

ORDINANCE NO. 185496

Authorize Administrative Rule process for special permitting of for-hire transportation operators conducting return medical transportation trips from non-contiguous medical brokerage areas (Ordinance; amend Code Sections 16.40.090, 16.40.130 and 16.40.190)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Private for-hire transportation providers are contracted with non-contiguous medical brokerages to bring clients from distant areas to Portland for necessary medical treatment. These providers are also contracted to provide the return trip.
2. Non-contiguous medical brokerages are agencies authorized by the Oregon Health Authority to transport non-emergency patients. Examples of non-contiguous medical brokerages include Rogue Valley Transit, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, Lane Transit District and Cascades West COG.
3. Transportation costs and environmental impacts are minimized by round trip transportation for these long distance trips.
4. The well being and safety of the medical transport passenger needs to be considered when regulating specially assisted transportation.
5. The convenience and comfort of the client is enhanced by provision of round trip service.
6. Distant medical transportation providers are concerned that they may receive penalties under PCC 16.40 if they provide round trip medical transportation without City of Portland driver, company and vehicle permits.
7. State of Oregon regulations provide for criminal and background checks for drivers, and vehicle inspections which are significantly equivalent to the standards for City of Portland permits.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Director of the Revenue Bureau is hereby authorized to provide by Administrative Rule a special permitting process for round trip medical transportation providers (drivers, companies and vehicles), only for trips authorized through transportation brokerages having agreements with the Oregon Health Authority, and only for providers working solely under contract with non-contiguous brokerages,

and only when the same provider transports the patient to Portland under the agreement with the non-contiguous provider.

- b. The Director is authorized to provide this special process for round trip transport on trips contracted by the non-contiguous brokerage where the provider is transporting the patient to a medical facility in Portland, and is responsible also for the return trip to the patient's place of residence.
- c. Add PCC 16.40.090 I. as follows:
 - I. The Director is authorized to provide by Administrative Rule the special permitting process for round trip medical transportation from distant areas for service provided by medical brokerages under contract with the Oregon Health Authority.
- d. Add PCC 16.40.130 E. as follows:
 - E. The Director is authorized to provide by Administrative Rule the special permitting process for round trip medical transportation from distant areas for service provided by medical brokerages under contract with the Oregon Health Authority.
- e. Add PCC 16.40.190 K. as follows:
 - K. The Director is authorized to provide by Administrative Rule a substitute decal or permit card for round trip medical transportation from distant areas for service provided by medical brokerages under contract with the Oregon Health Authority.

Passed by the Council: JUL 11 2012

Commissioner: Mayor Sam Adams


Prepared by: Kathleen Butler

Date Prepared: June 12, 2012

LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE

Auditor of the City of Portland

By:


Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Adams	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>JUN 22 2012</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams <i>John Thys</i>	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz	
Position 2/Works - Fish	By: <i>Susan Larson</i>
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman	Deputy
Position 4/Safety - Leonard	
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Revenue Bureau Head: Thomas W. Lannom <i>Thomas W. Lannom</i>	ACTION TAKEN: JUN 27 2012 PASSED TO SECOND READING JUL 11 2012 9:30 A.M.
Prepared by: Kathleen Butler Date Prepared: June 12, 2012	
Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Council Meeting Date June 27, 2012	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter <i>Kam</i>	

AGENDA
TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> Start time: _____
Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Fish	2. Fish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Leonard	4. Leonard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Adams	Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	