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ORDINANCE NO.: 2024-049

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 24, Vehicles for Hire, Article II, Taxicabs, Shuttles and Limousines, Division 3, Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Sec. 24-102, Issuance; revocation

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 6th day of August, 2024, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 24, Vehicle For Hire, Article II, Taxicabs, Shuttles and Limousines, Division 3, Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Sec. 24-102, Issuance; revocation is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 24-102. Issuance; revocation.

- (a) The city council may, when in its judgment the public interest and safety require it, issue or refuse to issue to any applicant a certificate of public convenience and necessity, or, upon notice and after hearing, may for like cause revoke any such certificate theretofore issued. In case such certificate is revoked, the business license administrator may remit to the holder of such revoked certificate the unearned portion of any license tax paid to the city by such certificate holder.
- (b) In determining whether public convenience and necessity require the licensing of such vehicles for hire for which application may be made, the city council may take into consideration whether the demands of the public require such proposed or additional vehicle for hire service within the city, there is a need for new or additional service which is not adequately being provided by existing vehicles for hire, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the number, kind and type of equipment, the increased traffic congestion and demand for increased parking space upon the streets of the city which may result and whether the safe use of the streets by the public, both vehicular and pedestrian, will be preserved by the granting of such additional licenses, and such other relevant facts as the city council may deem advisable or necessary. The burden of showing public convenience and necessity shall rest upon the applicant by providing clear and convincing evidence.
- (c) Decisions by City Council shall be final. An applicant may submit another application after a period of six (6) months has elapsed from the date of the previous denial or revocation.

(Ord. No. 2011-036, 10-18-11)

Requested by:

Business License

Approved by:

Theresa B. Wilson
City Manager

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

Introduced: 7/16/2024
Final Reading: 8/6/2024

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Mayor

ATTEST:
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City Clerk