



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF COMMON CARRIERS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose and Findings. The purpose of this ordinance is to update the signage and identification provisions applicable to taxicabs and private transportation vehicles. The council finds that outdated ordinance provisions result in inconsistent enforcement and should be repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 12-1.16, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, is repealed.

~~["Sec. 12-1.16 Taxi sign.~~

~~A taxicab shall be identified with a sign (which may be a dome light sign) on the roof of the taxicab. The name of the individual owning or operating the taxicab or the name of the firm shall be shown on the front of the sign and it will be optional to place either the name or telephone number of such individual or firm on the rear of the sign. Such sign may have flashing actuators. A taxicab driver may actuate such sign to call for police or other assistance in cases when a robbery is in progress. The use of a flashing dome light, except to signal when a robbery is in progress, shall be in violation of Section 15-19.22, traffic code of the City and County of Honolulu. Except as provided herein, the type, design and placement of the sign shall be as specified by the director. The sign may be a detachable type so that it may be removed when the vehicle is not used for taxicab purposes."]~~

SECTION 3. Section 12-1.20, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 12-1.20 Taxicab certification numbers.

No person may operate a taxicab unless the taxicab is clearly identified and marked as prescribed herein with a taxicab certification number assigned by the director. The taxicab certification number shall be prominently posted on the exterior surfaces of the front and rear bumpers ~~[and on the sign or dome light, described in Section 12-1.16,]~~ of the taxicab. The taxicab certification number posted on the taxicab as prescribed in this section must be no less than two inches in height, and must conform to such other requirements or specifications as the director may prescribe by rule."



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SECTION 4. Section 12-6.4, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, is repealed.

~~["Sec. 12-6.4 Trade dress, logo or company identifier—Approval.~~

~~The private transportation company must submit the trade dress, logo or company identifier, which will be placed on the personal vehicle or taxicab for the director's approval at the time of the initial application."]~~

SECTION 5. Section 12-6.11, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, is repealed.

~~["Sec. 12-6.11 Identification of private transportation vehicles.~~

~~Upon approval by the director, the private transportation company will direct its drivers on the placement of the trade dress, logo or company identifier on the personal vehicle or taxicab, whichever the case may be, but trade dress, logo or company identifier placed on the front and rear bumpers pursuant to this article must be between 2 inches and 3 inches in height, and a minimum of 4 inches in width. The trade dress, logo or company identifier may be placed on the vehicle's body, but not on the roof (unless it is a taxi sign or dome) or cover any window, vehicle lights, or obscure the view of any mirrors. In addition, any vehicle for hire which transports passengers to and from the Honolulu International Airport shall display permits or decals required by the applicable State laws."]~~

SECTION 6. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, or the material that has been bracketed and stricken.



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SECTION 7. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu