

Taxi Code Amendments

City Council

May 2024



Background

2021

- Reduced fees for taxi companies and drivers
- Reduced regulation and oversight

2023

- Increased initial meter charge from \$3 to \$4
- Increased vehicle age limit to 15 years and 17 years for hybrid vehicles
- Council direction to review additional changes to the Code

2023/2024

- Initiated subcommittee
- Hosted three subcommittee meetings and full board consideration

2024

- Proposed changes to fares, vehicle age, dispute



City Code Changes Evaluated

- **Taxi Fares (Increase)**
 - Set a fare maximum and require Mobility Data Specifications (MDS)
 - Remove City from setting fares altogether
- **Vehicle Age Requirements (eliminate)**
- **Trade Dress (relax or maintain)**
- **Biennial Review (reduce frequency)**
- **Dispute Resolution (eliminate)**
- **Insurance Requirements (reduce or maintain)**



City Code Changes Proposed

- **Taxi Fares (Increase)**
 - Increase initial meter fare from \$4 to \$5
 - Raise the per mile charge from \$2.16 to \$2.56
- **Vehicle Age Requirements (Eliminate)**
- **Trade Dress (Maintain)**
- **Biennial Review (Maintain)**
- **Dispute Resolution (Eliminate)**
- **Insurance Requirements (Maintain)**



RECOMMENDATION

That City Council:

1. Consider the proposed ordinance on first reading and;
2. Schedule it for second reading, public hearing and final passage on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

