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1. ***BILL NO. B-50 - (Intro. 11/17/2016) (For adoption) - Amending portions of Chapter 9, Article 9 of the Fresno Municipal Code relating to taxicab regulations.

Sponsors: Clinton Olivier, Office of Mayor & City Manager

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REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

December 1, 2016

FROM: CLINTON J. OLIVIER, Councilmember for District 7; and
BRUCE RUDD, City Manager

SUBJECT

Action pertaining to taxicab regulations:
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RECOMMENDATION

Council approve amendments to the Fresno Municipal Code Sections 9-903, 9-906, 9-907, 9-911, 9-914, 9-915, and 9-919 regarding taxicab operations within the City of Fresno

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

City staff representing Councilmember Olivier and the City Manager has been meeting with members of the local taxicab industry who have been seeking relief from some of the regulatory requirements associated with operating a taxicab in the City of Fresno. These amendments will not impact the overall safety or quality of service being provided, but rather are intended to help the local taxicab

industry to better compete with Transportation Network Companies (TNC), such as Uber and Lyft.

BACKGROUND

Over the last several months the City Manager, along with members from Councilmember Olivier's Office, have been meeting with representatives from the local taxicab industry in an effort to reduce some of the requirements placed on taxicab operators. In the past, the taxicab industry voiced concerns over the level of oversight placed on the industry, and how some of the regulations are making it difficult to compete in an ever changing market in which TNC, such as Uber and Lyft are capturing a larger percentage of the market.

In order to address these concerns, staff is recommending amendments to the Fresno Municipal Code to reflect the following changes:

- As part of the annual permit, each year a taxicab owner will sign an affidavit affirming drivers have been properly trained and understand all the rules and regulations related to operating a taxi in the City of Fresno and that the taxi meter has been tested and working properly.
- The requirement to complete a taxi school will be eliminated.
- The requirement to have a vehicle smog tested each year will be eliminated.
- Annual "cosmetic" inspections will be eliminated, but replaced with "in service" inspections.
- Definition of a "taxicab" would exclude a TNC.
- Amend the drop rate and per mile rate to allow for a range, and allow the driver to voluntarily negotiate a discounted rate other than what is posted in/on the vehicle.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

This is not a project for the purpose of CEQA.

LOCAL PREFERENCE

Not subject to local preference.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this amendment will not have an impact on the existing budget. The increase in inspection activity will be evaluated to determine if additional staffing may be required in next year's budget.

Attachment:

Ordinance
Resolution