

# TRANSPORTATION

## MOTION

Nine existing ordinances grant franchises to taxi companies, giving them the exclusive right to provide taxicab service in the City. The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is working to replace the current taxicab franchise regulatory framework with an open market permitting system. On June 30, 2020, the Council extended the existing taxicab franchises until February 28, 2021 (10-0996-S1) to allow staff to complete the steps necessary to implement the new taxicab permit system and develop a new permit fee program.

As part of the current franchise system, taxicab companies must adhere to a vehicle replacement schedule, including the phase-out of 2009 and 2010 model year vehicles by December 31, 2020. The ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic has challenged the taxicab industry, which will be compounded by the requirement to upgrade existing vehicle model years. The Department's reduced staff and resources also makes it challenging to inspect and approve hundreds of new vehicles. By allowing these vehicles to remain in service for a slightly longer time, taxicab companies can save precious dollars during a difficult financial time for the industry.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council authorize the Department of Transportation to extend the 2009 and 2010 vehicle model year limitation in the current taxicab franchises from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

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