Agenda Item #:

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	<u>January 15, 2013</u>	[]		Regular Public Hearing
Department				

Submitted By: <u>Department of Public Safety</u>
Submitted For: <u>Consumer Affairs Division</u>

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve on preliminary reading and advertise for public hearing on February 5, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.: an Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Chapter 19, Article IX (Ordinance no. 2008-43, amended by Ordinance no. 2011-007, amended by Ordinance no. 2011-032, amended by Ordinance no. 2011-040, and amended by Ordinance no. 2012-009); relating to taxicabs and other vehicles for hire, to be known as the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance; amending Section 19-218 (Business permit application); amending Section 19-227 (Driver requirements; failure to comply); providing for Repeal of laws in conflict; providing for a Saving clause; providing for Severability; providing for Inclusion in the Code of Laws and Ordinances; providing for Captions; and providing an Effective date.

Summary: The proposed amendments are needed to correct certain scrivener's errors in the current Ordinance. The first proposed amendment fixes the licensing year date for a Business permit so that it runs from May 1st through April 30th, rather than from April 30th through May 1st. The second proposed amendment fixes the window of time that a person must wait before being eligible for a vehicle for hire Driver's ID Badge if he or she has been convicted of a first degree misdemeanor or a felony. The current Ordinance states that the window of time runs from the date of *conviction*, when it should state that the window of time runs from the date of *application*. **Countywide** (**PGE**)

Background and Policy Issues: The proposed Ordinance amendments make no substantive changes to the current Vehicle for Hire Ordinance and correct what is generally described as a "scrivener's error". The intent behind the current Ordinance is to preclude the issuance of a VFH Driver's ID Badge to a person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor offense relating to or threatening the public safety (as determined by the Board), within three years of the date of submitting his or her application for said badge. The window of time for a felony conviction is five years from the date of the application. The current Ordinance mistakenly states that the window of time is three years (or five years) from the date of "conviction," rather than the date of application. No criminal offenses have been added or deleted to the misdemeanor or felony conviction sub-sections. The League of Cities has been notified of the proposed amendments and it is anticipated by Staff that the League will have no opposition to the proposed amendments. Enforcement of this Ordinance is funded entirely through license fees.

Attachments:

- 1) Proposed Ordinance revisions (with delineations).
- 2) Proposed Ordinance revisions (without delineations).

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Fiv	ve Year Summary of Fi	scal Impact				
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B.	Legal Sufficiency: Assistant County Att		118112			
C.	Other Department Rev	view:				

(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT)

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- (c) Each business permit issued pursuant to this section shall be valid and effective for one (1) year, terminating on May 1 April 30 of each year.
 - (1) Failure to submit a business permit application and the required non-refundable fee for renewal by September-April 30 of each year will result in the assessment of a non-refundable late fee. The late fee is established by resolution of the board.

Section 2. Driver requirements; failure to comply.

Section 19-227 (a)(10) and (a)(11) of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code is amended to read as follows:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle for hire within and upon the streets of Palm Beach County without a Palm Beach County vehicle for hire driver's identification badge (Driver's I.D. Badge) issued by the Division. All applicants for a vehicle for hire Driver's I.D. Badge shall conform to the following:

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- (10) Have no conviction within the preceding three (3) years from the date of eonviction application, for any first-degree misdemeanor offense relating to or threatening the public safety as determined by the Board, or have been released from incarceration for such misdemeanor conviction (whichever is later). of a first-degree misdemeanors determined by the board to be necessary for the protection of public safety, Said misdemeanor offenses includeing, but are not limited to, the following: stalking, battery, driving while license is suspended or revoked, carrying a concealed weapon, reckless driving which causes damage to property, racing on highway, criminal possession of a controlled substance/paraphernalia, resisting arrest without violence, or obscenity (selling/distributing sexual material to minor);
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Section 3. Repeal of laws in conflict.

All local laws and ordinances applying to the unincorporated area of Palm Beach County in conflict with any provision of this article are hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict.

Section 4. Savings clause.

Notwithstanding Section 3 of this Ordinance regarding repeal of laws in conflict, all administrative and court orders, fines, and pending enforcement issued pursuant to this authority and procedures established by Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code, shall remain in full force and effect.

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6	to "section," "article," or any other appropriate word.
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8	The captions, section headings, and section designations used in this Ordinance are for
9	convenience only and shall have no effect on the interpretation of the provisions of this
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11	Section 8. Effective Date.
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13	of State.
14	APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach
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16 17 18 19 20 21	SHARON R. BOCK, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS CLERK & COMPTROLLER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
22 23 24 25 26	By By: Deputy Clerk Steven L. Abrams, Chairman
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