

AN ORDINANCE 58134

ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORTATION
ADVISORY BOARD

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WHEREAS, the City Council employed the consulting firm of Public Technology Inc. to screen, study, and provide recommendations as to how service by the taxicab industry in San Antonio could be improved; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation most forcefully urged was that an advisory board be appointed by the City Council; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. A Transportation Advisory Board to the City Council is hereby established consisting of eleven voting members and four non-voting members. The eleven voting members shall consist of the following: 5 members-consumers; 2 members-VIA; 2 members-taxicab industry; 1 member-limousine industry; 1 member-horse carriage/trolley industry. The four non-voting members shall consist of the following: one representative from the Traffic Division of Public Works; one representative from the Aviation Department; one representative from the Convention and Visitor's Bureau; and one representative from the State Highway Department.

SECTION 2. The function of the Transportation Advisory Board shall be as follows:

To review staff recommendations, conduct hearings, recommend guidelines, and make recommendations to City Council on the licensing and regulatory review process for transportation services licensed by the City. These services include taxicabs, limousines, tow wreckers, tour/sightseeing operations, and horse carriages.

SECTION 3. The Transportation Advisory Board shall address the following transportation services:

1. The procedures and need for additional service or permits.
2. Service regulations - the quality and terms of the service to be provided.
3. Permit holder and driver regulations - the fiscal and public safety requirements.
4. Fares and permit/license fees - the level and basis thereof.
5. Appeals - hear appeals from drivers and permit holders regarding sanctions imposed by staff.
6. Such other matters as requested by the City Council.

SECTION 4. The following individuals are hereby appointed as voting members of the Transportation Advisory Board:

1. _____
(CONSUMER)

6. _____
(VIA) ..

2. _____
(CONSUMER)

7. _____
(VIA)

3. _____
(CONSUMER)

8. _____
(TAXICAB INDUSTRY)

4. _____
(CONSUMER)

9. _____
(TAXICAB INDUSTRY)

5. _____
(CONSUMER)

10. _____
(LIMOUSINE INDUSTRY)

11. _____
(HORSE CARRIAGE/TROLLEY
INDUSTRY)

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 12th day of January, 1984.

Henry Cisneros
M A Y O R

ATTEST:

Norma S. Rodriguez
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David B. Carr
City Attorney

DIVISION 1. GENERAL PROCEDURES**Sec. 33-001. Statement of policy.**

It is the policy of the city to promote efficient, safe, reliable, and quality ground transportation services in the city. To this end, this chapter provides for the regulation of such services to be carried out in a manner that protects the public health and safety, promotes the public convenience and necessity, and respects the concept of free enterprise.

(Ord. No. 82938, § 1, 9-28-95)

Sec. 33-002. Scope; effect; exclusions.

This chapter governs the operation of vehicles for hire and ground transportation services under each form of operating authority. The chapter, however, is not a limitation on the power of the city council to incorporate in a grant of operating authority special provisions relating to the operation of the ground transportation service particular to the grant. To the extent that a special provision conflicts with this chapter, the special provision controls. The following exclusions apply:

(a) This chapter does not apply to a ground transportation service or to a person operating a ground transportation service that is:

- (1) Used to transport a person from a point outside the city to destinations inside the city, if the ground transportation service leaves the city without receiving a new passenger inside the city;
- (2) Operated under state or federal authority unless subject to the city's regulatory authority;
- (3) Used to transport persons for hire and is regulated by another city ordinance;
- (4) In the performance of a service involving a point of origin or destination outside the city that was authorized by a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Texas Railroad Commission, except that the director shall prescribe routes, times, and locations for loading, unloading, and stopping on public streets in the city for a ground transportation service operated under such a certificate.
- (5) Operated for a funeral home in the performance of funeral services;
- (6) Provided by an employer or employee association for use in transporting employees between the employees' homes and the employer's place of business or between work stations, with the employees reimbursing the employer or employee association in an amount calculated only to offset the reasonable expenses of operating the vehicle;