

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING ARTICLE I (GENERAL PROVISIONS), ARTICLE IV (HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES), ARTICLE V (LIMOUSINE SERVICES), ARTICLE VI (PEDICAB SERVICES), ARTICLE VII (TOUR AND CHARTER SERVICE) AND ARTICLE VIII (TAXICABS), AND ADDING ARTICLE III (GROUP CYCLE SERVICES) TO CHAPTER 33 OF THE CITY CODE OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS, MODIFY THE PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO OPERATING PERMITS, DRIVERS PERMITS AND VEHICLES, TO ALLOW FOR EQUINE DRAWN CARRIAGES, TO MODIFY CERTAIN FEES AND TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF GROUP CYCLES, WITH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

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WHEREAS, vehicle for hire services allow people to visit the City of San Antonio for business and for pleasure, and enhance the enjoyment and experiences of those who visit by allowing access to the different areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, vehicle for hire services are likewise convenient and necessary for many residents of the City of San Antonio for business and pleasure, and for essential personal and family needs including food and medical care; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of San Antonio to modify certain provisions that apply to Chapter 33 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas (City Code), and to provide for the operation of Group Cycle Services, while retaining the existing penalties for violations; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish such revisions, it is necessary to modify Chapter 33 of the City Code, Vehicles for Hire, in Articles I, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII and to add Article III; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. City Code Chapter 33, Articles I, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII are amended as stated in Attachment A, with strikethroughs indicating deletions and underlines indicating additions, and Article III is hereby added, as stated in Attachment B, both of which attachments are incorporated herein in their entirety.

SECTION 2. The remainder of City Code Chapter 33 shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Should any portion of this ordinance for any reason be held illegal, inoperative, invalid, unconstitutional or ineffective, the remainder shall, nevertheless, stand effective and valid as if it had been enacted or ordained without the portion held to be illegal, inoperative, invalid, unconstitutional or ineffective.

SECTION 4. The publishers of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas are authorized to amend said Code to reflect the changes adopted herein, to correct typographical errors and to format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing Code.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk of the City of San Antonio is hereby directed to publish notice of this Ordinance as required by Section 17 of the Charter of the City of San Antonio and the laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect April 1, 2016.

PASSED and APPROVED this 3rd day of March, 2016.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Martha G. Sepeda, Acting City Attorney