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Promoting The Economic Liberty and Interest of Austin Cab Drivers
Safety Service Stewardship

Austin City Council
301 W. Second Street
Austin, Texas 78701

May 23, 2012

RE: reevaluation of the formula for additional taxicab permits/Item 73

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The Taxi Driver Association of Austin opposes the issuance of six additional permits. The City Council should evaluate the current permitting formula and determine the number of accessible cab permits, not by percentage of current allocation, but by need of accessible cabs in conjunction with the overall need for additional permits.

In addition, there is an alternative way to increase the number of accessible cabs without increasing the number of outstanding permits. A franchise could be required to replace those vehicles that have expiring age requirements under Sec. 13-2-389 with additional specially modified vehicles.

TDAA requests that action on this item be delayed until the permit allocation formula has been evaluated, including consideration of additional forms of vehicles for hire and the impact on driver earnings.

Sincerely,

Dave Passmore, President