

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 070162)

RESOLUTION

Calling upon the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to require taxicab providers doing business in a City of the First Class to provide handicapped accessible vehicles to service those needing such transportation at a rate no higher than that charged non-handicapped passengers.

WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania all local taxicab operators are licensed and regulated by the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission (PUC); and

WHEREAS, The PUC regulates and licenses taxi operators and companies to run their service in a certain geographic area; and

WHEREAS, Currently the PUC does not require taxicab companies to operate any wheelchair accessible cabs in order to be licensed; and

WHEREAS, It may be in the power of the PUC to adopt a policy or position statement with such a stipulation; and

WHEREAS, All taxicab companies providing transportation within a City of the First Class should provide vehicles readily accessible to and useable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs and scooters at a rate no higher than that charged non-handicapped passengers; and

WHEREAS, Each taxi cab company operating within the City of Harrisburg should provide a level of service, including but not limited to, response time and fee, which is comparable to the level of services provided to individuals without disabilities such taxi cab service; and

WHEREAS, The freedom and choice to call or hail an accessible cab – to get spur of the minute transportation, to have access to the full range of transportation possibilities offered to the public – is part of fully participating in the community life of our Commonwealth; now therefore

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RESOLVED, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Calls on the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission to require taxicab providers doing business in a City of the First Class to provide handicapped accessible vehicles to service those needing such transportation at a rate no higher than that charged non-handicapped passengers.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the first of March, 2007.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Campbell

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Campbell, Greenlee, Goode, Tasco, Kenney, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Blackwell, Rizzo, Savage, Miller, Reynolds Brown, DiCicco, Ramos, Krajewski, Kelly and O'Neill