

ORDINANCE NO. 1014

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON
AMENDING ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 5.07 TAXIS –
BUSINESSES AND DRIVERS OF THE SHORELINE MUNICIPAL
CODE FOR THE REGULATION OF FOR-HIRE
TRANSPORTATION.**

WHEREAS, by interlocal agreement and the enactment of Shoreline Municipal Code Article VII of Chapter 5.07 Taxis - Businesses and Drivers, the City Council has delegated to King County the authority to license and regulate the business of taxis operating in the City; and

WHEREAS, the King County Council, with the passage of King County Ordinance Nos. 19699 and 19700 in 2023 and 2024, has updated the King County Code (KCC) to regulate the for-hire transportation industry under both KCC Chapter 6.64 For-Hire Transportation – Transportation Network Companies, Vehicles and Drivers and a new chapter, KCC Chapter 6.65 For-Hire Transportation – Regional For-Hire Drivers, Regional Dispatch Agencies, Taxicabs, and For-Hire Drivers; and

WHEREAS, the King County Council, with the passage of Ordinance No. 19693, has authorized the King County Executive to execute an updated interlocal agreement with local jurisdictions, including the City of Shoreline, to provide for-hire regulatory services; and

WHEREAS, the updated interlocal agreement incorporated KCC Chapter 6.65 by reference and requires the City to update the Shoreline Municipal Code to incorporate KCC Chapter 6.65 by reference; and

WHEREAS, Article VII of Chapter 5.07 of the Shoreline Municipal Code incorporates by reference KCC Chapter 6.64 and, therefore, an amendment to Article VII of Chapter 5.07 is necessary to incorporate KCC Chapter 6.65 in addition to incorporating KCC Chapter 6.64; and

WHEREAS, RCW 31.21.180, 35A.11.020, and 35A21.160 authorize the City to adopt KCC Chapters 6.64 and 6.65 by reference;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment – Article VII of Chapter 5.07 Regulatory Business Licenses is amended as follows:

Article VII. ~~Taxis—Businesses and Drivers~~ For-Hire Transportation

5.07.710 ~~Authority to adopt.~~ For-hire transportation licensing and regulation – Adoption by reference.

5.07.720 ~~Adoption of administrative rules.~~ Authority to enforce.

5.07.730 Adoption of certain other rules.

5.07.710 ~~Authority to adopt.~~ For-hire transportation licensing and regulation – Adoption by reference.

A. Pursuant to RCW 31.21.180, 35A.11.020, and 35A21.160, †The City adopts by reference Title Chapter 6.64 and Chapter 6.65 of the King County Code (Exhibit A) as presently constituted or hereinafter amended for the licensing, regulation, administrative, and enforcement of For-Hire Transportation within the city of Shoreline. A copy of these chapters is available for review in the City Clerk’s Office. Exhibit A is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

B. The City adopts by reference any King County Administrative Rules promulgated pursuant to Chapters 6.64 and/or 6.65 as presently constituted or hereinafter amended.

C. Any reference in Chapters 6.64 or 6.65 of the King County Code, or any administrative rule promulgated pursuant to those chapters, to the “County” or to “King County” shall refer to the city of Shoreline unless the context requires otherwise.

5.07.720 ~~Adoption of Administrative Rules.~~ Authority to enforce.

~~Hereby further adopted by reference are any and all implementing administrative rules now in effect regarding taxis—businesses and drivers, that have been adopted either pursuant to King County Code, Chapter 2.98, Rules of County Agencies, or elsewhere in the King County Code except that, unless the context requires otherwise, any reference to the “County” or to “King County” shall refer to the City of Shoreline, and any reference to County staff shall refer to the City Manager or designee.~~

A. The City hereby delegates to King County the authority to enforce the provisions of this Article VII of this chapter consistent with Chapters 6.64 and 6.65 of the King County Code and promulgated administrative rules, including the authority to issue, deny, restrict, suspend, or revoke vehicle medallions, vehicle endorsements, for-hire driver’s licenses, for-hire driver’s permits, regional for-hire driver’s licenses and enhanced regional for-hire driver’s licenses, company licenses, and agency licenses.

B. The City hereby delegates to King County the authority to conduct administrative appeals of King County’s licensing and permitting

determinations made, and enforcement actions taken on behalf of the City pursuant to this Article VII of this chapter consistent with Chapters 6.64 and 6.65 of the King County Code and promulgated administrative rules. Any administrative appeals shall be conducted by the King County Hearing Examiner, or its successor, on behalf of the City unless the City or the County determines that a particular appeal shall be heard by the City Hearing Examiner.

C. Nothing in this Article VII of this chapter is intended to divest the city of Shoreline of authority to issue notices of violation and court citations for violations of this Article VII. The authority to issue notices of violations and court citations may be exercised by either King County or the city of Shoreline.

5.07.730 Adoption of certain other rules.

To the extent that any provision of the King County Code, or any other law, rule or regulation referenced in the attached regulations, is necessary or convenient to establish the validity, enforceability or interpretation of Chapters 6.64 or 6.65 of the King County Code, then such provision of the King County Code, or other law, rule or regulation, is hereby adopted by reference.

Section 2. Corrections by the City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and/or the Code Reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including the corrections of scrivener or clerical errors; references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering and references.


Section 3. Severability. Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance or its application to any person or situation be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to any person or situation.

Section 4. Effective Date. A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and the ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 15, 2024.



Christopher Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jessica Simulcik Smith
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Margaret King
City Attorney

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