

# GENERAL

## Ordinance Fact Sheet

**Brief Title**

Amendment to chapter 76.

**Approval Deadline**

**Ordinance Number**

**Reason**

Please see below.

**Details**

**Reason for Legislation**

To enact revised ordinances under sections 76-32, 76-40, 76-75, 76-103 and 76-232 in order to clean up, correct and better explain the current language.

**Positions / Responsibilities**

**Sponsor**

None.

**Programs, Departments, or Groups Affected**

**Applicants / Proponents**

Applicant: Jim Ready  
Regulated Industries Division Manager

City Department  
Neighborhood & Housing Services

Other

**Opponents**

Groups or Individuals

Basis of opposition

**Staff Recommendation**

- For
- Against

Reason Against

**Board or Commission Recommendation**

- By
- For                       Against
  - No action taken
  - For, with revisions or conditions  
(see details column for conditions)

**Council Committee Actions**

- Do Pass
- Do Pass (as amended)
- Committee Sub.
- Without Recommendation
- Hold
- Do Not Pass

**Discussion**

1. Changes to section 76-32 were made to change to the definition of taximeter in order to better clarify that the taximeter must be made visible to the public at all times so they know how the rate is being calculated and what it will be.
2. Changes to section 76-40(b)(1) & (c)(1) were made to describe what needs to be in working order within any vehicle for hire. Inspections of taxicab vehicles have found that some do not have a functioning trunk hood or latch, windows, windshield wipers, and tires that are in good repair and it is for this reason this language has been added.
3. Under section 76-103, subsections (c), (d), and (e) have been eliminated because they refer to a test that is no longer given because it has been eliminated in another section of the ordinance.
4. Changes to section 76-75 were made to add sightseeing vehicles into the fee section as this was accidentally eliminated when the last change was made. This change also condenses the fee structure language.
5. Changes to section 76-232 have been made to bring it into alignment with the definition of a taximeter as it is currently contradictory as to what the definition states. The definition of a taximeter currently states "taximeter means a meter instrument or device attached to a taxicab, which measures the distance driven and the waiting time upon which the fare is based". However, this section of the ordinance currently states "livery, transportation network and sightseeing vehicles shall not be equipped with a taximeter". There are companies that use a meter instrument to monitor the trip a passenger takes to calculate the wait time. The "wait time" charge is for traveling under 11 mph and would be used in the instance of sitting in a traffic jam.

**Details**

Is It Good for the Children? This ordinance was not written with the intent to benefit nor harm the children in any way.

How will this contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?

By clarifying the ordinances, all vehicle for hire companies will have a better understanding of how the ordinances read and the citizens will have more assurances that any taxicab in which they ride will be in good operating condition.

**Policy / Program Impact**

<b>Policy or Program Change</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Operational Impact Assessment</b>	

**Finances**

<b>Cost &amp; Revenue</b>	Cost of Legislation \$ <u>0</u>
	Increase/Decrease in Revenue Expected Annually <b>None.</b>
<b>Fund Sources</b>	

*(Use this space for further discussion, if necessary)*

**Applicable Dates:**

**Fact Sheet Prepared By:** Jim Ready, Manager, Regulated Industries Division

**Reviewed By:**

**Reference Numbers:**