



Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Transportation & Infrastructure

**AGENDA DATE:** June 26, 2024

**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Aviation

**EXECUTIVE:** Majed Al-Ghafry

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**SUBJECT**

An ordinance amending Chapter 47A, "Transportation for Hire," of the Dallas City Code by amending Sections 47A-1.5, 47A-3.2 and 47A-3.4; (1) amending the definitions to remove horse and horse-drawn carriage; (2) repealing requirements for horses in service; (3) amending the requirements for an application for operating authority; (4) providing a penalty not to exceed \$500.00; (5) providing a saving clause; (6) providing a severability clause; and (7) providing an effective date - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

**BACKGROUND**

This proposed action is in response to discussions held by the Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee on April 15, 2024. A motion was made to "...send a recommendation to the (Dallas City) Council to consider moving to an electric version of carriages and how we can work with industry on making that conversion." Discussion of the motion by the Committee clarified that the motion's intent was to ban horse-drawn carriages on Dallas streets. The motion was approved in a 5-to-1 vote.

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

On August 28, 2013, the City Council remanded consideration of transportation-for-hire service regulations to the Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee by Resolution No. 13-1509.

The Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee was briefed on the transportation-for-hire service regulations on January 13, 2014.

The Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee held a special meeting to hear vendor presentation, receive public comments, and discuss transportation-for-hire service regulations on January 21, 2014.

The Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee was briefed on the proposed amendments to the transportation-for-hire service regulations on January 24, 2014.

The Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee was briefed on the proposed amendments to the transportation-for-hire service regulations submitted by the Transportation-for-Hire Workgroup and moved to forward the amendments to the full City Council for consideration and comment, and then to establish a public forum and comment period on May 27, 2014.

The City Council was briefed on the proposal amendments to the transportation-for-hire service regulations submitted by the Transportation-for-Hire Workgroup on August 6, 2014.

The Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee was briefed on the revised transportation-for-hire ordinance on September 8, 2014.

The Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee was briefed on the transportation-for-hire ordinance on November 17, 2014.

On December 10, 2014, the City Council approved the creation of Chapter 47A, "Transportation For Hire," of the Dallas City Code by Ordinance No. 29596. The City Council has subsequently approved the following amendments to Chapter 47A:

On April 8, 2015, the City Council authorized amending an ordinance to Chapter 47A, Sections 47A-1.6, 47A-2.24, 47A-2.28, and 47A-2.3.2, by Resolution No. 15-0712; Ordinance No. 29706.

On September 14, 2016, the City Council authorized amending an ordinance to Chapter 47A. 1-4, 47a-1.6, Sections 47A-1.6, 47A-2.2.4, 47A-2.28, and 47A-2.3.2, by Resolution No. 16-1439; Ordinance No. 29706.

On November 11, 2020, the City Council authorized amending an ordinance to Chapter 47A, "Transportation for Hire," of the Dallas City Code by Resolution No. 20-1767, Ordinance No. 31689.

On April 27, 2022, the City Council authorized amending an ordinance to Chapter 47A "Transportation for Hire," of the Dallas City Code by amending Sections 47A-1.6, by Resolution No. 22-0627; Ordinance No. 32180.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee was briefed on transportation-for-hire ordinance on May 15, 2023.

On June 14, 2023, the City Council authorized an amendment to Chapter 47A Transportation for Hire of the Dallas City code by Resolution No. 23-0771; Ordinance No. 32467.

The Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee was briefed on horse drawn carriages on December 5, 2023.

On April 10, 2024, the City Council authorized an amendment to Chapter 47A Transportation for Hire of the Dallas City code by Resolution No. 24-634; Ordinance No. 32704.

The Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee was briefed on horse drawn carriage operations on April 15, 2024.

The City Council was briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on June 7, 2024.  
<<https://dallascityhall.com/government/citymanager/Documents/FY23-24%20Memos/Horse-Drawn%20Carriages%20in%20Dallas.MA.06.07.2024.pdf>>

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

No cost consideration to the City.