

February 15, 2007

To: Chair and Members, Licensing and Standards Committee
From: Howard Moscoe

RE: Airport Taxis, To serve Notice

In 1978, the Government of Ontario enacted amendments to the Municipal Act, which enabled taxis and limousines, then licensed by Transport Canada to pick up fares in the City of Toronto going to the Airport, notwithstanding the fact that they were not licensed by the City of Toronto.

Transport Canada was succeeded by the Greater Toronto Airport Authority and the regulations which permit airport cabs to pick up in Toronto, Government Airport Concession Operations Regulation (GACOR) permits continued. Years later, this legislation was incorporated into Chapter 545 of the Toronto Municipal Code.

On January 1, 2007 the Province of Ontario proclaimed the new City of Toronto Act making Toronto exempt from the previous restrictions to the affect that the Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA) taxis and limousines can no longer pick up fares in the City of Toronto. This change was made at the request of the City of Toronto which has always felt an obligation to protect the taxis and limousines it licenses from transportation providers, including GTAA licensed taxis and limousines, that are illegally picking up fares in the City of Toronto. As requested by the Licensing and Standards Committee at its last meeting, staff will be reporting on this at the March meeting, but to leave no question of the issue under consideration, I am tabling this motion to ensure that the appropriate public notice can be given.

Moved by: Councillor Moscoe
Seconded by: Councillor Minan-Wong

That Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545-2. License requirement is hereby amended by:

1. removing from Subsection B(1) the following wording, “except where such conveyance is made to an airport owned and operated by the Crown in right of Canada situated outside the municipality by a cab rearing a valid and subsisting plate issued in respect of such airport under the Government Airport Concession Operators Regulations made under the Department of Transport Act (Canada)”; and
2. adding a new Subsection as follows:
 - a. No taxicab or delivery vehicle licensed by the City of Toronto be permitted to carry any additional license or permit issued by another jurisdiction, and no Toronto license or permit will be allowed to be affixed

to a vehicle already carrying a license or permit issued by another jurisdiction;

- b. Notwithstanding (a) taxis currently licensed by the City of Toronto that are in possession of a valid GACOR (Government Airport Concession Operators Regulation) permit prior to January 1, 2007 shall be grandfathered and the appropriate wording be included in the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545;and
3. that the City Clerk give appropriate notice as required under Chapter 162 of the Municipal Code, Public Notice.