

ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-058

*Establishing a Moratorium on the issuance of New Taxicab Licenses to Operate and  
Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity*

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WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary to undertake a study to determine the appropriate number of taxicabs to serve the public and to develop criteria upon which to base the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity for taxicab licenses;

WHEREAS, City Council finds it necessary to stay the issuance of new taxicab licenses to operate and withhold the issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity during the time period of the study; and,

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that a moratorium on the issuance of new taxicab licenses to operate and the issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity through December 31, 2012 is a reasonable time period needed to study these issues and determine what, if any, legislation is needed; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 10th day of July, 2012, that a temporary moratorium on the issuance of new taxicab licenses to operate and the issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity is established as follows:

All activities relating to the acceptance, review and action upon applications for new taxicab businesses certificates of public convenience and necessity are temporarily suspended through December 31, 2012, in order for the City of Columbia, through its officials and staff, to have adequate time and opportunity to conduct a study or studies and comprehensively analyze the appropriate number of taxicabs to serve the public and appropriate criteria or standards upon which to base the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity. During the time the temporary moratorium is in effect, the City will not accept applications or act on any pending applications for taxicab licenses to operate or issue certificates of public convenience and necessity.

This temporary moratorium shall not apply to any taxicab business currently licensed to operate in the City of Columbia or the renewal of any taxicab business currently licensed to operate in the City of Columbia unless renewal is prohibited by any existing local, state, federal law or regulation.

If any Section or portion of a Section of this Ordinance is found to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Ordinance.

This ordinance is effective upon final reading.

Requested by:

Business License Administrator

Approved by:

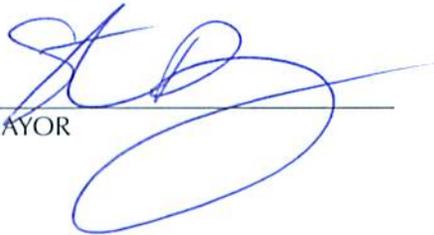
City Manager

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Introduced: 6/26/2012

Final Reading: 7/10/2012

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
City Clerk