



COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 20549

COUNCIL BILL 5136

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE SERVICES LICENSURE AND FARES; AMENDING SECTION 3.345 OF THE EUGENE CODE, 1971; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

ADOPTED: February 9, 2015

SIGNED: February 13, 2015

PASSED: 8:0

REJECTED:

OPPOSED:

ABSENT:

EFFECTIVE: February 13, 2015



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THE CITY OF EUGENE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsections 1 through 6 of Section 3.345 of the Eugene Code, 1971, are amended to provide:

3.345 Public Passenger Vehicle Services - License and/or Permit Required.

(1) Licensure Requirements.

- (a) No person or business may operate a public passenger vehicle company without a public passenger vehicle company license; however, an unlicensed public passenger vehicle operating outside the jurisdictional limits of Eugene and Springfield may deliver a fare from outside those limits to a location within the limits, and if the vehicle waits for the person, retrieve the person for the return trip back outside the jurisdictional limits.
 - (b) No person or business may connect, or attempt to connect, a prospective passenger to a vehicle for hire by providing a digital or software application scheduling platform or service without first obtaining a public passenger vehicle company license.
 - (c) Unless driving a vehicle for hire for a person or business that has obtained a public passenger vehicle company license, no person may drive a vehicle for hire without first obtaining a public passenger vehicle company license.
 - (d) No person or business required to obtain a public passenger vehicle license may solicit or accept any passenger within the city limits except as provided in this subsection.
 - (e) No public passenger vehicle may operate at the Eugene Airport unless authorized by the Airport to do so.
- (2)** No person or business required under subsection (1) of this section to obtain a public passenger vehicle company license may use in its operation a motorized vehicle which lacks a public passenger vehicle permit.
- (3)** No person may drive a motorized public passenger vehicle, and no business required to obtain a public passenger vehicle company license may hire a person as a driver, either as an employee or an independent contractor, unless that person possesses a valid public passenger vehicle driver certification. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a person who has applied for such a certification may drive a taxicab if the person has obtained from the city a temporary certification; such certification shall not be valid for more than 30 days, or until the city grants or denies the person's application for a public passenger vehicle driver certification, whichever is sooner.
- (4)** No public passenger vehicle company may locate any part of its operation in a residential zone unless expressly authorized by the city manager or designee pursuant to this code or the Springfield Code.

- (5) All persons and businesses required to obtain a public passenger vehicle company license under subsection (1) of this section shall provide the city manager or designee with written notice of the maximum rate to be charged passengers. No public passenger vehicle company license holder shall change its maximum rate without first providing the city manager or designee with a minimum of ten days advance written notice of the new rate. No public passenger vehicle company license holder shall charge more than the rate on file with the city. Upon request, the city manager may exempt, by administrative order, a public passenger vehicle company license holder from the provisions of this section if the public passenger vehicle company license holder does not operate any taxicabs.
- (6) The actual fare charged for each trip by a taxicab shall not exceed the higher of:
- (a) The meter calculated rate, including authorized and posted surcharges, or
 - (b) The minimum fare as posted on the interior and exterior of the vehicle, or
 - (c) The smartphone application calculated rate, including displayed and passenger-confirmed surcharges.

Section 2. The City Recorder, at the request of, or with the consent of the City Attorney, is authorized to administratively correct any reference errors contained herein, or in other provisions of the Eugene Code, 1971, to the provisions added, amended or repealed herein.

Section 3. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 32(2) of the Eugene Charter of 2002, with the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the City Council, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or passage over the Mayor's veto. An immediate effective date is necessary to protect members of the public from potentially unsafe drivers and cars.

Passed by the City Council this
9th day of February, 2015

Approved by the Mayor this
13 day of February, 2015

Beth Louest
City Recorder

Kathy Preicy
Mayor