



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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October 12, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Biennial Report on Public Convenience and Necessity Regarding Taxicab Service (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In May 2000, the City Council passed Resolution C-27694 closing the time period for the filing of taxicab applications until specifically opened by the City Council. In addition, the Resolution requires that not less than once every two years, beginning in October 2002, the City Manager conduct an investigation into the public convenience and necessity regarding taxicab service and recommend whether the period for filing of applications should be opened or remain closed. If it is determined by the City Council that the number of authorized taxicabs is *sufficient* for the needs of the City, then the time period for the filing of applications shall remain closed. If, on the other hand, the City Council determines that the number of authorized taxicabs is *insufficient* for the needs of the City, then the time period for the filing of applications will be opened.

City staff has conducted an investigation (report attached) into the public convenience and necessity regarding taxicab service. This report examines the taxicab service being provided to both resident and transient taxicab customers, finds that Long Beach Yellow Cab is providing satisfactory service, predicts the number of taxicabs authorized to operate in the City of Long Beach will be sufficient, and recommends that the period for filing of taxicab applications remain closed.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on September 29, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on September 30, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Resolution C-27694 requires the biennial report on public convenience and necessity of taxicab service be made within two years of the previous October 29, 2002, report.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. The annual business license tax for 175 taxicabs is \$66,094 and is due January 1, 2005 and it will be credited to the General Fund.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Receive and file the attached report, determine that the number of authorized taxicabs is sufficient, and direct that the time period for filing of taxicab applications remain closed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

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APPROVED:



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