

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

REVISED

Meeting Date: April 16, 2013
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 Consent
 Ordinance

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 Regular
 Public Hearing

Department

Submitted By: Department of Public SafetySubmitted For: Consumer Affairs Division

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends a motion to adopt: A) an Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) 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, amended by Ordinance No. 2012-009, and amended by Ordinance No. 2013-003); relating to taxicabs and other vehicles for hire, to be known as the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance; amending Section 19-213 (Definitions); amending Section 19-214 (Compliance with article required); amending Section 19-218 (Business permit application); amending Section 19-220 (Vehicle requirements); amending Section 19-221 (Vehicle decal requirements); amending Section 19-226 (Commercial automobile liability insurance); amending Section 19-227 (Driver requirements; failure to comply); amending Section 19-235 (Start-up), providing for Repeal of laws in conflict; providing for a Savings clause; providing for Severability; providing for Inclusion in the Code of Laws and Ordinances; providing for Captions; and providing an Effective date; and B) a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida; repealing Resolution No. R-2011-1977, establishing a schedule of fees required by the revised Vehicle for Hire Ordinance, and establishing minimum commercial automobile liability insurance limits for Vehicle for Hire Companies.

Summary: The proposed Ordinance amendments were approved by the Vehicle for Hire Industry March 6, 2013, and the BCC on March 26, 2013. These amendments will enhance the quality of services offered to Palm Beach County residents and visitors. Several of the new requirements will take effect on June 1, 2013, and others will take effect within the next eighteen (18) to sixty (60) months. Some of the changes will require the VFH industry to accept credit cards, establish a uniform policy, and removes the 10 year age limit on vehicles provided they are inspected bi-annually by a ASE certified mechanic after 350,000 miles or if older than 7 years whichever come first. The Resolution, as required by the Code of Ordinances, establishes a new transfer, sale or change of ownership fee of \$500.00 and new company registration fee of \$10,000. These new fees will be effective as of June 1, 2013. **Countywide (PGE)**

Background and Policy Issues: On May 25, 2011, the Board imposed a moratorium on new VFH business permit applications, which will expire on June 1, 2013. The proposed ordinance amendments eliminate a VFH broker (an agent that does not own his or her own vehicles), establish a dress code for drivers, require taxi and van/shuttle companies to accept credit cards as a method of payment, require taxi and van shuttle companies to have a minimum number of available handicap accessible vehicles as part of their fleet, increase the business transfer, sale, or change of ownership fee, hold the company responsible for its drivers' compliance with ordinance regulations, and change the age requirements for vehicles. Other proposed amendments affecting new companies only, include an increased new business application fee, a minimum fleet requirement (that also includes a handicap accessibility requirement for taxi and van/shuttle companies), and a PBC office location. There are several other minor deletions, additions and clarifications, including the correction of typographical date errors. The VFH advisory committee supports the proposed amendments by a majority vote. The League of Cities has no opposition to the proposed amendments. Enforcement of the VFH Ordinance is funded entirely through license fees. The Board approved the proposed Ordinance amendments on first reading on March 26, 2013.

Attachments:

- 1) Proposed Ordinance (with additions/deletions noted).
- 2) Proposed Ordinance (without delineations).
- 3) Proposed Resolution Establishing a Schedule of Fees and Minimum Commercial automobile Liability Insurance Limits

Recommended by:


 Department Director

 4/9/13
 Date

Approved By:


 Assistant County Administrator

 4/9/13
 Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Years	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
Net Fiscal Impact	* 0				

ADDITIONAL FTE

POSITIONS (Cumulative)	0	0	0	0	0
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Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes No X

Budget Account Exp No: Fund _____ **Department** _____ **Unit** _____ **Object** _____
Rev No: Fund 1430 **Department** 660 **Unit** 6250 **Object** 2900
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B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

* The fiscal impact is indeterminable at this time.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: Stephanie Slinke 4/9/13

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

OFMB *[Signature]* 4/11/13
 Contract Dev. and Control *[Signature]* 4/11/13
4-11-13

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Farah P. Eide 9/11/13
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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

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1 considered various options to improve the quality and expand services offered, and
2 develop methods to increase the safety of vehicles operating in Palm Beach County; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the moratorium is due to expire on June 1, 2013, or at such time as
4 the Board of County Commissioners enacts a resolution terminating the moratorium; and

5 **WHEREAS**, it is now necessary to amend Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm
6 Beach County Code to standardize and enhance the vehicle for hire transportation
7 industry.

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
9 **COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

10 **Section 1. Definitions.**

11 Section 19-213 of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code shall be
12 amended so that the definition of the word "broker" will be deleted in its entirety and any
13 reference to "broker" will be deleted from the ordinance, as follows:

14 ~~Broker. The term "broker" shall mean a person who acts as an agent, whether~~
15 ~~independently or on behalf of, any vehicle for hire company in negotiating or contracting~~
16 ~~for passenger transportation.~~

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18 *Vehicle for hire and/or vehicle for hire company.* The terms "vehicle for hire" and/or
19 "vehicle for hire company" shall mean any individual, partnership, association,
20 corporation, ~~broker~~ or other legal entity which holds business permits for or contracts
21 with any motorized, self-propelled vehicle(s) engaged in the transportation of persons
22 upon the streets of Palm Beach County who receive any compensation or salary for
23 providing such transportation. The term shall not be construed to exclude any person
24 owning, controlling, operating, or managing any type of motor vehicle used in the
25 business of transportation of persons for compensation. The term shall include, but not be
26 limited to non-medical wheelchair and stretcher transportation services, taxicabs,
27 transport vans/shuttles, sedans, SUVs, limousines, and the use of personal vehicle(s),
28 regardless of who owns said personal vehicle(s) engaged in the transportation of persons.
29 The term shall not apply to vehicles, companies and organizations identified in section
30 19-214 of this Code.

