



City of San Antonio

Amendments to Chapter 33 Vehicle-for-Hire of the City Code

City Council "A" Session
November 3, 2022 – Item 18
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Amendments Overview

1. Amendments to Taxicab Industry
2. Increases to Taxicab Rates
3. Addition of Two New Vehicle for Hire Industry
4. Language Amendments to Code

Background

- Taxi Industry impacted by COVID-19
- Amendments Requested by Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)
 - Consists of 11 members appointed by Mayor and City Council
- Recommended Amendments presented to Transportation and Mobility Committee
 - August 29, 2022
 - September 20, 2022
- Amendment by Transportation and Mobility Committee to add Electric Vehicles for Hire as new industry

Amendments to Taxicab Industry

Item	Current	Proposed Change
Timeframe to replace or add a New Taxicab	90 days	180 days
Commercial Insurance	All vehicles on a taxi company's permit agreement must be insured	Only permitted taxis need be insured. Removes requirement for taxis not in service or being repaired to be insured
Issuance of Taxicab permits	Taxicab Permit Allocation Committee must be convened to approve awarding of new permits before City issues	Allows Taxicab companies to apply for permit as needed directly to the City
Taxicab Vehicle Age	12 years	15 years
Taxicab Permit Request	Must be a Taxicab permit holder for 1 year to request new permits	Any taxi operator may request a permit
Fuel Surcharge Adjustment	Maximum 2 per year	Removes maximum

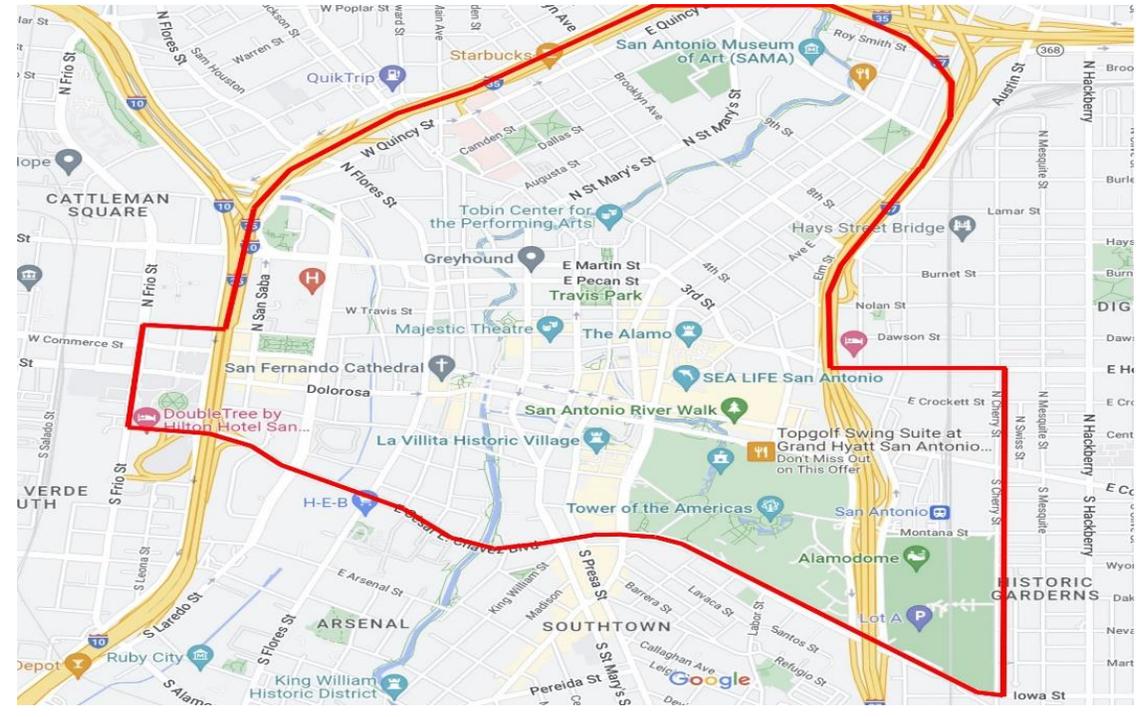
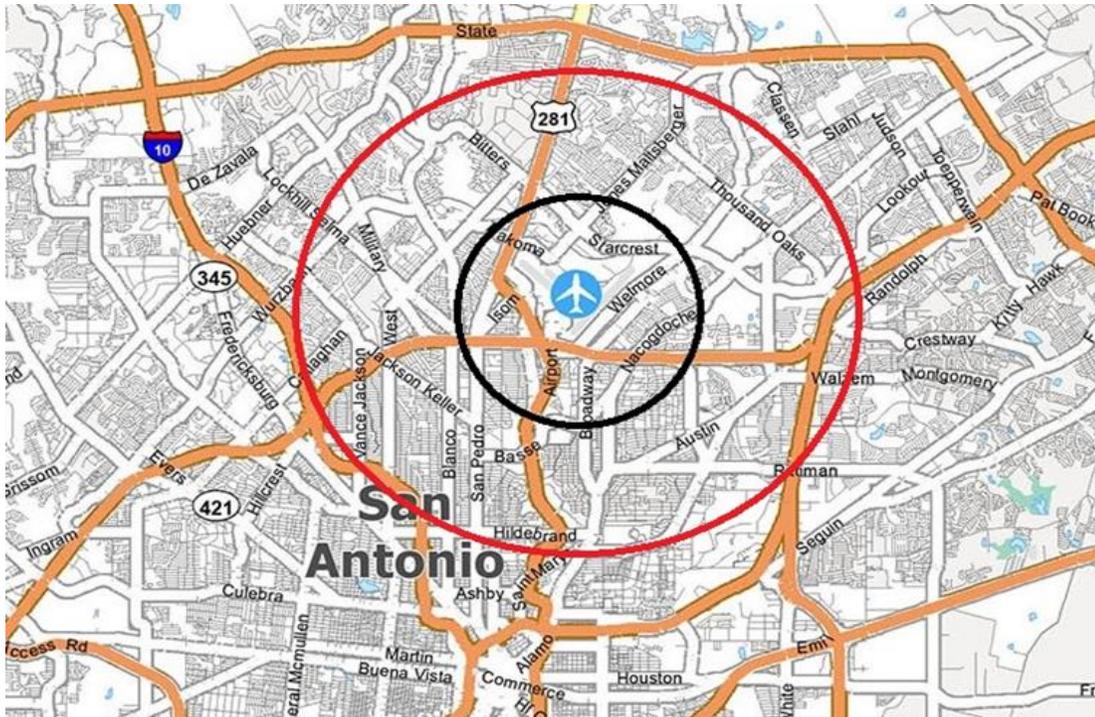
Proposed Taxicab Rate Increases

