

# VEHICLES FOR HIRE



# Rewrite Goal

- Clarify language concerning the conditions under which vehicles for hire may be operated in the City.
- Standardize the requirements for the issuance of certificates of transportation.
- Provide classifications of vehicles for hire which may operate in the City.
- Provide for enhanced safety measures for operators of vehicles for hire.
- Adopt policies that will encourage new business development and entrepreneurship.





# New Sections

- Adopts the same basic policies instituted by the County which requires the issuance of a Certificate of Transportation for the operation of passenger transportation services.
- Maintains a requirement for background checks that meet the same standards as St. Lucie County thus preserving public safety.
- Applications are approved by the City Clerk just like business tax receipts and vendor permits which allows businesses to get up and running quickly.
- Requires appropriate insurance and other licensing as required by Florida Statutes.



# Deletions of Note

- Removes the requirement for a public hearing to approve and issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity.
- Removes the required inspection of all vehicles by the Fort Pierce Police Department and mechanical inspections at the City Garage required at least twice per year.
- Removes the required rates that must be charged within city limits.
- Removes the requirement that holder of a certificate of public convenience and necessity be open 24 hours per day.
- Removes several other requirements that could be deemed antiquated.



# Conference Agenda Follow Up

- Motor vehicle or vehicle means every vehicle or machine of 15-passenger capacity or less, excluding the driver, propelled by other than muscular motive power, used upon the public streets for public passenger transportation.
- Would not apply to water taxi since not used on public streets; water taxi is considered a sightseeing boat as defined under Sec. 9-1.



QUESTIONS?