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**AN ORDINANCE
of the
CITY OF
MINNEAPOLIS**

By: _____

**Amending Title 13, Chapter 341, of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances
relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Taxicabs.**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 341.10 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

341.10. Definitions. Whenever used in this chapter the following words shall mean:

Central business district: The geographic area bounded by and including the Mississippi River southeasterly to Interstate 35; Interstate 35 southerly to Interstate 94; Interstate 94 westerly and northerly to Glenwood Avenue; Glenwood Avenue easterly to North Ninth Street; North Ninth Street northerly to Second Avenue North, and Second Avenue North to the Mississippi River.

Committee: The committee of the city council to which responsibility for licensing and consumer services may be assigned.

Compensation: Any money, thing of value, payment, consideration, reward, tip, donation, gratuity, of profit paid to, accepted, or received by the driver or owner of any vehicle providing transportation for a person, or persons; whether paid upon solicitation, demand or contract, or voluntarily, or intended as gratuity or donation. Reimbursement for tolls and vehicle operating costs in an amount that is equal to or less than the most current privately-owned vehicle mileage reimbursement rates established by the U.S. General Services Administration is not compensation.

Department: The department of the city responsible for licensing and consumer services.

Director: The director of the department of licenses and consumer services and his or her designee.

E-hail: The use of any electronic device in any manner, including email, text message, push notification or application for the booking of, or request for, immediate or prearranged transportation services.

Limousine: A luxury passenger automobile with a seating capacity for not more than twelve (12) people, excluding the driver, which does not have a meter, and has a chassis and wheelbase that has been stretched, or is a sedan that the manufacturer promotes as a luxury automobile. A limousine does not include a bus, a pickup truck, station wagon, taxicab, truck, van, multipurpose vehicle, or sport utility vehicle.

Limousine service: A service that is for-hire, is provided in a limousine, is not provided on a regular route, provides only prearranged pickup and charges more than a taxicab for a comparable trip.

Motor carrier of passengers: A person engaged in the for-hire transportation of passengers in vehicles designed to transport eight (8) or more persons, including the driver.

Passenger: An individual being transported for compensation in a taxicab vehicle.

Rideshare: The traveling of two or more persons by any mode of private passenger vehicle, including, but not limited to, carpooling, vanpooling, or bus pooling to any location incidental to another purpose of the driver for which compensation is neither accepted, collected, encouraged, promoted, or requested, and for which the primary purpose of the driver cannot be profit or revenue based.

Service company: The company, association, group or organization which, for each group of taxicab owners operating under a common color scheme or trade name, provides common services and facilities such as radio dispatching, E-hail services, color rights, advertising, telephone listings, maintenance, insurance, credit accounts, driver assignments, credit or debit card transaction processing, fare or compensation collection, and record keeping.

Seven-county metropolitan area: The counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington, within the State of Minnesota.

Taxicab: Any motor vehicle, except a limousine or motor carrier of passengers, regularly engaged in the business of carrying passengers for hire, including any form of compensation, having a seating capacity of seven (7) or fewer persons including the driver and not operated on a fixed route or schedule.

Taxicab driver: A person who operates a taxicab vehicle dispatched either by hail, telephone, radio, or any electronic communication including an E-hail indicating the location of a passenger for immediate or prearranged transportation service.

Taxicab driver's license: A license granted in accordance with Article III of this chapter.

Taxicab service: The service of providing chauffeured taxicab vehicles for hire, including any form of compensation, for the transportation of passengers. Rideshares are not taxicab services.

Taxicab vehicle license: A license granted in accordance with Article IV of this chapter.

Taximeter: An instrument or device attached to a vehicle and designed to measure mechanically the distance traveled by such vehicle, to record the time said vehicle travels or is in waiting and to indicate upon such record the fare to be charged.

Wheelchair accessible taxicab: A motor vehicle for hire, including any form of compensation, of a distinctive color or colors operated at rates per mile or upon a waiting-time basis, or both, which is a minivan or similar vehicle specially adapted for wheelchair users, which is also equipped with a taximeter, and which prioritizes requests for service from wheelchair users for purposes of transportation over and along the public streets, not over a defined route but, as to the route and destination, in accordance with and under the direction of the passenger or person hiring such vehicle.

Section 2. That Section 341.490 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

341.490. Cabs from other cities. Any taxicab licensed to operate in another city or by another political subdivision or public corporation of this or any other state may carry passengers from said city or state where so licensed to any place or point within the City of Minneapolis and may freely enter and travel upon the streets and thoroughfares for that purpose, and in such case it shall not be deemed necessary for the owner of such vehicle to pay the license fee herein provided for, but neither the owner nor operator of such vehicle shall be permitted to accept or offer to accept any passenger for hire, including any form of compensation, in the City of Minneapolis, or to otherwise operate within the City of Minneapolis without being licensed under the provisions of this article.

Section 3. That Section 341.900 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

341.900. License required. No service company, as defined in this chapter, shall provide ~~radio~~ dispatching, color rights, advertising, record keeping, ~~and~~ or other common services, to a group of taxicab owners or drivers licensed by the City of Minneapolis, without a service company license as required herein.