31 **Section 2. Compliance with article required.**

32 Section 19-214 of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code shall be
33 amended to read as follows:

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- (d) A "Vehicle for Hire Company" must notify the Division in writing within 30 days of the date that any of its drivers are convicted of a criminal offense (misdemeanor or felony crime), including all traffic offenses involving a driving under the influence charge, a controlled substance charge, or a driver license suspension/revocation charge.
- (e) A "Vehicle for Hire Company" shall be responsible for its drivers' compliance with all of the regulations required by this Ordinance.
- (f) No "Vehicle for Hire Company" shall charge, demand, or request any fare other than the prearranged amount agreed upon for the transportation service or the amount shown on the taximeter.
- (g) Any violation of this Ordinance is a civil infraction.

Section 3. Business permit application.

Section 19-218 of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code is amended to read as follows:

- (a) ~~An individual, or a vehicle for hire company or broker,~~ not exempt pursuant to section 19-214 shall make application to the division for a business permit. It is a violation of this article to operate such companies without first securing a business permit from the division. A business permit shall be issued annually only after acceptance by the division of the following:
- (1) Its legal, trade, corporate and/or fictitious name;
 - (2) Its local or Florida business address (mail centers or P.O. box addresses are not acceptable);
 - (3) List of all business principals (i.e., owner, officers, partners, etc.) names, addresses, dates of birth and Florida driver's license number. If applicable, the name and address of the registered agent shall be provided.
 - (4) ~~The year number, make, model, year of manufacture, vehicle number (if applicable)~~ and specific coloring scheme of each vehicle for hire for which a business permit is sought;
 - (5) The vehicle identification number and license tag number of each vehicle;
 - (6) A clear and legible copy of each vehicle's State of Florida registration form;
 - (7) The name and vehicle for hire driver's I.D. badge number;
 - (8) Appropriate certificates, permits, local business tax receipts, (specifically for vehicle for hire) and other authorization issued by the county and any municipality if applicable;
 - (9) The original signed copy of the vehicle inspection form for each vehicle being assigned a decal; and
 - (10) Payment of all business permit and vehicle decal fees in amounts set forth by resolution of the board.

- (b) No person maintaining, owning, or operating a vehicle for hire company shall suffer or permit any person or employee to drive a vehicle for hire unless such person has a valid vehicle for hire driver's I.D. badge issued pursuant to this article.
- (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 30~~ March 1 of each year will result in the assessment of a non-refundable late fee. The late fee shall be established by resolution of the board.
- (2) Upon submission of a new business permit application and all required documents, the division shall provide the business with a receipt which shall constitute a provisional business permit and shall be valid until the issuance or denial of the business permit, whichever comes first.
- (3) Businesses which fail to submit a complete application/renewal application within thirty (30) calendar days after the business' receipt of the division's notice of an incomplete application, shall be denied a business permit. Within ten (10) business days of receipt of the division's notice of denial, such businesses may refile a complete and corrected application and pay a non-refundable re-filing fee established by resolution of the board. Failure to refile an application within this ten-day period, will result in the business being required to submit a new application and paying the non-refundable business permit fee and vehicle decal fees.
- (4) The DCA may deny or revoke a business permit if it is determined that the applicant has misrepresented, omitted, concealed a fact on any application or submitted any fraudulent or false document. If denied or revoked, said business permit shall not be issued or reinstated for a period of one year from the date of denial or revocation.
- (5) No permit shall be valid for any Vehicle for Hire Company under any other name or at any place other than that designated in the permit.
- (6) If the business transfers, sells, changes or modifies its name or ownership structure, the business shall be required to notify the division of consumer affairs within forty-five (45) days of said change, and a new business permit application shall be submitted. All business permit fees and administrative processing fees approved by the board by resolution shall be assessed by the division. If the transfer, sale, change or modification changes the ownership structure by more than fifty-one (51) percent, it will be considered a new company, and new business requirements and fees established by the board by resolution shall apply.

1 The adoption of a moratorium shall not preclude companies with existing
2 business permits from the transfer, sale or change of ownership to a new business.

3 ~~(d) Upon application and throughout the licensing year, a vehicle for hire company~~
4 ~~operating as a "broker" must submit to the division a complete written listing of~~
5 ~~each vehicle for hire company for which the company is conducting brokering~~
6 ~~activities. If a vehicle for hire company is added or deleted, the broker must~~
7 ~~submit an updated listing in writing to the DCA within five (5) business days of~~
8 ~~the addition or deletion. Brokers shall only conduct business with vehicle for hire~~
9 ~~companies legally permitted to operate in the county.~~

10 (de) Any change in the information submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) above shall be
11 provided to the division within twenty (20) calendar days of said change. Failure
12 to provide such notice may result in the suspension or revocation of the
13 company's business permit.

14 (ef) All vehicle for hire business permits which are not renewed, shall automatically
15 expire upon the expiration date as stated on the permit and the company shall
16 cease all vehicle for hire services immediately.

