

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
MAY 16, 2017 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Taxicab Permit for Ken’s Cab, LLC</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Fleet Services Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
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SYNOPSIS	Ken’s Cab, LLC, requests the grant of one (1) Operator’s Permit, and seven (7) Taxicab Operator Permits.
FISCAL IMPACT	None.
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the resolution.
BACKGROUND	<p>The City has the authority to approve the grant of Taxicab Operator, and Taxicab Driver Permits. Two (2) years ago, Ken’s Cab, LLC, requested permits for three (3) cabs; however, the Board denied the permits and asked that the company apply for the upcoming year to start in a few weeks. The company did not do so, but instead sued the City. It also continued to operate illegally.</p> <p>The litigation held that the City’s “necessary and convenience” standard for the issuance of Taxi Permits violated the Arkansas Constitution monopoly provision. While the City contests the finding, in light of the change in transportation through Transportation Network Companies – e.g., Uber, Lyft – over which the City has not authority, it is hard, if not impossible, to justify denial of a Taxi Permit based upon the number of existing operators.</p> <p>When Ken’s Cab, LLC, made this application, then, there was no reason to deny it as long as it complied with various ordinance requirements – e.g., location of a 24/7/365 dispatch center in the City. Fleet Services has reviewed this application and found compliance with these provisions.</p>

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Ken's Cab, LLC, currently owns three (3) taxicabs and has plans to expand the business in 2017, and is requesting seven (7) Taxicab Permits and one (1) Operator's Permit.