

**METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION LICENSING COMMISSION**

**Minutes
September 24, 2020**

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Licensing Commission (TLC) met through Web-X Conferencing for the TLC meeting on this date. Present for the video conference were Chair Sal Hernandez, Vice Chair Pat McNally, Commissioners Carey Rogers, Mona Lisa Warren and Susan Palmer (5). Present were Metro Legal Advisers Theresa Costonis and Tara Ladd with TLC staff members Lisa Steelman, Millie Carman and Billy Fields.

The Chair called the meeting to order which was followed by a reading of the Notice of Appeal Statement which outlined the right of appeal of TLC decisions.

The Chair stated that the TLC must vote on the record that the Corvid-19 pandemic requires the meeting to be held telephonically and/or through video conferencing as permitted under the Governor's Executive Order Number 16.

Vice Chair McNally moved with a second from Commissioner Rogers that meeting electronically was necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of Tennessee in light of the Covid-19 outbreak.

A roll call vote followed with 4-0 vote for approval.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The minutes from August 27, 2020 were presented for approval. After some discussion and corrections, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Vice Chair McNally moved to approve the minutes as amended.

A roll call vote followed with 4-0 vote for approval.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The Chair opened a public hearing for the purposes of rulemaking regarding the modification of the annual taxicab fee (MCL 6.72.035 and quarterly taxicab fee (MCL 6.72.070. Director Fields explained the request was being made due to the unprecedented problems created by the Covid-19 pandemic. He explained that some taxicab companies were unable to operate due to the impact of the pandemic. He requested the commission consider the following rule:

"The Metropolitan Board of Health, by virtue of Tennessee Statutes and the Metropolitan Charter, and after consultation with Governor Bill Lee, Mayor John Cooper and public health officials within the Tennessee Department of Health and the Metropolitan Department of Health, declared on March 15, 2020 that a public health emergency exists in Metropolitan Nashville & Davidson County, Tennessee.

The Metropolitan Code of Law require annual renewals (6.72.035) and Quarterly reporting (6.72.070) for taxicabs. Fees are to be established based on cost of processing applications. Fees are to be collected annually from the company to renew the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as well as fees collected quarterly for each taxicab in service.

In order to respond to this emergency, the Metropolitan Transportation Licensing Commission takes the following action:

Effective upon adoption of this rule, each Certificate Holder shall remit a fee of \$20 per taxicab and \$5 per taxicab per quarter for the 2020-21 renewal period ending on August 31, 2021.

For the 2021-22 annual renewal period (commencing August 1 through August 31, 2021), the annual fee to renew the Certificate of Public Conveniences and Necessity to be collected will revert to \$75 per vehicle and the quarterly taxicab permit fee will revert to \$45 per vehicle unless the Public Health Emergency Declaration remains in place. However, the Commission may nevertheless decide to allow the fee increase to go into effect for the 2021-2022 period if it determines that a continuation of the diminished fee amount is not necessary because taxicab operation has resumed at pre-pandemic levels."

The Chair again announced the public call-in number. Abraham Derbo called to express his opinion on the rule. There were no other callers and the Chair closed the public hearing.

After some discussion, Vice Chairman McNally with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to adopt the proposed rule.

A roll call vote followed with 4-0 vote for approval.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Pedal Vehicles

Sprocket Rocket requested approval to change their business address to 535 Lafayette Street, Nashville, 37203. Commissioner Palmer with a second from Vice Chair McNally moved to approve the request.

A roll call vote followed with 4-0 vote for approval.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire

The following Companies applied to operate as Other Passenger for Hire companies:

- Earth Rides, Inc.
- Ravand’s Private Rides LLC
- Sindy Limo Service

Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the application.

A roll call vote followed with 4-0 vote for approval.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Billy Fields
Director/Executive Secretary

Sal Hernandez
Chair

Date