17 (fg) All vehicle for hire business must maintain a written/electronic manifest or trip log
18 for each pickup/drop off of any passenger. The manifest shall be in the possession of
19 the vehicle for hire driver and business central dispatch and shall include but not be
20 limited to, the business name, the name of the driver and the driver's I.D. badge
21 number, the county vehicle for hire permit number (VFH#), the decal number of the
22 vehicle providing the service, the name, address and telephone number of the
23 passenger, the date, time and location where the service begins and ends, and the
24 total charges and method of payment for the service provided. In addition, each
25 original manifest, invoice, or dispatch record shall be available for inspection and a
26 copy provided upon demand by law enforcement officers, by personnel authorized
27 by the division to perform enforcement duties or to the passenger.

28 (gh) The DCA may deny or refuse to renew the business permit of any vehicle for hire
29 business based upon the determination that:

30 (1) Any director, officer, owner or general partner was associated with another
31 vehicle for hire business whose permit was denied or revoked.

32 (2) An individual/business, or any of its directors, officers, owners or general partners
33 has not satisfied a civil fine or penalty arising out of any administrative or
34 enforcement action brought by DCA;

35 (3) Any individual/business, or any of its directors, officers, owners or general
36 partners has had any unsatisfied civil penalties, judgments or administrative orders
37 entered against it, him or her in any action brought by the DCA, or any government
38 agency, under the requirements of this article or a similar ordinance;

(4) Any individual/business, or any of its directors, officers, owners or general partners has failed to comply with the terms of a cease and desist order, notice to correct a violation, written assurance of voluntary compliance, or any other lawful order of the director, the DCA or the consumer affairs hearing board/special master.

(hi) Each vehicle for hire business operating in the county must secure a business operating permit and maintain a commercial business office or residential home office in the county. Each vehicle for hire company must place the actual written permit issued by the DCA in a location clearly visible to the public. There are only two (2) exceptions to maintaining a commercial business office or residential home office in the county:

(1) The vehicle for hire business may operate from Broward County, Miami-Dade County or any another Florida county/municipality where that jurisdiction licenses and regulates vehicle for hire companies and that business and all vehicles are licensed/decals to operate by that county/municipality and secures a vehicle for hire operating permit and vehicle decals from the county.

(2) The vehicle for hire business may operate from another county if no vehicle for hire license regulations exists in the other county and that business secures a vehicle for hire operating permit and decals from the county. Vehicle for hire companies with existing operating permits and decals from the county shall be exempt from this subsection.

(ij) A vehicle for hire company shall sign an affidavit attesting that each driver is eligible to be insured by the company's commercial automobile liability insurer and is in fact insured.

(jk) The company is required to notify the division, in writing, immediately but no later than ten (10) business days from the date that a driver is no longer insured by the vehicle for hire company's commercial automobile liability insurer.

(kl) For vehicles owned by the business, it shall be the responsibility of the business to remove and surrender to the division all decals issued for vehicles which are no longer operating for that business. The business must also remove all vehicle signage and top lights within ten (10) business days following the removal of a vehicle from service or termination of employment/contract with the business.

(lm) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section may result in denial of a permit(s), revocation or suspension of the permit(s), a denial of renewal of such permit(s), issuance of a civil citation, a misdemeanor conviction or other such remedies available to the division by law.

Section 4. Vehicle requirements.

Section 19-220 (b) and (c) of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code are amended to read as follows:

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2 (a) Age requirements. There shall be no age limitation for any vehicles, so long as
3 the vehicle complies with the inspection process referenced herein. A SUV, sedan,
4 taxicab, limousine, and transport van/shuttle or non-medical transportation vehicles shall
5 not be used as a vehicle for hire if it is older than ten (10) years based on the vehicle
6 registration. Any vehicle older than seven (7) years based on the registration of said
7 vehicle or when the vehicle exceeds threefive hundred and fifty thousand
8 (350,000500,000) miles, whichever is first, shall be required to pass a bi-annual
9 inspection. The bi-annual inspections shall be pursuant to vehicle safety, appearance,
10 operational and inspection requirements outlined in sections 19-223, 19-224, and 19-225
11 of this article.

12 (b) ~~It shall be a violation of this article to fail to meet the requirements of vehicles~~
13 ~~described in section 19-213: Limousines; non-medical, wheelchair and stretcher~~
14 ~~transportation services; SUVs; sedans; taxicabs; and transport vans/shuttles. Fleet~~
15 ~~Requirements.~~

16 (1) All new Taxicab companies submitting an application for a business permit
17 pursuant to section 19-218 on or after June 1, 2013, shall have a minimum of seven (7)
18 vehicles in its fleet, and shall include at least one handicap accessible vehicle. The rates
19 for handicap accessible vehicles shall not differ from the rates charged to non-disabled
20 passengers.

21 (2) All new Sedan/SUV companies submitting an application for a business permit
22 pursuant to section 19-218 on or after June 1, 2013, shall have a minimum of seven (7)
23 vehicles in its fleet.

24 (3) All new Van/Shuttle companies submitting an application for a business permit
25 pursuant to section 19-218 on or after June 1, 2013, shall have a minimum of seven (7)
26 vehicles in its fleet, and shall include at least one handicap accessible vehicle. The rates
27 for handicap accessible vehicles shall not differ from the rates charged to non-disabled
28 passengers.

29 (4) All new Limousine companies submitting an application for a business permit
30 pursuant to section 19-218 on or after June 1, 2013, shall have a minimum of two (2)
31 vehicles in its fleet.

32 (5) All new Non-medical wheelchair and stretcher transportation service companies
33 submitting an application for a business permit pursuant to section 19-218 on or after
34 June 1, 2013, shall have a minimum of two (2) vehicles in its fleet.

35 (6) All taxicab or van/shuttle companies with twenty (20) or more vehicles licensed
36 by the Division prior to June 1, 2013, shall have at least one handicap accessible vehicle
37 available beginning on December 1, 2014. The rates for handicap accessible vehicles
38 shall not differ from the rates charged to non-disabled passengers.

