

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending the City's nine taxicab franchise agreements, currently set to expire on February 28, 2021, for an additional six-month period to August 31, 2021.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 2.2(b) of Ordinance No. 181417, granting to United Independent Taxi Drivers, Inc., d.b.a. United Taxi of San Fernando Valley, a franchise to operate in the City, shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Franchise shall expire at 11:59 P.M., August 31, 2021, unless revoked or terminated by Council action."

Sec. 2. Section 2.2(b) of Ordinance No. 181418, granting to San Gabriel Transit Inc., d.b.a. City Cab, a franchise to operate in the City, shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Franchise shall expire at 11:59 P.M., August 31, 2021, unless revoked or terminated by Council action."

Sec. 3. Section 2.2(b) of Ordinance No. 181419, granting to L.A. Taxi Cooperative, Inc., d.b.a. Yellow Cab Company, a franchise to operate in the City, shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Franchise shall expire at 11:59 P.M., August 31, 2021, unless revoked or terminated by Council action."

Sec. 4. Section 2.2(b) of Ordinance No. 181420, granting to Beverly Hills Transit Cooperative, Inc., d.b.a. Beverly Hills Cab Company, a franchise to operate in the City, shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Franchise shall expire at 11:59 P.M., August 31, 2021, unless revoked or terminated by Council action."

Sec. 5. Section 2.2(b) of Ordinance No. 181421, granting to United Independent Taxi Drivers, Inc., d.b.a. United Independent Taxi, a franchise to operate in the City, shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Franchise shall expire at 11:59 P.M., August 31, 2021, unless revoked or terminated by Council action."

Sec. 6. Section 2.2(b) of Ordinance No.181422, granting to Independent Taxi Owner's Association, d.b.a. Independent Taxi, a franchise to operate in the City, shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Franchise shall expire at 11:59 P.M., August 31, 2021, unless revoked or terminated by Council action."

Sec. 7. Section 2.2(b) of Ordinance No. 181423, granting to L.A. Checker Cab Cooperative, Inc., d.b.a. L.A. Checker Cab, a franchise to operate in the City, shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Franchise shall expire at 11:59 P.M., August 31, 2021, unless revoked or terminated by Council action."

Sec. 8. Section 2.2(b) of Ordinance No. 181424, granting to Bell Cab Company, Inc., d.b.a. Bell Cab, a franchise to operate in the City, shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Franchise shall expire at 11:59 P.M., August 31, 2021, unless revoked or terminated by Council action."

Sec. 9. Section 2.2(b) of Ordinance No. 181425, granting to South Bay Cooperative, Inc., d.b.a. United Checker Cab, a franchise to operate in the City, shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Franchise shall expire at 11:59 P.M., August 31, 2021, unless revoked or terminated by Council action."

Sec. 10. **URGENCY CLAUSE.** The City Council finds and declares that this ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public peace, health, and safety for the following reason: National, state, and local emergencies have already been declared in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. City residents rely on the transportation provided by taxicabs for many essential needs, including grocery shopping and medical appointments. Due to the diversion of LADOT staff during the COVID-19 emergency, the Department has not been able to complete all of the steps necessary to implement a taxicab permit system by March 1, 2021. Therefore, in order to preserve the Department's ability to enforce current regulations, it is necessary to extend the franchise system for an additional six-month period to August 31, 2021. The City Council adopts this ordinance to become effective upon publication pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 253.

Sec. 11. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By  _____
MICHAEL D. NAGLE
Deputy City Attorney

Date 2/19/2021

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths** of all its members.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____