

CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE _____

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Amending Sections 12.915(8)(a) and (b) and Section 11.06(3)(r) of the Madison General Ordinances to allow taxis on State Street during limited overnight hours and clarifying other restrictions, clarifying that hotel shuttles are not public passenger vehicles, and providing for a delayed effective date.

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SPONSOR: Mayor Soglin

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance allows taxicabs to use State Street to pick up fares between the hours of midnight and 4 am. During other hours, the existing limitations are continued, in that taxicabs may only enter to pick up or drop off a fare, and may only use one block of State Street. The taxicabs may pick up a hailed fair on that one block. The ordinance clarifies that hotel shuttles are not public passenger vehicles. The ordinance has a delayed effective date for FTA concurrence.

The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Subdivision (a) of Subsection (8) entitled "Public Passenger Vehicle Regulations" of Section 12.915 entitled "Traffic on State Street Restricted" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

"(a) ~~"Taxicabs and other public passenger vehicles shall enter the area for the sole purpose of receiving or discharging passengers specifically requesting service to properties directly adjacent to State Street. Between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. during Central Standard Time, and between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. during Daylight Savings Time, these vehicles may drive onto State Street to wait in designated loading zones for prospective fares and during the hours specified these vehicles are subject to the limitation regarding idling as provided in subsection (7)(e). Between 12:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.: Because there is little if any regular transit service on State Street between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 4 a.m., taxis and other public passenger vehicles may provide service on State Street without being subject to the restrictions in subsection (8)(b) of this ordinance."~~

2. Subdivision (b) of Subsection (8) entitled "Public Passenger Vehicle Regulations" of Section 12.915 entitled "Traffic on State Street Restricted" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

"(b) ~~"Between 4 a.m. and 12 a.m.: It shall be unlawful for taxicabs and other public passenger vehicles to enter and exit State Street other than via the cross street nearest to their immediate destination or by a route specified by the Traffic Engineering Division of the Department of~~

Approved as to form:

Transportation. Taxicabs and other public passenger vehicles shall enter the area for the sole purpose of receiving or discharging passengers specifically requesting service to properties directly adjacent to State Street, provided, however, that while picking up or depositing a passenger on the one block of State Street they are allowed to use, taxicabs and other public passenger vehicles may pick up any other passengers on that block that hail the cab."

3. Subdivision (r) of Subsection (3) entitled "Definitions" of Section 11.06 entitled "Licensing and Regulating Public Passenger Vehicles, for Hire" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

"(r) "Public passenger vehicle" shall mean any self-propelled vehicle, pedal-cab, or horse-drawn vehicle which is used for the transportation of passengers for hire, excepting: 1) those operated on fixed routes pursuant to authority granted by the City, State or Federal Government; 2) such vehicles as are rented to be driven by the renter or her/his agent, commonly known as rent-a-cars; 3) vehicles operated solely as funeral cars; 4) carpools; ~~and~~ 5) amphibious motor vehicles properly registered and licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as motor buses and operating on the highway upon routes between lake access points; and 6) hotel shuttle vehicles."

4. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the City receives confirmation from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of its concurrence in this minor change in used of the fixed guideway on State Street. The City Attorney will report to the Council within sixty (60) days of passage and upon concurrence by the FTA.