(c) Taxicabs.

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(9) Beginning on June 1, 2013, all new Taxicab companies licensed in Palm Beach County will be required to accept as a method of payment for the fare (in addition to cash or other forms of payment acceptable to the company), a bank debit card or credit card, including, but not limited to, Mastercard, Visa, and Discover, without additional charge or premium.

Section 5. Vehicle decal requirements.

Section 19-221 (b) of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code is amended to read as follows:

(b) Each vehicle decal issued pursuant to this section shall be valid and effective for one (1) year, terminating on ~~December 31~~ April 30 of each year.

Section 6. Commercial automobile liability insurance.

Section 19-226 (c) of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code is amended to read as follows:

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(c) Each certificate of insurance shall be submitted to the division directly from the insurer (or a duly authorized agent) and said certificate shall include a list of insured vehicles owned by the company, as well as a list of the drivers approved by the insurance company for operation of the any vehicles listed on the certificate.~~for hire and a list of insured vehicles. The business shall must provide the insurance company, as well as the division, with an updated and complete list of approved drivers and/or vehicles in the event said drivers or vehicles as changes are made throughout the licensing year. A new certificate of insurance shall be submitted to the Division directly from the insurer (or a duly authorized agent), but no later than thirty (30) business days after said a change has been made. The list of drivers must be provided to the DCA on a document directly from the insurance company/agent. For vehicles not owned by the business, the Division shall receive directly from the insurer (or a duly authorized agent), a copy of the certificate of insurance for said vehicle(s), identifying the owner and the corresponding driver(s) of said vehicle(s) and the name of the associated company, as proof that all have proper commercial automobile liability insurance for passenger transportation that meets or exceeds the minimum insurance limits as established by resolution of the board. each driver must be listed as "insured" on the insurance policy. It is a violation of this article to fail to abide by these requirements.~~

Section 7. Driver requirements; failure to comply.

Section 19-227 (a) (4), (c), (d) and (k) 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 the county without a 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:

(c) Each driver's I.D. badge shall be developed by the division. Each driver's I.D. badge shall, at a minimum, contain the name of the driver, date of expiration, photo of the driver, name of the company(s), and such additional terms, conditions, provisions and limitations as were imposed during the approval process. Drivers are required to submit a notarized affidavit signed by each permitted vehicle for hire company with whom s/he is driving. The affidavit (on a form prepared by the division) shall also include a statement by the business owner that the driver is eligible to be insured under the company's insurance policy. When a driver is no longer driving for a vehicle for hire company, the driver is required to notify the division within ten (10) business days. Failure to follow these requirements shall be a violation of this article.

(d) The division may issue a replacement I.D. badge to any driver upon application, payment of a nonrefundable replacement fee, presentation of proof or a sworn affidavit that the I.D. badge has been lost, stolen, change of company, or for any other valid reason, and any other documentation or requirement requested by the division. The replacement fee shall be established by resolution of the board.

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(4) Not have more than three (3) or more separate incidents involving moving violations in any twelve (12) month period in the previous three (3) years prior to the initial application or renewal of a Driver's I.D. Badge in which the applicant plead guilty or was found guilty or Not have accumulated more than twelve (12) points within a twelve-month period, eighteen (18) points within an eighteen-month period, or twenty-four (24) points within a thirty-six-month period for driving infractions;

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(k) Beginning on June 1, 2013, in addition to maintaining hygienically clean, well groomed and neat appearance, drivers must wear a collared shirt, long pants or a knee length skirt, and closed shoes.

Section 8. Start-up.

Section 19-235 of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code is amended to read as follows:

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(e) Beginning on June 1, 2016, all existing Taxicab companies licensed in Palm Beach County will be required to accept as a method of payment for the fare (in addition to cash or other forms of payment acceptable to the company), a bank debit card or credit card, including, but not limited to, Mastercard, Visa, and Discover, without additional charge or premium.

(f) Beginning on June 1, 2018, any new taxicab or van/shuttle companies with twenty (20) or more vehicles, shall have at least one handicap accessible vehicle available, and the rates and fees shall not differ from the rates for non-disabled passengers.

Section 9. 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 10. Savings clause.

Notwithstanding Section 9 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 Chapter 19, Article IX as set forth and amended by Ordinance No. 2001-15, 2008-43, 2011-007, 2011-032, and 2011-040, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. Severability.

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by the Court to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 12. Inclusion in the code of laws and ordinances.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the code of laws and ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed

1 to "section," "article," or any other appropriate word.

2 **Section 13. Captions.**

3 The captions, section headings, and section designations used in this Ordinance are for
4 convenience only and shall have no effect on the interpretation of the provisions of this
5 Ordinance.

6 **Section 14. Effective Date**

7 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Department
8 of State.

9 APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach
10 County, Florida, on this the _____ day of _____, 2013.

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13 SHARON R. BOCK,
14 CLERK & COMPTROLLER

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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18 Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Steven L. Abrams, Mayor

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21 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
22 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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26 County Attorney

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29 Filed with the Department of State on the _____ day of _____, 2013.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013 _____

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, AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2012-009, AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2013-003); RELATING TO TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE VEHICLE FOR HIRE ORDINANCE; AMENDING SECTION 19-213 (DEFINITIONS); AMENDING SECTION 19-214 (COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE REQUIRED); AMENDING SECTION 19-218 (BUSINESS PERMIT APPLICATION); AMENDING SECTION 19-220 (VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS); AMENDING SECTION 19-221 (VEHICLE DECAL REQUIREMENTS); AMENDING SECTION 19-226 (COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE); AMENDING SECTION 19-227 (DRIVER REQUIREMENTS; FAILURE TO COMPLY); AMENDING SECTION 19-235 (START-UP); 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.

