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	Agenda Item No.	24
	Roll Call No.	<u>16-0214</u>
	Communication No.	<u>16-063</u>
	Submitted by:	Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorize refund of 2015 Taxi and Limousine Driver’s License fees paid.

SYNOPSIS:

Approve issuing refunds to individuals that obtained taxi and limousine driver’s licenses from the City prior to April 6, 2015, the effective date of Article V in Chapter 126 of the Des Moines Municipal Code.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$17,020

Funding Source: 2015-2016 Operating Budget, Page 81, Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation – Traffic Engineering EG062084.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On March 23, 2015, City Council approved amendments to Chapter 126 of the Municipal Code include Vehicle Transportation Services and established effective date and grandfather rights.

The amendments included that each Vehicle for Hire Company is responsible for obtaining both criminal and driving record background checks on drivers. The City Council action allowed for drivers currently licensed to drive without further qualification or payment of additional fees through December 31, 2015. As of the effective date of April 6, 2015, the City no longer issued individual Taxi/Limo Driver’s License. New drivers after April 6, 2015 would need background checks performed by their companies in accordance with the new ordinance.

Drivers and company representatives have expressed concern with existing drivers being required to obtain a license from the City while new drivers did not pay the City for a license in 2015. This action refunds the driver’s cost for their taxi and/or limousine driver’s license obtained from the City in 2015 prior to the April 6, 2015 effective date. If approved, 423 drivers would qualify for this refund.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 23, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-0551](#) and [15-0552](#)

Action: Items regarding Vehicle Transportation Services:

- (A) [Amendment](#) to the Schedule of Fees. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.
- (B) [Effective](#) date and grandfather rights. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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