the holder shall be notified of the defects observed, and he shall correct same to the satisfaction of the metropolitan transportation



licensing commission staff, in compliance with the rules and regulations adopted by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission. Any taxicab that is the subject of this notification shall not be operated on any street of the city until it has been re-inspected and determined to be in compliance with the requirements of inspection. The metropolitan transportation licensing commission director and any employee to whom he may designate the duty of inspection of taxicab shall be given ready access to the taxicab.”

Section 45. That Title 6, Section 6.72.245 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “A. No vehicle operated as a taxicab shall be more than 10 years old. By the end of December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, automobiles at the end of their 10<sup>th</sup> year must be taken out of service or replaced. The commission shall establish, by its rules, a procedure by which an affected vehicle owner may seek a waiver under this rule. The commission may also, by rule, provide for a waiver of this rule for classic automobiles and provide for a definition for ‘classic automobiles.’”

Section 46. That Title 6, Section 6.72.245 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by adding subsection B and the following: “B. The commission may by rule establish additional criteria under which vehicles enter and are removed from service.”

Section 47. That the heading of Title 6, Section 6.72.250 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Rate schedule.”

Section 48. That Title 6, Section 6.72.250(A)(1) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “The metropolitan transportation licensing commission may establish by rule maximum and minimum rates, authorize flat fares and minimum meter actuation rates.”

Section 49. That Title 6, Section 6.72.250(A)(2) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “The metropolitan transportation licensing commission may establish by rule an additional charge for waiting time. Waiting time shall be charged only for stops or delays caused or requested by the passenger(s) and shall not apply to stops or delays due to any other cause.”

Section 50. That Title 6, Section 6.72.250(A)(2) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting subsection D in its entirety. Letter shall be adjusted accordingly.

Section 51. That Title 6, Section 6.72.250 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by adding subsection E and the following: “E. The metropolitan transportation licensing commission may establish by rule a taxicab interior cleaning and restoration fee.”

Section 52. That the heading of Title 6, Section 6.72.270 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Payment of Fare and Receipts.”

Section 53. That Title 6, Section 6.72.270 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “A. Payment of fare. The driver of any taxicab shall provide the passenger with the option of paying the fare by cash, debit card or major credit card. For purposes of this section, the term “major credit card” means a Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Diner’s Club card. B. The driver of any taxicab

shall, upon request by the passenger, provide a receipt for the amount charged, either by a mechanically printed receipt or by a specifically prepared receipt, on which shall be the name of the taxicab company, taxicab number and driver name, the amount of meter reading or charges, the points of trip origin and final destination, and the date of transaction.”

Section 54. That Title 6, Section 6.72.290(A) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “All accidents arising from or in connection with the operation of taxicabs which result in death or injury to any person, EMT services, tow services or in damage to any vehicle, or to any property in an amount exceeding the sum of two thousand dollars shall be reported to the metropolitan transportation licensing commission on a form to be furnished by the commission within seventy-two hours from either the time of the occurrence necessitating EMT or tow services or upon obtaining an estimate of the property damage. Any taxicab damaged in an accident may not be returned to service until an approved safety inspection is completed by the certificate holder.”

Section 55. That Title 6, Section 6.72.415 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting subsection B.

Section 56. That Title 6, Section 6.72.425 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “All taxicabs will have a global positioning system (GPS) installed. Subject to the rules and regulations of the metropolitan transportation licensing commission, it shall be lawful for any person owning or operating a taxicab or motor vehicle for hire to permit safety devices, including shields, alarms, cameras, and cash boxes to be affixed to or installed in or on such taxicabs or motor vehicles for hire.”

Section 57. That Title 6, Section 6.72.430 (B) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “No taxicab driver shall engage in abusive language or conduct, including, but not limited to, cursing, verbal insults or derogatory comments or gestures in the presence of passengers.”

Section 58. That the heading of Title 6, Section 6.72.440 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Taxicab driver’s bill of rights.”

Section 59. That Title 6, Section 6.72.440 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: “Taxicab drivers have the right to: A. Refuse or discharge any passenger for disorderly or verbally abusive behavior, B. Refuse any passenger who is involved in any illegal activity, C. Discharge any passenger who becomes dangerous and causes harm to others, D. Refuse a fare which could lead the driver into a dangerous situation, E. Disallow any smoking or drinking in the taxicab, F. Collect the exact fee as determined from the taximeter or flat-rate flee plan, G. Know the exact destination of the passenger before embarking on the trip.”

Section 60. That Title 6 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by adding new Section 6.72.445 and the following: “Inspectors to observe conduct – Reporting or citing violations. The taxicab inspectors of the metropolitan government are authorized and shall observe and evaluate the conduct of holders of certificates of public convenience and necessity and drivers operating under this chapter. Upon discovering a violation of the provisions of this

chapter, the inspector shall either report the same to the metropolitan transportation licensing commission or its director which shall order or take appropriate action, or issue a citation as authorized under 6.72.500.”

Section 61. That this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

RECOMMENDED BY:

INTRODUCED BY:

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Billy Fields, Director  
Transportation Licensing Commission

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