



Signature Report

Ordinance 18874

Proposed No. 2018-0582.2

Sponsors McDermott

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to transportation network
2 companies vehicle endorsements; and amending Ordinance
3 17892, Section 26, and K.C.C. 6.64.271 and Ordinance
4 17892, Section 27, and K.C.C. 6.64.281.

5 PREAMBLE:

6 King County regulates taxis and for-hire vehicles that transport passengers
7 for compensation. The regulations are intended to ensure that customers
8 can use the options under the regulations in a safe manner.

9 Since 1979, King County, the city of Seattle and the Port of Seattle have
10 consistently worked to regionalize regulations and licensing by developing
11 consistent regulations and services across jurisdictions. The goal of the
12 cooperation is to promote public safety and customer service by
13 standardizing fees, regulations, enforcement and rate review procedures
14 throughout King County.

15 Since 2012, new transportation options that make use of application-based
16 technology on smartphones have entered the market. The new
17 organizations that use that technology as part of their business models
18 have come to be known as transportation network companies.

19 Before 2013, the new entrants had not been regulated. The city of Seattle

20 adopted regulations for transportation network companies in 2014. King
21 County adopted new regulations in September 2014, with Ordinance
22 17892, which made changes to existing regulations for transportation
23 companies and added new regulations affecting transportation network
24 company organizations, drivers and vehicles.

25 Generally, the city and the county attempt to have these regulations
26 conform so as to ensure that regulations are the same across jurisdictions.
27 However, county regulations place requirements on vehicles used by
28 drivers for transportation network companies that are different from city
29 requirements.

30 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

31 SECTION 1. Ordinance 17892, Section 26, and K.C.C. 6.64.271 are each
32 hereby amended to read as follows:

33 A. The director shall not issue a transportation network company vehicle
34 endorsement unless the person meets the following requirements:

- 35 1. Has a for-hire driver's ~~((license))~~ permit or transportation network company
36 license under this chapter; and
37 2. ~~((Is the registered owner of the vehicle; and~~
38 ~~3-))~~ Is affiliated with a licensed transportation network company.

39 B. The director shall not issue a transportation network company vehicle
40 endorsement unless the vehicle meets the following requirements:

- 41 1. ~~((Is personal;~~
42 ~~2. Is a passenger car as defined in RCW 46.04.382;~~

- 43 3.)) Has insurance that complies with K.C.C. 6.64.211 and state law; (~~and~~
44 4.)) 2. Has a certificate of safety as required by K.C.C. 6.64.360; and
45 3. The vehicle's model year is no more than ten years old, unless otherwise
46 allowed by state law.

47 SECTION 2. Ordinance 17892, Section 27, and K.C.C. 6.64.281 are each
48 hereby amended to read as follows:

49 A. An applicant for a transportation network company vehicle endorsement, or a
50 transportation network company on behalf of the applicant, shall file annually with the
51 director a signed application on a form provided by the director to include the following
52 information about the applicant:

- 53 1. Name, aliases, residence (~~and~~) or business address and residence and
54 business telephone numbers;
- 55 2. (~~Place and~~) If the applicant is an individual, the date of birth, which shall be
56 at least twenty-one years before the date of application, height, weight, color of hair and
57 color of eyes;
- 58 3. If the applicant is an individual, a Washington state driver's license number.
59 The applicant shall present the applicant's Washington state driver's license or a copy at
60 the time of application;
- 61 4. If the applicant is an individual, (~~E~~)evidence of a for-hire driver's license or
62 permit, or an approved application for a for-hire driver's license or permit;
- 63 5. Vehicle information including vehicle identification number or numbers and
64 Washington state license plate number or numbers;
- 65 6. Evidence of vehicle insurance as required in K.C.C. 6.64.211;

66 7. Vehicle certificate of safety required by K.C.C. 6.64.360;

67 8. Whether any of the circumstances in K.C.C. 6.64.291.B. apply to the
68 applicant;

69 9. Evidence that the applicant is affiliated with a transportation network
70 company; and

71 10. Other information as reasonably determined by the director.

72 B. The transportation network company vehicle endorsement consists of a
73 certificate(~~(, an endorsement sticker affixed to the vehicle owner's for-hire driver's~~
74 ~~license,)) and an endorsement decal affixed to the vehicle. The certificate shall include
75 the following:~~

76 1. Vehicle identification number;

77 2. Vehicle registered owner's full legal name;

78 3. Vehicle license plate number;

79 4. Endorsement expiration date;

80 5. Unique number; and

81 6. Other information the director may reasonably require.

82 C. A transportation network company vehicle endorsement is valid for not more
83 than one year (~~(and shall expire the same day as the for-hire driver's license it endorses)~~).

84 D. A person shall not lease, transfer or assign a transportation network company
85 vehicle endorsement.
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Ordinance 18874 was introduced on 12/10/2018 and hearing held/closed and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/20/2019, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci
Excused: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:


Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 27 day of MARCH, 2019.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None

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