RESOLUTION No. 36978

Direct the Revenue Bureau and the Private For-Hire Transportation Board to prepare proposed changes to Portland City Code Chapter 16.40 and Administrative Rule changes, as necessary to implement the joint Bureau and Board Private For-Hire Transportation Program Recommendations for Taxi Industry Reform (Resolution)

WHEREAS, in April 2011, Mayor Sam Adams directed that the Revenue Bureau review the working and economic conditions of Portland taxi drivers; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau published a report in January 2012, the Taxi Driver Labor Market Study (the Study), finding that many contracted taxi drivers in the City of Portland long hours for low wages, without health care, retirement, vacation or sick leave; and

WHEREAS, the Study found a relationship between high payments to the taxi company and low net driver income; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of these working conditions are not limited to drivers and their families: the Study noted that passenger safety declines and costs to the community increase when drivers work long hours for inadequate wages; and

WHEREAS, the Study was widely distributed and publicized and the Bureau engaged in an extensive public comment process, including email distribution to 1,128 stakeholders, with 839 completed comment forms received; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a series of Board meetings in 2011 and 2012 to consider working and economic conditions of drivers and potential regulatory reforms, including a series of six interactive workshops in February and March 2012 following release of the Study; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2012, the Revenue Bureau issued thirteen Recommendations for Taxi Industry Reform (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2012, the Board voted to concur with the thirteen Revenue Bureau recommendations for reform; and

WHEREAS, the Board also voted to review the impacts of all regulatory changes permits issued after one year's time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council directs the Bureau and the Board to develop proposals for Portland City Code changes and Administrative Rules to implement the thirteen Recommendations for Taxi Industry Reform; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that proposals for the necessary Code changes will be brought forward to Council prior to December 31, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the Bureau and the Board to report to Council regarding the status of the Private For-Hire Transportation Program no later than April 1, 2013.

Adopted by the Council: NOV 07 2012

Mayor Sam Adams Prepared by: Kathleen Butler Date Prepared: October 29, 2012 LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By

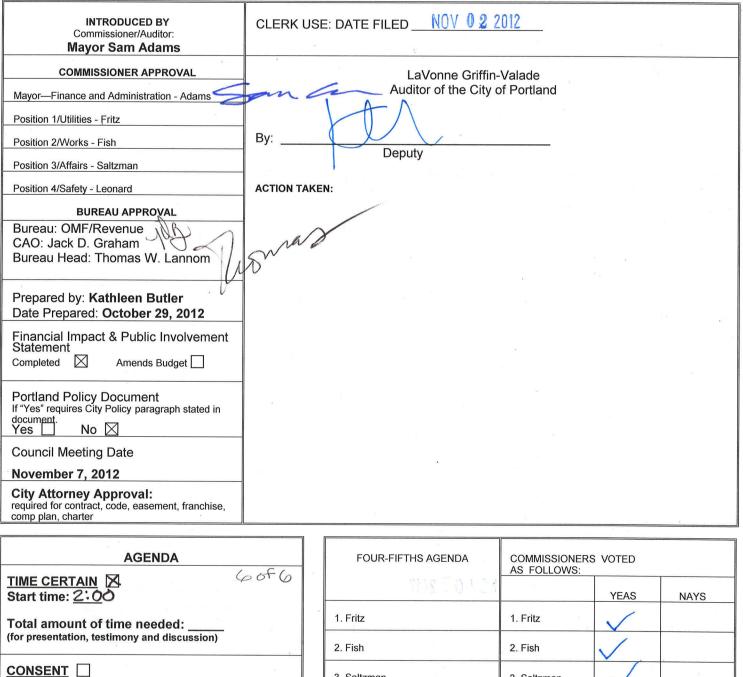
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REGULAR Total amount of time needed: (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

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