Chapter 33 - Taxicab Permits

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Background – Taxicab Permits

- 886 Taxi Permits
- Set by a formula:
  - 1 cab per 1700 population
- Current code requires a cab operator to have at least three permits
- November 2016 – petition submitted by 200 drivers

Direction from City Council (December 2016)

- **Meet and attempt to address request for single owner/operator permits**
- **Same standards**
- **Other Cities:**
  - **San Diego**
  - **Houston**
  - **Dallas**
  - **Minneapolis**

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Issues

- **Taxi industry has undergone major changes since the arrival of TNCs**
- **Individuals want the opportunity to work for themselves**
- **Not an issue of too many taxis**
- **Supply and demand**
- **Policy discussion: What is the City's role in determining who can drive a taxi?**

Alternatives

1) **Change code to allow for owner/operator permits**

2) **A. Remove the formula from City Code**

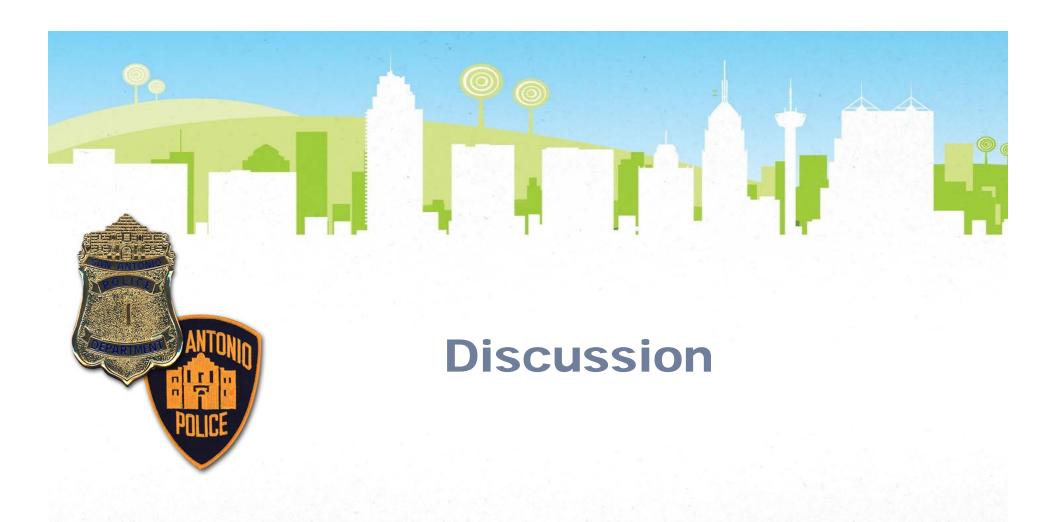   **B. Work with current companies to identify permits not being used.**

Recommendations

- **Present to full City Council this issue**
  - **Creation of owner/operator permits**
  - **Remove the formula**

Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

- **Innovation and TCI review**
- **Present alternatives to the Transportation Committee at the January or February 2018 Meetings**

Discussion

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