



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## Assembly Memorandum

AM No. \_\_\_\_ - 20xx

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM: MAYOR**

**SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY  
AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 11 TO  
UPDATE CODE TO CONFORM WITH PRACTICE, STATE LAW,  
AND REMOVE OBSOLETE REQUIREMENTS; TO ENCOURAGE  
COMPLIANCE; AND LOWER COSTS.**

The Transportation Commission and the Transportation Inspector have been working together to address a number of needed updates to Title 11.

Anchorage Municipal Code Chapters 11.10-40 are an exercise of the Municipality's power to regulate the for-hire transportation industry. This authority includes the power to license and regulate transportation, chauffeur, and dispatch services. The Municipality does this to protect the public's interest with respect to the price, quality of service, and reasonable safety standards provided by regulated vehicles.

The below summarizes the main amendments to code as they relate to the goals the Transportation Commission and Inspector have for this ordinance:

- (1) To remove obsolete requirements, to conform to practice, and update preempted code;
- (2) To better set up systems to encourage compliance; and
- (3) To lower barriers and cost to entry.

Code section	Notes
<b>Chapter 11.10 – General Provisions</b>	
AMC 11.10.010, 11.10.160, 11.20.080, 11.30.140, et al.	Smart taximeters are both cost efficient and data effective. This change requires dispatch companies to utilize smart taximeter systems already required by many large cities outside Alaska.
AMC 11.10.050G.	This change is an update to market preference and allows vehicles for hire to have less logos.
AMC 11.10.055A.5.	This change is an update to reflect the TI's capacity and changes the mailing requirement from two to five working days.
AMC 11.10.055A.6.	This change creates a swifter review process, provides notice to commission and permittee before a scheduled commission meeting, and better reflects

	current practice.
AMC 11.10.110B.	(1) Reorganization to make it clear that there are both discretionary and mandatory requirements; (2) Adding instances where the transportation inspector may take enforcement action against a license to encourage compliance
AMC 11.10.140	This change (1) Makes it clear that expired means void; and (2) gives chauffeur license holders a 30 day window to renew their license before being required to resubmit fingerprinting and reflects current practice.
AMC 11.10.185	The audio and video footage collected in vehicles is valuable for ensuring passenger and driver safety. The amendments (1) expand the amount of required footage from 72 hours (3 days) to 120 hours (5 days); and (2) clarify that both audio and video are required (not just one or the other).
<b>Chapter 11.20 – Taxicabs, Limousines, and Vehicles for Hire</b>	
AMC 11.20.015, 11.20.035, et al.	This amendment removes repealed section names and cleans up code.
AMC 11.20.030	Change market conciliation hearings from yearly to once every three years, to conform to market need.
AMC 11.20.037G.	This change amends code to remove out of date reference.
AMC 11.20.080C.	Adding lights to the top of taxicabs is costly. This change is to permit the use an internal light to indicate availability for hire.
AMC 11.20.100D. AMC 11.20.110	Insurance requirements updated to conform with current practice.
AMC 11.20.140	This update prohibits vehicles permitted as a taxicab from also being used for transportation network services, consistent with state law which limits transportation network services to personal vehicles, and not taxi, limousine, or other vehicle for hire. See AS 28.23.180.
AMC 11.20.320	Regarding vehicles for hire, this removes the requirement to post rates because companies offer numerous different service packages and it's impractical to require a rate sheet be posted.
AMC 11.20.370	Update reference in record keeping requirement to reduce circularity.
<b>Chapter 11.30 - Chauffeurs</b>	
AMC 11.30.065	Adds new duty to report, allowing transportation inspector to take swift action in specific situations where a chauffeur avoids reporting for enforcement reasons.
AMC 11.30.140	This change updates code to remove reference to trip sheets which are no longer required and to reflect the use of smart taximeter systems.
<b>Chapter 11.40 – Dispatch Service</b>	

AMC 11.40.050	Add language that dispatch services must ensure that chauffeurs have valid chauffeur license and driver's license to receive dispatches.
AMC 11.40.060	Added record keeping requirement for licenses.
<b>Chapter 11.45 – Transportation Network Company Services</b>	
AMC 11.45	This chapter on transportation network companies (e.g. Uber and Lyft) was preempted by state law, AS 28.23.010 and is being repealed.

*Pursuant to AMC 2.30.053B.1., the proposed ordinance has no private sector economic effects and local government effects are less than \$30,000, and a summary of economic effects is not required.*

**THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

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