

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY
BILL 301 RELATED TO THIRD PARTY TESTING FOR
COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE SKILL TESTS.

WHEREAS, Federal law requires anyone seeking a commercial driver's license to pass a written examination, pass a commercial learner's permit written test, and then pass a driving skills test; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno employs a number of drivers who require a commercial driver's license; and

WHEREAS, commercial driver's license applicants across the state have been experiencing significant wait times to obtain an appointment for a skills test with the DMV; and

WHEREAS, extended wait times cause significant hardships for applicants who are ready and willing to work, but are unable to begin employment without a valid license; and

WHEREAS, employers have jobs ready to be filled and are struggling to find qualified applicants due in large part to the skills test backlog; and

WHEREAS, current resources available to the DMV are not sufficient to keep up with increasing demand; and

WHEREAS, to manage demand, thirty-nine states already employ some form of third party testing, and third party testers are consistently able to offer more examination dates and times that would keep up with the increasing public demand for commercial driver's license exams; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, FAX trainees have been unable to test due to unavailability of test times, and in 2016 the delay was so long FAX sent fifteen drivers to Sacramento for testing at FAX's expense, yet only two drivers were tested; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, FAX needed over seventy drivers to be tested, and the DMV could not handle testing that number of drivers; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 301 seeks to reduce the severe backlog in availability of commercial driver's license skills test appointments at the DMV by expanding current law to allow additional third parties, including training schools and government entities, to conduct skills tests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council of the City of Fresno is in support of Assembly Bill 301 for the reasons stated above.
2. Allowing third party testing will expedite the process of testing for City of Fresno employees requiring a commercial driver's license, including FAX drivers.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2017.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Katie Doerr [Date]
Assistant City Attorney

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