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Memorandum

TO: Mayor & Commissioners
FROM: Shawn D. Smith, City Attorney
RE: Request for additional passenger vehicle
for hire licenses
DATE: 10 November 2020

Mayor and Commissioners

On your November 17 agenda there is an item requesting an increase in the number of passenger vehicle or contract vehicle for hire licenses. The attached request is the only one the City has received requesting a hearing in October 2020.

City Code section 78-198(d) provides: "In October of every even-numbered year commencing in 2008, the city commission shall hold a public hearing, after written request to the city manager, to determine if it is in the public interest to issue additional contract vehicle for hire licenses. If at this public hearing the issuance of new contract vehicle for hire licenses is deemed necessary, the city commission shall adopt a resolution making such finding of necessity and stating the number of licenses to be issued on a random basis by a method approved by the city manager. In making findings as to whether the public interest requires the issuance of new licenses, the city commission shall take into consideration the number of contract vehicle for hire and passenger vehicle for hire vehicles already in operation, whether existing transportation is adequate to meet public need, demonstrated demands necessitating additional services, and the probable effect of increased service on local traffic conditions." Likewise, City Code section 78-62 provides a similar provision specifically for passenger vehicle for hire licenses.

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