

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** POLICE

**AGENDA DATE:** July 11, 2006

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** ASSISTANT CHIEF PAUL CROSS / 564-7310

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** 3 & 8

**SUBJECT:**

That Mayor and Council review and approve an ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules) of the El Paso city code to amend the provisions relating to taxicab loading and unloading zones; authorize Traffic Engineer to establish city taxicab zones; the penalty being as provided in Section 1.08.010 to 1.08.030 of the El Paso city code and repeal of Ordinance numbers 009701, 009702, 009782, 009783, 009974, 015179, and 015747.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The proposed amendment adds that the establishment of a City Taxicab Zone provides taxicab operators equitable opportunity for taxicab operators to service the needs of the citizens and visitors to the City of El Paso. It further provides that an ordinance amendment and repeal of the special privilege licenses ordinances are in the best interest of the City of El Paso and its citizens and is designed to promote the public safety and welfare of its citizens.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)  
*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12  
(VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.88 (SCHEDULES) OF THE  
EL PASO CITY CODE TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS  
RELATING TO TAXICAB LOADING AND UNLOADING ZONES; AUTHORIZE  
TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO ESTABLISH CITY TAXICAB ZONES; THE PENALTY  
BEING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1.08.010 TO 1.08.030 OF THE  
EL PASO CITY CODE AND REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NUMBERS  
009701, 009702, 009782, 009783, 009974, 015179, AND 015747.

WHEREAS, El Paso City Council finds that the establishment of a City Taxicab Zone provides taxicab operators equitable opportunity for taxicab operators to service the needs of the citizens and visitors to the City of El Paso.

WHEREAS, El Paso City Council further finds that an ordinance amendment and repeal of the special privilege licenses ordinances are in the best interest of the City of El Paso and its citizens and is designed to promote the public safety and welfare of it's citizens.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Section 1. That Section 12.88.160 (Schedule XV—Specially restricted taxicab loading and unloading zones) be amended to read as follows:

12.88.160 Schedule XV—City Taxicab Zone.

- A. The traffic engineer is authorized and directed to establish a City Taxicab Zone at the following location:
  1. The Paso Del Norte Bridge Taxicab Zone-Located on the north side of Sixth Avenue from the northeast corner of El Paso Street east to the northwest corner of the alley west of Oregon and east of Mesa Street.
- B. When such zones are established the traffic engineer shall erect appropriate signs and/or markings to designate the City Taxicab Zone limits and operation of each zone.
- C. Taxicabs may stop or stand in such zones for the purpose of discharging or taking on passengers as stated on the signs to be erected. The driver shall remain in, or in the vicinity of his taxicab while it is in the zone.
- D. A taxicab shall not stop or remain in the area of a designated zone if there are other taxicabs already operating under a duly authorized special permit under Section 6.16.090 and there is not sufficient room left for a taxicab operating under another special permit and desiring to use the zone.
- E. The taxicab inspector, or in his absence any police officer, may direct taxicab drivers in the use of such zones, so as to avoid congestion and give

all taxicabs reasonably equal opportunity for use of the zones; and every taxicab driver shall obey the direction of such inspector or officer.

F. When any such zone is designated by signs or markings as herein provided, no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle therein, except that a taxi driver may stop in such zone in accordance with the regulations herein set forth, and not otherwise.

G. In addition to the penalty provided in Sections 1.08.010 through 1.08.030, violation of this section by a taxi driver shall be grounds for revoking or suspending his license, in accordance with the procedure provided in Section 6.16.110 of the City Code.

Section 2. All special privilege licenses granted under Ordinance Numbers 009701, 009702, 009782, 009783, 009974, 015179, 015747 are repealed effective August 31, 2006 at 11:59 p.m.

Section 3. City staff is authorized, upon adoption of this ordinance, to take all steps necessary for the creation and implementation of the Taxi Cab Zone established in Section 1. herein.

Section 4. Section 12.88.160 Schedule XV—City Taxicab Zone shall become effective September 1, 2006.

Section 5. Except as herein amended, Chapter 12.88 (Schedules) of the El Paso City Code, shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

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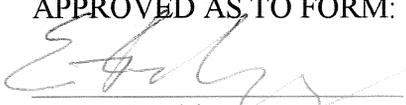
John Cook  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Ernesto Rodriguez  
Assistant City Attorney