

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 4(A)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** June 4, 2024

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance relating to for-hire motor vehicles; amending sections 31-302 and 31-304 of the Code; providing for exemptions to the Ambassador Cab Chauffeur dress code requirement; adding definitions and making technical changes

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The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Marleine Bastien.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 4(A)  
6-4-24

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE RELATING TO FOR-HIRE MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTIONS 31-302 AND 31-304 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS TO THE AMBASSADOR CAB CHAUFFEUR DRESS CODE REQUIREMENT; ADDING DEFINITIONS AND MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, on January 29, 2014, this Board adopted Ordinance No. 14-09, which among other things, designated taxicabs that transport persons and their baggage from Miami International Airport and the Port of Miami as Ambassador Cabs; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 14-09 also created special registration requirements for Ambassador Cab Chauffeurs, including a dress code; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, (“Code”) does not provide for any exemptions to the dress code, even upon a showing of a bona fide medical need; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to amend the Code to provide that the director of the department responsible for regulating chapter 31 of the Code may, upon a written request and a showing of a bona fide, documented medical reason(s), exempt an Ambassador Cab Chauffeur from the dress code requirement,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** Section 31-302 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

**Sec. 31-302. - Definitions.**

For purposes of this article the following definitions shall apply:

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>>(f) “Department” or “DTPW” means the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works, or its predecessor department or successor department, responsible for regulating Chapter 31 of the Code.

(g) “Director” means the director of the Department or the director’s designee.<<

**Section 2.** Section 31-304 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 31-304. - Chauffeur's registration—Additional taxicab requirements.**

Each chauffeur shall:

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(6) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, ~~[[twelve (12) months after the effective date of this ordinance,]]~~ any chauffeur who seeks authorization to pick-up passengers at Miami International Airport and the Port of Miami shall be required to register with the Department ~~[[of Regulatory and Economic Resources]]~~ and meet with and abide by the following standards:

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<sup>1</sup> Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

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(h) Chauffeurs of Ambassador Cabs shall~~[[, without exception,]]~~ wear a collared shirt, dark trousers or skirt and closed shoes>>. The Director may, upon written request and a showing of a bona fide, documented medical reason(s), exempt a Chauffeur from this requirement<<;

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**Section 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

**Section 4.** It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency:

  


Prepared by:

Dale P. Clarke

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Marleine Bastien