WHEREAS, Chapter 125 (County Government) of the Florida Statutes establishes the right and power of counties to provide for the health, welfare and safety of the existing and future residents by enacting such business regulations necessary for the protection of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County finds and declares that the public welfare and safety of the existing and future residents requires the regulation and control of motor vehicles engaged in the transportation of persons, within the streets of Palm Beach County, with the intent to receive compensation; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County licenses and regulates taxicabs, limousines, sedans, vans, minibuses, SUVs for hire, non-medical transport vehicles for hire that operate in the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners voted to impose a moratorium on the acceptance of applications for, and the issuance of, Vehicle for Hire business permits to new companies providing transportation services to residents and visitors in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, during the moratorium period staff reviewed the industry practices,

1 considered various options to improve the quality and expand services offered, and
2 develop methods to increase the safety of vehicles operating in Palm Beach County; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the moratorium is due to expire on June 1, 2013, or at such time as
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17 "vehicle for hire company" shall mean any individual, partnership, association,
18 corporation, or other legal entity which holds business permits for or contracts with any
19 motorized, self-propelled vehicle(s) engaged in the transportation of persons upon the
20 streets of Palm Beach County who receive any compensation or salary for providing such
21 transportation. The term shall not be construed to exclude any person owning,
22 controlling, operating, or managing any type of motor vehicle used in the business of
23 transportation of persons for compensation. The term shall include, but not be limited to
24 non-medical wheelchair and stretcher transportation services, taxicabs, transport
25 vans/shuttles, sedans, SUVs, limousines, and the use of personal vehicle(s), regardless of
26 who owns said personal vehicle(s) engaged in the transportation of persons. The term
27 shall not apply to vehicles, companies and organizations identified in section 19-214 of
28 this Code.

29 **Section 2. Compliance with article required.**

30 Section 19-214 of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code shall be
31 amended to read as follows:

32 * * *

33 (d) A "Vehicle for Hire Company" must notify the Division in writing within 30
34 days of the date that any of its drivers are convicted of a criminal offense
35 (misdemeanor or felony crime), including all traffic offenses involving a driving

1 under the influence charge, a controlled substance charge, or a driver license
2 suspension/revocation charge.

3 (e) A "Vehicle for Hire Company" shall be responsible for its drivers' compliance
4 with all of the regulations required by this Ordinance.

5 (f) No "Vehicle for Hire Company" shall charge, demand, or request any fare other
6 than the prearranged amount agreed upon for the transportation service or the
7 amount shown on the taximeter.

8 (g) Any violation of this Ordinance is a civil infraction.

9 **Section 3. Business permit application.**

10 Section 19-218 of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (a) An individual or a vehicle for hire company not exempt pursuant to section 19-
13 214 shall make application to the division for a business permit. It is a violation
14 of this article to operate such companies without first securing a business permit
15 from the division. A business permit shall be issued annually only after
16 acceptance by the division of the following:

17 (1) Its legal, trade, corporate and/or fictitious name;

18 (2) Its local or Florida business address (mail centers or P.O. box addresses
19 are not acceptable);

20 (3) List of all business principals (i.e., owner, officers, partners, etc.) names,
21 addresses, dates of birth and Florida driver's license number. If applicable,
22 the name and address of the registered agent shall be provided.

23 (4) The year, make, model of manufacture, vehicle number (if applicable) and
24 specific coloring scheme of each vehicle for hire for which a business
25 permit is sought;

26 (5) The vehicle identification number and license tag number of each vehicle;

27 (6) A clear and legible copy of each vehicle's State of Florida registration
28 form;

29 (7) The name and vehicle for hire driver's I.D. badge number;

30 (8) Appropriate certificates, permits, local business tax receipts, (specifically
31 for vehicle for hire) and other authorization issued by the county and any
32 municipality if applicable;

33 (9) The original signed copy of the vehicle inspection form for each vehicle
34 being assigned a decal; and

35 (10) Payment of all business permit and vehicle decal fees in amounts set forth
36 by resolution of the board.

37 (b) No person maintaining, owning, or operating a vehicle for hire company shall
38 suffer or permit any person or employee to drive a vehicle for hire unless such

1 person has a valid vehicle for hire driver's I.D. badge issued pursuant to this
2 article.

3 (c) Each business permit issued pursuant to this section shall be valid and effective
4 for one (1) year, terminating on April 30 of each year.

5 (1) Failure to submit a business permit application and the required non-
6 refundable fee for renewal by March 1 of each year will result in the assessment
7 of a non-refundable late fee. The late fee shall be established by resolution of the
8 board.

9 (2) Upon submission of a new business permit application and all required
10 documents, the division shall provide the business with a receipt which shall
11 constitute a provisional business permit and shall be valid until the issuance or
12 denial of the business permit, whichever comes first.

13 (3) Businesses which fail to submit a complete application/renewal
14 application within thirty (30) calendar days after the business' receipt of the
15 division's notice of an incomplete application, shall be denied a business permit.
16 Within ten (10) business days of receipt of the division's notice of denial, such
17 businesses may refile a complete and corrected application and pay a non-
18 refundable re-filing fee established by resolution of the board. Failure to refile an
19 application within this ten-day period, will result in the business being required to
20 submit a new application and paying the non-refundable business permit fee and
21 vehicle decal fees.

