

ORDINANCE #66083
Board Bill No. 144

An ordinance pertaining to taxicabs and service cars; suspending the application, administration and enforcement of Ordinance 46399 and Ordinance 58795 and enacting a new ordinance adopting the code of rules and regulations for taxicabs adopted by the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission, under the authority of Section 67.1804 RSMo.; containing definitions, a penalty clause and an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. The application, administration and enforcement of Ordinance 46399 and Ordinance 58795 codified in Chapter 8.98 are suspended during the period the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission's Vehicle for Hire Code, as authorized by Section 67.1804 RSMo. is in full force and effect.

SECTION TWO. For purposes of this ordinance the following words shall have the meaning given them by this section:

"Commission" shall mean the Regional Taxicab Commission created in Section 67.1804 RSMo., also known as the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission.

"Commission's Code" shall mean the district-wide code adopted by the Commission, including any amendments.

"Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, company, corporation, association, joint venturer, club and any trustee or receiver appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

"Taxicab" shall mean airport taxicabs, on-call/reserve taxicabs and premium sedans referred to collectively as taxicabs;

"Taxicab company" shall mean the use of one or more taxicabs operated as a business carrying persons for hire;

SECTION THREE. The Commission's Code, adopted by the Regional Taxicab Commission under the authority of Section 67.1808 RSMo., a copy of which is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A and filed on record in the Office of the Register of the City of Saint Louis, is hereby adopted as "The Taxicab Code of the City of Saint Louis"; for the control and regulation of taxicabs; and that each and all of the regulations and prohibition of said Commission's Code are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereto, as if set out in this ordinance along with any additions, insertions, deletions and changes which may be adopted by the Regional Taxicab Commission subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION FOUR. Any person who violates or fails to comply with or who permits or causes any person in his/her/its employ to violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of the Taxicab Code of the City of St. Louis shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or a term of imprisonment of not more than Ninety (90) days or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION FIVE. Emergency clause.

This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the mayor.

Approved: November 17, 2003