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To: The City Commission for the City of Key West

From: Ron Ramsingh, Interim City Attorney

RE: Revision to Taxi Ordinance (Passenger Vehicle For Hire) Sec. 78-92

Sponsor: Commissioner Jimmy Weekley

Background:

Since 1984, the Passenger Vehicle For Hire ordinance has not been amended to address applicant requirements for driver permits that are issued in the city. This proposal seeks to require that drivers not only demonstrate that they can read and write English, but also speak and understand English for purposes of communicating with passengers and understanding traffic control devices. The proposed amendment also increases the permit fee from \$30.00 to \$50.00 and modifies the medical documentation required regarding infectious diseases.

Options:

1. To pass the proposed ordinance thereby modifying the requirements to obtain a taxi driver permit as described above;
2. To deny the proposed ordinance all of the existing regulations in place since 1984 will remain in place.