22 (4) The DCA may deny or revoke a business permit if it is determined that the
23 applicant has misrepresented, omitted, concealed a fact on any application or
24 submitted any fraudulent or false document. If denied or revoked, said business
25 permit shall not be issued or reinstated for a period of one year from the date of
26 denial or revocation.

27 (5) No permit shall be valid for any Vehicle for Hire Company under any
28 other name or at any place other than that designated in the permit.

29 (6) If the business transfers, sells, changes or modifies its name or ownership
30 structure, the business shall be required to notify the division of consumer affairs
31 within forty-five (45) days of said change, and a new business permit application
32 shall be submitted. All business permit fees and administrative processing fees
33 approved by the board by resolution shall be assessed by the division. If the
34 transfer, sale, change or modification changes the ownership structure by more
35 than fifty-one (51) percent, it will be considered a new company, and new
36 business requirements and fees established by the board by resolution shall apply.
37 The adoption of a moratorium shall not preclude companies with existing
38 business permits from the transfer, sale or change of ownership to a new business.

- 1 (d) Any change in the information submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) above shall be
2 provided to the division within twenty (20) calendar days of said change. Failure
3 to provide such notice may result in the suspension or revocation of the
4 company's business permit.
- 5 (e) All vehicle for hire business permits which are not renewed, shall automatically
6 expire upon the expiration date as stated on the permit and the company shall
7 cease all vehicle for hire services immediately.
- 8 (f) All vehicle for hire business must maintain a written/electronic manifest or trip log
9 for each pickup/drop off of any passenger. The manifest shall be in the possession of
10 the vehicle for hire driver and business central dispatch and shall include but not be
11 limited to, the business name, the name of the driver and the driver's I.D. badge
12 number, the county vehicle for hire permit number (VFH#), the decal number of the
13 vehicle providing the service, the name, address and telephone number of the
14 passenger, the date, time and location where the service begins and ends, and the
15 total charges and method of payment for the service provided. In addition, each
16 original manifest, invoice, or dispatch record shall be available for inspection and a
17 copy provided upon demand by law enforcement officers, by personnel authorized
18 by the division to perform enforcement duties or to the passenger.
- 19 (g) The DCA may deny or refuse to renew the business permit of any vehicle for hire
20 business based upon the determination that:
- 21 (1) Any director, officer, owner or general partner was associated with another
22 vehicle for hire business whose permit was denied or revoked.
- 23 (2) An individual/business, or any of its directors, officers, owners or general partners
24 has not satisfied a civil fine or penalty arising out of any administrative or
25 enforcement action brought by DCA;
- 26 (3) Any individual/business, or any of its directors, officers, owners or general
27 partners has had any unsatisfied civil penalties, judgments or administrative orders
28 entered against it, him or her in any action brought by the DCA, or any government
29 agency, under the requirements of this article or a similar ordinance;
- 30 (4) Any individual/business, or any of its directors, officers, owners or general
31 partners has failed to comply with the terms of a cease and desist order, notice to
32 correct a violation, written assurance of voluntary compliance, or any other lawful
33 order of the director, the DCA or the consumer affairs hearing board/special master.
- 34 (h) Each vehicle for hire business operating in the county must secure a business
35 operating permit and maintain a commercial business office or residential home office in
36 the county. Each vehicle for hire company must place the actual written permit issued by
37 the DCA in a location clearly visible to the public. There are only two (2) exceptions to
38 maintaining a commercial business office or residential home office in the county:

1 (1) The vehicle for hire business may operate from Broward County, Miami-Dade
2 County or any another Florida county/municipality where that jurisdiction licenses
3 and regulates vehicle for hire companies and that business and all vehicles are
4 licensed/decals to operate by that county/municipality and secures a vehicle for hire
5 operating permit and vehicle decals from the county.

6 (2) The vehicle for hire business may operate from another county if no vehicle for
7 hire license regulations exists in the other county and that business secures a vehicle
8 for hire operating permit and decals from the county. Vehicle for hire companies with
9 existing operating permits and decals from the county shall be exempt from this
10 subsection.

11 (i) A vehicle for hire company shall sign an affidavit attesting that each driver is
12 eligible to be insured by the company's commercial automobile liability insurer and is in
13 fact insured.

14 (j) The company is required to notify the division, in writing, immediately but no later
15 than ten (10) business days from the date that a driver is no longer insured by the vehicle
16 for hire company's commercial automobile liability insurer.

17 (k) For vehicles owned by the business, it shall be the responsibility of the business to
18 remove and surrender to the division all decals issued for vehicles which are no longer
19 operating for that business. The business must also remove all vehicle signage and top
20 lights within ten (10) business days following the removal of a vehicle from service or
21 termination of employment/contract with the business.

22 (l) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section may result in denial of a
23 permit(s), revocation or suspension of the permit(s), a denial of renewal of such
24 permit(s), issuance of a civil citation, a misdemeanor conviction or other such remedies
25 available to the division by law.

26 **Section 4. Vehicle requirements.**

27 Section 19-220 (b) and (c) of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code are
28 amended to read as follows:

29 (a) Age requirements. There shall be no age limitation for any vehicles, so long as
30 the vehicle complies with the inspection process referenced herein. Any vehicle older
31 than seven (7) years based on the registration of said vehicle or when the vehicle
32 exceeds three hundred and fifty thousand (350,000) miles, whichever is first, shall be
33 required to pass a bi-annual inspection. The bi-annual inspections shall be pursuant to
34 vehicle safety, appearance, operational and inspection requirements outlined in sections
35 19-223, 19-224, and 19-225 of this article.

36 (b) Fleet Requirements.

