



# **City Code Amendment:**

## **Modernizing Taxi Administration & Requirements**

April 2021

City Council



# Background

## **Longstanding City regulation of Taxis**

**Ride-hail (e.g. Uber, Lyft) enter in 2015 and regulated by the State**

## ***OPA Taxi Regulation Efficiency Analysis Report***













- Mirror VA ride-hail requirements
- Reduce scope of regulation
- Reduce fees

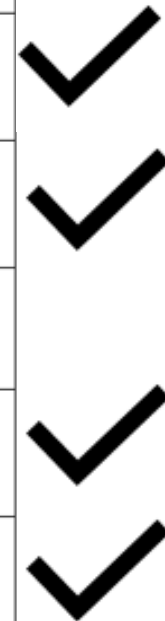
## **Goals**

- Reduce regulatory burden
- Reduce costs and fees
- Recognize COVID-19 impact to taxi industry

# OPA Recommendations and Proposed Code Amendment

 City 
  Taxi companies 
  Further examination required

Activity	Current	Proposed
Vehicle inspections		
Background checks		
Investigate resident complaints and issue taxi permits		
Taxi aesthetics and company location		
Fares, fees, and company size		
Paratransit and Senior Taxi programs*		
Cost to the taxi industry	\$278,000	\$20,000
City regulatory costs	\$278,000	\$5,500





# Proposed Code Changes

## **Eliminate:**

- Requirements for driver dress, office location, market share, and redundant vehicle requirements

## **Restructure Requirements:**

- Require taxi companies to conduct background screenings; subject to inspection and verification
- Verify state safety inspections rather than conduct inspections
- Appointment of Hack Inspector by City Manager



# UM/UIIM Coverage Requirement

## **Recommendation:**

- Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Insurance – 9-12-6 (a)(1)
  - Add requirement to carry minimum of \$100,000 coverage

## **Discussion:**

- Companies are opposed, cite extra cost
- Proponents cite cost of ~\$20/year
- Industry comparison:
  - Required of TNCs in VA
  - Under consideration in Arlington and Fairfax



# Recommendation

- Consider the ordinance on first reading
- Docket the ordinance for second reading and approval on April 17, 2021