

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 25th day of July, 2006.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

John Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ernesto Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6
(VEHICLES FOR HIRE), CHAPTER 6.16 (TAXICABS) OF THE
EL PASO CITY CODE TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS
RELATING TO PERMIT FEES; TAXICAB STANDS AND CITY TAXICAB ZONES; THE
PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1.08.010 TO 1.08.030
OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE

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 finds that the increase in the annual permit fee necessary to recover the City's cost.

WHEREAS, El Paso City Council further finds that an ordinance amendment is 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 6.16.090 D. (Permit Fees-Granting of operating permit) be amended to read as follows:

Section 6.16.090 D. Any holder of an operating permit who desires to operate at the El Paso International Airport must apply for a special permit to do so, at an annual permit fee of two hundred fifty dollars per vehicle per year. Any holder of an operating permit who desires to operate at a City Taxicab Zone established pursuant to Section 12.88.160 must apply for a special permit to do so, at an annual permit fee of two hundred fifty dollars per vehicle per year. Effective September 1, 2006, the permit fee shall be in the amount set by the budget or other appropriate resolution of the City Council, provided however, that is such fee is not contained in such a resolution as of September 1, 2006, the fee set herein in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars shall continue until such time as the fee is established in the budget or other appropriate resolution of the City Council.

The special permit will not be transferable from the vehicle for which it was obtained to another vehicle without application to and approval of the chief of police. A fee for transferring the permit to another vehicle will not be charged; however, only one application for transfer will be permitted during any permit year, except where good cause is shown for more than one transfer. Good cause shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, substitution of vehicles as authorized by and in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.16.150 of this article. The decision as to whether good cause has been shown will be made with the sound discretion of the chief of police. Denial of a request for more than one transfer during a permit period may be appealed to the city council in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 6.16.110(C) of this article. The chief of police will furnish each holder of a special permit a decal authorizing the vehicle for which the permit is issued to operate at the El Paso International Airport or a

City Taxicab Zone. The decal shall be affixed to the lower right of the rear window. A decal may be displayed only on the vehicle for which it has been issued. Taxicabs which do not have a permit to operate at the El Paso International Airport may discharge passengers at the airport but may not pick up passengers except during the hours of twelve midnight to six a.m. during which time passengers may be picked up. Only Taxicabs that have a permit to operate at a City Taxicab Zone or El Paso International Airport may pick up passengers at any designated City Taxicab Zone.

All taxicabs which have a permit to operate at the El Paso International Airport or City Taxicab Zone shall comply with all city and airport regulations and directives, not otherwise inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, including, but not necessarily limited to, designation of standby or ready-line areas and conditions. While parked at the ready line at the airport or City Taxicab Zone, drivers will not leave the immediate vicinity of their vehicles nor will they solicit fares.

Section 2. That Section 6.16.480 D. (Taxicab stands-Regulations for use) be amended to read as follows:

Section 6.16.480 Taxicab stands and City Taxicab Zones—Regulations for use.

A. While using a taxicab stand or City Taxicab Zone, a driver shall not:

1. Leave the immediate vicinity of his taxicab except to assist a passenger as reasonably necessary after being engaged;
2. Interfere with the orderly progression of taxicabs from the rear to the front of the taxicab stand or City Taxicab Zone;
3. Perform or allow to be performed repairs or maintenance on a taxicab while parked on the taxicab stand or City Taxicab Zone;
4. Interfere with a taxicab entering a taxicab stand or City Taxicab Zone on which there is a vacant space.

B. A person shall not park a taxicab on a taxicab stand or City Taxicab Zone unless the taxicab is for hire.

Section 3. Except as herein amended, Chapter 6.16 (Taxicabs) of the El Paso City Code, shall remain in full force and effect.

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