

ITEMS #57 & 58

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
REGULAR MEETING**

OCTOBER 5, 2021

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION and
GROWTH MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT**

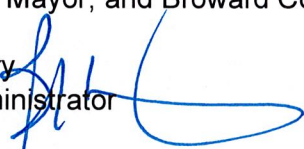


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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 2021

TO: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Broward County Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Bertha Henry
County Administrator 

FROM: Philip McChesney, Acting Director *PRMc*
Environmental and Consumer Protection Division

SUBJECT: Additional Material – October 5, 2021 Commission Meeting (Items 57 & 58)
Information on Taxicab Certificates

Please find below background information regarding the taxicab certificate process.

Background Information:

- There are currently 1,070 taxicab certificates of public convenience and necessity (COPCN) in Broward County
- Of these 1,070 COPCN:
 - 84 certificates are for Wheel-chair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs) (including 50 driver-owned WAV COPCN)
 - 986 of these COPCN are for regular taxicabs:
 - Approximately 286 regular taxicab COPCN are driver-owned;
 - The remaining 700 regular taxicab COPCN are owned by individuals or companies (50% are owned by fewer than 20 entities) that rent these COPCN to taxicab drivers or taxicab companies

Taxicab Registration:

- Annually, taxicab COPCN owners must present a unique taxicab vehicle to the County in order for the County to associate that unique taxicab vehicle with the taxicab COPCN owner's COPCN to demonstrate that the COPCN owner is using their COPCN to put a taxicab on the road to meet the public need for taxicab services as required by the COPCN/Broward County Code.
 - Once the COPCN owner presents their unique taxicab vehicle(s) for inspection, the County issues each individual taxicab vehicle a separate operating permit (for a \$200 fee).

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- Failure to present an insured, unique taxicab vehicle that passes inspection, may result in the forfeiture of the COPCN and transfer of the COPCN by the County to another entity that will fulfill the obligation to the public to provide taxicab services.
- Such COPCN transfer is usually done through a lottery.

Fees (and associated Board Actions):

- Taxicab Operating Permit (\$200 annually, valid July 1 – June 30)
 - WAV Operating Permit fees were waived through 12/31/2021 by the Board during its February 9, 2021 meeting (Item # 29) and thereafter reduced to \$50 annually
 - Driver-owned Taxicab Operating Permit fees and late fees were waived through 6/30/2022 by the Board during its September 21, 2021 meeting (Item # 58)
- Port Everglades Business Permit - \$250 annually
 - The expiration date was extended by the Board through 6/30/2022 for any Port Permit purchased for the 2020-2021 operating year, during its Aug. 24, 2021 meeting (Item # 89)

Chauffeur Registrations:

- There are approximately 7,000 registered chauffeurs in Broward County
- A chauffeur may drive a taxicab, a limousine, a shuttle van, a luxury sedan, or any combination thereof
- To drive a taxicab, a chauffeur that does not own their own COPCN must rent a taxicab COPCN from a company or individual who owns one of the 1,070 taxicab COPCN's
- In addition, a taxicab driver must have a current and valid chauffeur license from Broward County, a valid FL driver's license and current insurance to operate a taxicab.

AGENDA ITEM 57 on the October 5, 2021 Supplemental Agenda would allow the 50 driver-only WAV certificates to pick up passengers at the airport and the port.

AGENDA ITEM 58 on the October 5, 2021 Supplemental Agenda would extend the relief provided by a different, prior Item No.58 (approved by the Board during the September 21, 2021 meeting) to all 1,070 taxicab certificates (rather than only to the approximately 286 driver-owned certificates as approved on the September 21, 2021 meeting – Item No. 58).

cc: Bertha Henry, County Administrator
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