

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: July 11, 2016
	Agenda Item No. 43 Roll Call No. <u>16-1147</u> Communication No. <u>16-375</u> Submitted by: Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code to allow licensing for Pedicabs.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the first reading of the ordinance regarding the proposed ordinance changes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Estimated up to \$500 per year.

Funding Source: 2016-2017 Operating Budget, Page 80 Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation – Ordinance and Accident Investigation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

At the April 11, 2016 City Council meeting, City Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance regarding licensing of pedicabs in the City. Pedicabs are typically a bicycle with some type of attached buggy to carry passengers.

The recommended ordinance changes provide for:

- The definition of “pedicab.”
- \$1 million liability insurance required to operate in the City.
- Pedicab operator must have valid identification.
- Pedicab operator must adhere to rules outlined in Chapter 114 for Bicycles.
- Pedicabs are not allowed to operate on streets with speed limits greater than 35 mph.

The company must apply for an annual license and demonstrate that they meet the requirements above. Each individual pedicab must also have a sticker clearly displayed on the buggy showing that they are licensed to operate in Des Moines. The annual application fee will be \$100 per company and the annual license sticker fee will be \$10 per pedicab. The license will expire December 31st of each year; however, for this first year, the initial license will be valid for operation until December 31, 2017.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 11, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-0606](#)

Action: [From](#) David Cornelison to speak regarding insurance requirements for pedicabs. Moved by Hensley to adopt; refer to the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding licensing of pedicabs. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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