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Introduced by R.R. "Bob" Greive

Proposed No. 77-1117

ORDINANCE NO. 3547

AN ORDINANCE relating to the operation of taxicabs and for-hire vehicles, extending the reciprocity period between the City of Seattle and King County; amending Ordinance 1120, Section 2(b) and K.C.C. 6.64.020 (b).

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1: Ordinance 1120, Section 2 (b) and K.C.C. 6.64.020 (b) are hereby amended as follows:

License-Applications. It is unlawful to own, operate or engage in the business of operating a taxicab or for-hire car in the unincorporated areas of King County without first having obtained, for each and every vehicle so used, a license from the director, to be known as a for-hire or taxicab license. Licenses shall be obtained in the following manner and under the following conditions:

(a) The applicant for such license, in a manner approved by the director shall show in his application: the true name and address of the applicant, and if a corporation, the names and addresses of the principal officers and shareholders thereof, the classification under which the vehicle will be operated, whether as taxicab or other vehicle for-hire; the year for which the license is sought; and shall furnish full, true and accurate information concerning the ownership, identification, company vehicle number, the name of the business, fictitious or otherwise under which the vehicle is to be operated, the distinguishing color scheme, design or dress, including any monogram or insignia to be used on such vehicle or vehicles, the number of days and the mileage for each day of operation for any or all vehicles operated by the applicant under any license issued under the provisions of this chapter or any prior ordinance of King County regulating

1 taxicab and for-hire vehicles for the year preceding the yearly
2 period specified in the application; whether he has been convict-
3 ed of any violation within ten year preceding the date of
4 application relating to the sale or possession of intoxicating
5 liquor, gambling or any law or ordinance relating to public
6 morality and decency or for violating any law or ordinance in-
7 volving an intent to defraud, or whether the applicant has ever
8 been convicted of any law or ordinance relating to the use, sale
9 or possession of narcotic drugs or barbituates, or any such other
10 information the director may require, which he deems reasonably
11 necessary to aid in the enforcement of this chapter.

12 (b) The director shall inquire into the correctness of
13 the information furnished, and if so satisfied, after due investi-
14 gation, that the applicant is the reliable and bonafide owner of
15 the motor vehicle, has met the various requirements of this
16 chapter, that the name under which the applicant is to operate and
17 the color scheme used upon the motor vehicle does not conflict
18 with others so used, or tend to deceive the public, that the motor
19 vehicle is equipped with proper state license and City of Seattle
20 license, if applicable, and is properly insured for the protect-
21 ion of the public as required by law, and that there is bona fide
22 need for taxicab or for-hire service in the unincorporated area
23 of King County, a license may thereupon be issued in accordance
24 with the provisions of this chapter, authorizing the operation of
25 the motor vehicle under the classification applied for; provided,
26 however, that no new licenses to engage in the business of operat-
27 ing a taxicab shall be issued after the effective date of the
28 ordinance codified in this chapter for a period ending
29 ((December-31,-1977)) July 31, 1978, or until a form of joint or
30 reciprocal licensing and enforcement is adopted by King County
31 and the city of Seattle, pursuant to and including provisions one
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1 through five of King County Motion No. 2362 and city of Seattle
2 Resolution No. 25223, whichever is sooner; provided, further, that
3 licenses may be issued during this period to any person who holds
4 a valid city of Seattle taxicab license on the effective date of
5 the ordinance codified in this chapter for a fee of Twenty-five
6 dollars. The license is to be valid until ((December-31,-1977))
7 July 31, 1978- or until the form of joint or reciprocal licensing
8 and enforcement is adopted by King County and the city of Seattle,
9 pursuant to their respective motion and resolution. The license
10 will only be valid if the city of Seattle adopts a similar
11 restriction on new city of Seattle taxicab licenses and allows a
12 person holding a valid King County taxicab license to obtain a
13 city of Seattle taxicab license in a manner identical with this
14 section.

15 (c) A license may be denied to any person if the director,
16 after due investigation, has reason to believe that the applicant
17 is dishonest or immoral, or desires such license to enable him to
18 engage in a dishonest, unlawful, or immoral act, practice or
19 enterprise. Willful falsification or omission of any information
20 required in the application shall constitute grounds for denial of
21 the license.

22 (d) No license shall be transferable to any person ex-
23 cept in case of a bona fide sale of the business of the owner or
24 operator of the motor vehicle, and no license shall be transferred
25 to any other vehicle without approval of the director and then only
26 in cases where the motor vehicle for which the license is issued
27 shall be sold, become obsolete, unsafe or unfit for further use.
28 Such determination shall be made by the director and his determin-
29 ation shall be conclusive All county-licensed taxicabs shall be
30 operated for at least ten miles per day for two hundred thirty
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1 days of the licensed year, nor shall any new taxicab license be
2 issued to any person holding a license which lapses because of
3 failure to meet the foregoing requirement in the next preceding
4 licensed year; provided, however, that the director, upon good
5 cause shown, may waive the foregoing requirement.

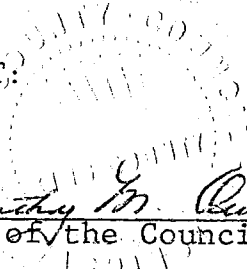
6 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 12 day of
7 December, 19 77.

8 PASSED this 3rd day of January, 19 78.

10 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
11 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

12 Mike Lowry
13 Chairman

14 ATTEST:

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16 Jessie M. Quinn DEPUTY
17 Clerk of the Council

18 APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

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King County Executive

22 DEEMED ENACTED WITHOUT
23 COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SIGNATURE.

24 DATED: January 13, 1978