

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED TAXI CAB ORDINANCE CHANGES

1. State law allows local jurisdictions to enact ordinances that regulate taxis as long as they are at least as strict as the state laws governing them.
2. Currently, Scottsdale's taxi ordinance is outdated and in conflict with the state statutes and as a result largely unenforceable.
3. Proposed ordinance would update the City's taxi cab ordinance and align it with the state statutes making it at least as strict as the state law.
4. Local officers can not enforce the state statutes because they carry administrative sanctions that can only be enforced by Weights and Measures Inspectors. Currently, there are only two inspectors for this type of enforcement for the entire state.
5. Passing the proposed ordinance would allow Scottsdale police officers to enforce taxi regulations such as signage requirements, state licensing requirements and meter requirements as violations under the ordinance would be petty offenses versus an administrative sanction.
6. Proposed ordinance would help prevent unlicensed taxis and taxis not complying with state regulations from operating in Scottsdale.