1 (1) All new Taxicab companies submitting an application for a business permit
2 pursuant to section 19-218 on or after June 1, 2013, shall have a minimum of seven (7)
3 vehicles in its fleet, and shall include at least one handicap accessible vehicle. The rates
4 for handicap accessible vehicles shall not differ from the rates charged to non-disabled
5 passengers.

6 (2) All new Sedan/SUV companies submitting an application for a business permit
7 pursuant to section 19-218 on or after June 1, 2013, shall have a minimum of seven (7)
8 vehicles in its fleet.

9 (3) All new Van/Shuttle companies submitting an application for a business permit
10 pursuant to section 19-218 on or after June 1, 2013, shall have a minimum of seven (7)
11 vehicles in its fleet, and shall include at least one handicap accessible vehicle. The rates
12 for handicap accessible vehicles shall not differ from the rates charged to non-disabled
13 passengers.

14 (4) All new Limousine companies submitting an application for a business permit
15 pursuant to section 19-218 on or after June 1, 2013, shall have a minimum of two (2)
16 vehicles in its fleet.

17 (5) All new Non-medical wheelchair and stretcher transportation service companies
18 submitting an application for a business permit pursuant to section 19-218 on or after
19 June 1, 2013, shall have a minimum of two (2) vehicles in its fleet.

20 (6) All taxicab or van/shuttle companies with twenty (20) or more vehicles licensed
21 by the Division prior to June 1, 2013, shall have at least one handicap accessible vehicle
22 available beginning on December 1, 2014. The rates for handicap accessible vehicles
23 shall not differ from the rates charged to non-disabled passengers.

24 (c) Taxicabs.

25 * * *

26 (9) Beginning on June 1, 2013, all new Taxicab companies licensed in Palm Beach
27 County will be required to accept as a method of payment for the fare (in addition to
28 cash or other forms of payment acceptable to the company), a bank debit card or credit
29 card, including, but not limited to, Mastercard, Visa, and Discover, without additional
30 charge or premium.

31 **Section 5. Vehicle decal requirements.**

32 Section 19-221 (b) of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code is amended
33 to read as follows:

(b) Each vehicle decal issued pursuant to this section shall be valid and effective for one (1) year, terminating on April 30 of each year.

Section 6. Commercial automobile liability insurance.

Section 19-226 (c) of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code is amended to read as follows:

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(c) Each certificate of insurance shall be submitted to the division directly from the insurer (or a duly authorized agent) and said certificate shall include a list of insured vehicles owned by the company, as well as a list of the drivers approved by the insurance company for operation of the vehicles listed on the certificate.. The business shall provide the insurance company, as well as the division, with an updated and complete list of drivers and/or vehicles in the event said drivers or vehicles change throughout the licensing year. A new certificate of insurance shall be submitted to the Division directly from the insurer (or a duly authorized agent) no later than thirty (30) business days after said change has been made. For vehicles not owned by the business, the Division shall receive directly from the insurer (or a duly authorized agent), a copy of the certificate of insurance for said vehicle(s), identifying the owner and the corresponding driver(s) of said vehicle(s) and the name of the associated company, as proof that all have proper commercial automobile liability insurance for passenger transportation that meets or exceeds the minimum insurance limits as established by resolution of the board. It is a violation of this article to fail to abide by these requirements.

Section 7. Driver requirements; failure to comply.

Section 19-227 (a) (4), (c), (d) and (k) 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 the county without a 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:

(c) Each driver's I.D. badge shall be developed by the division. Each driver's I.D. badge shall, at a minimum, contain the name of the driver, date of expiration, photo of the driver, name of the company(s), and such additional terms, conditions, provisions and limitations as were imposed during the approval process. Drivers are required to submit a notarized affidavit signed by each permitted vehicle for hire company with whom s/he is driving. The affidavit (on a form prepared by the division) shall also include a statement by the business owner that the driver is eligible to be insured under the company's insurance policy. When a driver is no longer driving for a vehicle for hire company, the

1 driver is required to notify the division within ten (10) business days. Failure to
2 follow these requirements shall be a violation of this article.

- 3 (d) The division may issue a replacement I.D. badge to any driver upon application,
4 payment of a nonrefundable replacement fee, presentation of proof or a sworn
5 affidavit that the I.D. badge has been lost, stolen, change of company, or for any
6 other valid reason, and any other documentation or requirement requested by the
7 division. The replacement fee shall be established by resolution of the board.

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- 10 (4) Not have more than three (3) or more separate incidents involving moving
11 violations in any twelve (12) month period in the previous three (3) years
12 prior to the initial application or renewal of a Driver's I.D. Badge in which
13 the applicant plead guilty or was found guilty or have accumulated more
14 than twelve (12) points within a twelve-month period, eighteen (18) points
15 within an eighteen-month period, or twenty-four (24) points within a
16 thirty-six-month period for driving infractions;

17 * * *

- 18 (k) Beginning on June 1, 2013, in addition to maintaining hygienically clean, well
19 groomed and neat appearance, drivers must wear a collared shirt, long pants or a knee
20 length skirt, and closed shoes.

21 **Section 8. Start-up.**

22 Section 19-235 of Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County Code is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 * * *

- 25 (e) Beginning on June 1, 2016, all existing Taxicab companies licensed in Palm
26 Beach County will be required to accept as a method of payment for the fare (in addition
27 to cash or other forms of payment acceptable to the company), a bank debit card or credit
28 card, including, but not limited to, Mastercard, Visa, and Discover, without additional
29 charge or premium.