San Antonio rates were last increased in October 2011

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Drop Rate (Day)	\$2.50	\$3.50
Drop Rate (Night)	\$3.50	\$3.50
Per Mile Rate	\$2.35	\$2.70
Wait per Hour	\$24.00	\$27.00
<u>5 Mile Average Trip</u>	<u>\$15.25</u>	<u>\$17.00</u>
Extra Passengers	None	\$2.00 per (Max of \$4.00)

Proposed Taxi Cab Rate Increases

Rate	San Antonio Current	San Antonio Proposed
Airport Minimum	\$10.50	\$20.00
Downtown Minimum	\$5.00	\$10.00



Addition of New Vehicle for Hire Industry Electric Vehicle

- Requirements for operation consistent with other VFH Industries
- Vehicle propelled by an electric motor
- Operates on streets with a posted 35 mph or less
- Complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and Texas Transportation Code
- State minimum insurance requirements to include a minimum \$1 Million liability policy
- Limit of 10 available permits
- Would operate in downtown area in areas with a posted speed limit of no greater than 35 mph
- Currently operates in Austin, Dallas, Houston, and Waco



Addition of New Vehicle for Hire Industry

Motorbike SideCar

- Requirements for operation consistent with other VFH Industries
- A car that is attached to the side of a motorbike for a passenger
- Motorbike may be combustion or electric and must meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and Texas Transportation Code
- Limit of 10 available permits
- Would operate Downtown, Pearl district, and Blue Star only on streets with a posted 35 mph or less
- State minimum insurance requirements to include a minimum \$1 Million liability policy
- Currently operates in San Antonio



Other Amendments

Group Cycle Permits

- Proposes to issue permits for group cycles upon request
 - Currently permits are issued in a drawing process
- Limits the total number of Group Cycles permitted to 5

Language Amendments

- Removes TNC language from the City Code



Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of these amendments





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