



Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE 3379: REPEALING LMC 5.81 AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 5.82 TAXI & TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY CODE

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Strengthen economic conditions & create new opportunities
Improve transportation systems

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Certain major TNCs, including Uber and Lyft have indicated that they are unwilling to operate in Longview under the current provisions of the Longview Municipal Code (VMC) at Chapter 5.81. They have suggested that the City adopt a regulatory system much like was adopted in Pullman. Staff has reviewed the Pullman regulations and find that they provide adequate protection to the public, taxi and TNC operators and do not risk public safety. Representatives of Uber and Lyft have reviewed the draft ordinance and indicated a willingness to begin operations in Longview following adoption. In addition, the draft ordinance was provided to Uptown and Owl Taxi for review. Certain changes were made in response to that review, keeping insurance requirements as they appeared in the prior ordinance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 3379.

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