- 30 (f) Beginning on June 1, 2018, any new taxicab or van/shuttle companies with twenty
31 (20) or more vehicles, shall have at least one handicap accessible vehicle available, and
32 the rates and fees shall not differ from the rates for non-disabled passengers.

1 **Section 9. Repeal of laws in conflict.**

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

5 **Section 10. Savings clause.**

6 Notwithstanding Section 9 of this Ordinance regarding repeal of laws in conflict, all
7 administrative and court orders, fines, and pending enforcement issued pursuant to this
8 authority and procedures established by Chapter 19, Article IX of the Palm Beach County
9 Code Chapter 19, Article IX as set forth and amended by Ordinance No. 2001-15, 2008-
10 43, 2011-007, 2011-032, and 2011-040, shall remain in full force and effect.

11 **Section 11. Severability.**

12 If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any
13 reason held by the Court to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, it is the intent of the
14 Board of County Commissioners that such holding shall not affect the remainder of this
15 Ordinance.

16 **Section 12. Inclusion in the code of laws and ordinances.**

17 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the code of laws
18 and ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be
19 renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed
20 to "section," "article," or any other appropriate word.

21 **Section 13. Captions.**

22 The captions, section headings, and section designations used in this Ordinance are for
23 convenience only and shall have no effect on the interpretation of the provisions of this
24 Ordinance.

25 **Section 14. Effective Date**

26 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Department
27 of State.

28 APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach
29 County, Florida, on this the _____ day of _____, 2013.

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2 SHARON R. BOCK,
3 CLERK & COMPTROLLER

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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6 By _____
7 Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Steven L. Abrams, Mayor

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10 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
11 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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14 By: _____
15 County Attorney

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18 Filed with the Department of State on the _____ day of _____, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2013 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. R-2011-1977, ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES REQUIRED BY THE REVISED VEHICLE FOR HIRE ORDINANCE, AND ESTABLISHING MINIMUM COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE LIMITS FOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMPANIES.

WHEREAS, SECTION 125.01(n), Florida Statutes authorizes Palm Beach County to license and regulate taxicabs, limousines for hire, and other passenger vehicles for hire that operate in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Vehicle for Hire Ordinance, as codified in the Palm Beach County Code, Chapter 19, Article IX, requires certain fees to be established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Section 19-233 of the Vehicle for Hire provisions of the Palm Beach County Code requires a schedule of fees and provides that all such fees collected shall be deposited in a separate account and shall be used exclusively to accomplish the purpose of the Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 19-226 (a) of the Vehicle for Hire provisions of the Palm Beach County Code requires each Vehicle for Hire Company to meet or exceed minimum commercial automobile liability insurance limits established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that

- A) The Vehicle for Hire fees and minimum commercial automobile liability insurance limits for Vehicle for Hire Companies are hereby adopted as referenced in the chart entitled Palm Beach County Code of Ordinances - Vehicle for Hire Schedule of Fees and Minimum Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance Limits for Vehicle for Hire Companies – Exhibit “A,” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- B) Resolution No. R-2011-1977 previously adopted for vehicle-for-hire fees is hereby repealed.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____,

and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Steven L. Abrams, Mayor	_____
Priscilla A. Taylor, Vice-Mayor	_____
Commissioner Hal R. Valeche	_____
Commissioner Paulette Burdick	_____
Commissioner Shelley Vana	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Berger	_____
Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria	_____

The Mayor thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of April 2013.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: _____
Assistant County Attorney

County Code of Ordinances - Vehicle for Hire
Schedule of Fees and Minimum Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance
Limits for Vehicle for Hire Companies – Exhibit “A”

Type of Fee	Amount
Initial New Business Application Fee (Effective June 1, 2013)	\$10,000
Annual Vehicle for Hire Business Permit Application Fee	\$225
Annual Vehicle Decal Fee	\$100
Driver's Identification (I.D.) Badge Fee (2 years)	\$100
Florida Department of Law Enforcement Criminal History Record Check (or cost to County charged by FDLE)	\$24
Florida HSMV Driver Record History (Effective June 1, 2013)	\$16.25
Vehicle for Hire Business Permit Application Late Fee	Up to 30 days \$100 From 31 to 60 days \$150 61 days or more \$200
Vehicle for Hire Business Permit Refiling Fee	\$50
Driver's I.D. Badge Late Fee	Up to 1 year \$30
Driver's I.D. Badge Replacement Fee (lost, stolen, or change of company)	\$30
Administrative Appeal Filing Fee	\$100
Administrative Appeal Filing Fee for no proof of insurance	\$100
Short term Vehicle Decal Fee	\$25
Inspection Rescheduling Fee	\$25
Failed to Appear for Rescheduled Inspection Fee	\$50
Administrative Insurance Reactivation Fee	First time \$250 All other instances \$500
Reinstatement Fee for Suspended Business/Driver I.D. Badge (50% of regular fees) (except when the Administrative Insurance Reactivation Fee is applied)	Business \$50 Driver I.D. Badge \$30
Business name change, ownership change, or transfer fee (Effective June 1, 2013)	\$500
<p>Minimum Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance Limits: Each Vehicle for Hire Company shall insure each for-hire vehicle with commercial automobile liability insurance for passenger transportation which meets or exceeds the following minimum requirements: 1) Three Hundred Thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) for injuries per occurrence or accident, 2) One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) for injuries per person in any one (1) occurrence or accident, and 3) Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for property damage in any one (1) occurrence or accident. 4) As an alternative to numbers 1) through 3) above, commercial automobile liability insurance may be secured at a minimum of Three Hundred Thousand dollars (\$300,000) combined single limit (CSL).</p>	