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Memorandum

DATE: August 3, 2001
TO: Bruce K. Walden
FROM: Jack Waaler
RE: Amendment to Taxi Rates Ordinance

At the June 11, 2001 Committee meeting, the attached memo from Delora Siebrecht was considered. At that time the Committee directed staff to bring back an ordinance to implement the #1 option, which was to amend our Code to require only that taxi fares be filed with the City Clerk's Office 10 days prior to such becoming effective.

The attached ordinance accomplishes what the Council directed.



**FINANCE DEPARTMENT
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M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Delora Siebrecht, Office Manager
DATE: June 4, 2001
RE: Taxicab Company Licensing (Section 26-82) Schedule of Rates

Brief Description of the item

Currently the ordinance governing the licensing of taxicab/limousine businesses requires companies modifying their rates to file a new rate structure with the city clerk 40 days prior to the date the new rates becoming effective.

Identification of the Issues and any approvals required

The ordinance requires taxi companies to file rate schedules with the city clerk's office that are then made available for public inspection. The city clerk then sends a copy of the rate schedule to each member of the City Council. The rates become effective in 40 days unless the City Council passes an ordinance disapproving the modified rate schedule.

The City of Champaign has a similar ordinance that requires rates to be on file 10 days with the City Clerk before becoming effective. They do not mail the rate schedule to city council members and their ordinance does not provide for a disapproval process.

City Council action is required to make any change in the ordinance governing taxi rate schedules.

Options and Consequences

1. Change Urbana's ordinance covering taxi rate schedules to match City of Champaign's ordinance governing taxi rate schedules (no council notification or disapproval process, 10 day waiting period).
2. Change Urbana's ordinance from the current 40 day waiting period to a shorter waiting period (taxi cab company requested 10 days) and remove the council disapproval process (council would still receive notification and copy of changes).
3. Change Urbana's ordinance from a 40 day waiting period to a shorter waiting period (notification and disapproval process stays same).

If no change is made, the possibility exists that rates charged in Urbana could be different than those charged in Champaign for the 30 day period between each city's effective dates.

Recommendation

Choice of option depends on whether Council wants to continue reviewing the rates charged by taxicab/limousine businesses.

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-08-084

AN ORDINANCE DECREASING THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR FILING TAXICAB RATE CHANGES

WHEREAS, the cities of Urbana and Champaign currently differ in the time frames for which taxicab companies must notify the respective city clerks regarding changes in fare rates;

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana recognizes the need for conformity in the regulations governing those companies serving customers in both cities; and

WHEREAS, a decrease from forty (40) to ten (10) days notice would accomplish such conformity and preserve sufficient notice to the City of Urbana regarding any new, amended or modified rates.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE URBANA CITY COUNCIL THAT:

Section 26-82. Schedule of Rates.

(a) Each person, firm, corporation or other business entity owning, operating or controlling taxicab service in the city shall, before making any charge for service file a schedule of all rates with the city clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois. The city clerk shall keep such schedule on file and available for public inspection. The said rates shall be uniform as to class of service. No charge for service shall be made by any said person, firm, corporation or other business entity or agent or employee thereof, which is in excess of the rate shown for such service on the schedule so filed with the city clerk. No new, modified or amended rate shall become effective, or any charge be made based thereon, unless or until **the city clerk is notified in writing ten (10) days prior to the effective date of any new, amended, or modified rates** ~~a schedule setting forth such new, amended or modified rates have been on file with the city clerk for forty (40) days.~~

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the “ayes” and “nays” being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a regular meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2000.

AYES:

NAYS:

PRESENT:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2000.

Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor