

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Grant Bureau of Transportation Regulatory Program designated employees authority to issue civil penalties in the enforcement of Private-For-Hire Transportation and other regulations under their jurisdiction. (Ordinance; add Code Section 16.10.660)

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### **Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

The Private For-Hire Transportation Program enforces the requirements in the Portland City Code Chapter 16.40, which is intended to provide for the safe, fair and efficient operation of private “for-hire” transportation services, including taxis, limousines, executive sedans, town-cars, tour vehicles, medical transportation, pedicabs and pedal tour vehicles, and horse drawn carriages.

The Private For-Hire Transportation Program added and hired three new Regulatory Program Specialist positions in 2013 to increase the effectiveness of the program’s enforcement activities.

Currently the Regulatory Program Specialists are able to go into the field to gather data and take pictures related to violations of Chapter 16.40. The Specialists then bring the information into the office where the Program Manager prepares a Civil Violation Penalty letter to be sent. In order to streamline enforcement activities, it is essential that each position in the program be able to issue civil penalties, under the supervision of the Program Manager and the Bureau Director. In addition, in order to provide for appropriate credentials while enforcing such provisions in the field, it is important for Program Staff to be assigned badges for identification and authority.

Not approving this measure will maintain the current enforcement procedures; not allow staff to streamline enforcement procedures; and not provide appropriate credentials for staff when enforcing in the provisions of Chapter 16.40.

### **Financial and budgetary impacts:**

This code amendment has no fiscal impact on the Program budget.

### **Community impacts and community involvement:**

This code change is a housekeeping measure and will not have an impact on any communities or businesses. It is intended to streamline internal activities related to program enforcement functions.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

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