Ordinance No. 121942

Council Bill No. 115386

AN ORDINANCE relating to taxicabs; revising the dates by which taxicabs licensed and operating within the City of Seattle must be equipped with passenger information decals, passenger information notices in Braille, digital security camera systems, and monitored silent alarm systems; and amending Section 6.310.320 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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WHEREAS, the City of Seattle adopted Ordinance 121738, amending SMC Section 6.310.320 to require enhanced safety operating procedures and equipment in taxicabs licensed and operating with the City; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Executive Administration requires additional time to work with the taxicab industry and equipment vendors to obtain, install, and test safety equipment required by Ordinance 121738, and train drivers in its proper use; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 6.310.320 of the Seattle Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

6.310.320 Taxicab and for-hire vehicle – Vehicle operating requirements.

No taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensed by the City may lawfully operate within The City of Seattle unless the following minimum vehicle requirements are met:

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M. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle is equipped with a passenger information decal, the size, material, and placement of which is prescribed by the Director by rule. Such decal shall include the taxicab or for-hire vehicle name and number and the taxi complaint hotline telephone number. Effective ((~~July 15, 2005~~)) December 31, 2005, a passenger information notice in Braille and raised lettering must be installed as prescribed by the Director by rule. Effective

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T. The taxicab must be equipped with a monitored silent alarm system approved by the Director pursuant to specifications provided by rule and adopted by the Director. All taxicabs with computer dispatch systems shall comply with this requirement by no later than ((~~September 1, 2005~~)) December 31, 2005. All taxicabs with radio dispatch systems shall comply with this requirement by no later than January 1, 2008 (summary suspension and Class B);

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Section 2. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and confirmed.

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Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 26th day of September, 2005, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 26th day of September, 2005.

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President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 3rd day of October, 2005.

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Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 3rd day of October, 2005.

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City Clerk

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City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Office of the Mayor

September 6, 2005

Honorable Jan Drago
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Drago:

I am transmitting the attached proposed Council Bill to amend SMC Section 6.310.320, extending the dates by which taxicabs licensed and operating within the City of Seattle must be equipped with passenger information decals, passenger information notices in Braille, digital security camera systems, and monitored silent alarm systems.

Earlier this year, the City of Seattle adopted Ordinance 121738, requiring taxicabs licensed and operating in the City to be equipped with enhanced safety operating procedures and equipment by certain dates. The attached legislation extends the deadlines, allowing the City additional time to work and coordinate with vendors to acquire proposals, conduct cost analyses, schedule installations and training, test the equipment, and train taxicab drivers on the new safety equipment as required by this ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have any questions, please contact Ken Nakatsu, at 684-0505, or Mel McDonald at 233-0071.

Sincerely,

GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

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- **Summary of the Legislation:**

This proposed legislation extends the compliance deadlines in SMC Section 6.310.320 by which taxicabs licensed and operating within the City of Seattle must be equipped with passenger information decals, passenger information systems in Braille, digital security camera systems, and monitored silent alarm systems.

- **Background:**

In February 2005, the City of Seattle adopted Ordinance 121738, requiring taxicabs licensed and operating in the City to be equipped with enhanced safety operating procedures and equipment. SMC Section 6.310.320 was amended to include deadlines by which taxicabs were required to have the equipment installed and operating. More time is required to allow the Department of Executive Administration and the taxicab industry to work and coordinate with vendors to acquire proposals, conduct cost analysis, identify appropriate vendors, schedule installations and training, test the equipment, and to train taxicab drivers on such equipment as required by this ordinance.

- *Please check one of the following:*

__X__ **This legislation does not have any financial implications.** (*Stop here and delete the remainder of this document prior to saving and printing.)*

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(Seal) Judith Pippin

City Clerk

Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN, City Clerk

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