

No. 481

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS, ARIZONA, REPEALING SAN LUIS CITY CODE SECTION 5.15.070, AND AMENDING SECTIONS 5.15.010, 5.15.020, 5.15.030, AND 5.15.990 TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO TAXI STANDS AND TAXI WAITING STANDS; REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, the City finds the use of public right-of-way for taxi stands is no longer feasible and presents as traffic hazard; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to repeal SLCC Section 5.15.070 to remove all Taxi stand and taxi waiting stand regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend SLCC Sections 5.15.010, 5.15.020, 5.15.030, and 5.15.990, to remove all references to border taxis that concern the repealed city code.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona:

Section 1 : Section 5.15.070 of the San Luis City Code is removed it its entirety.

Section 2 : Section 5.15.010 of the San Luis City Code is amended to read as follows:

“The purpose of this chapter is to promote the safety and public welfare of the public, employees, and public transportation companies by the issuance of business licenses within the City of San Luis.”

Section 3 : Section 5.15.020 of the San Luis City Code is amended to read as follows:

“Any term included in this chapter which is not defined herein shall be accorded that definition prescribed under other City ordinance(s) and A.R.S. §§ 13-101 and 28-101 et seq., the latter applying in the case of any inconsistency.

BUS. Any motor vehicle designed for carrying more than 11 passengers and used for the transportation of individuals for hire with driver provided and has a set schedule and

route; is fully licensed as a transportation business by the City, the state and the United States Department of Transportation.

BUS STAND. Such portions of publicly owned property designated as a bus stand pursuant to SLCC 10.15.090(B).

BUSINESS. Engaging in the activity of carrying passengers or individuals for profit.

DETERIORATION. A lowering in quality in the condition or appearance of a vehicle or parts thereof characterized by dents, breaks, cracking, peeling, rusting or any other evidence of physical decay, neglect, excessive use or lack of maintenance.

FILTH. Foul matter, dirt or other matters that are attached to the body of a vehicle or the interior of the vehicle that causes a bad appearance.

HOLIDAY. The following City observed holidays:

- (1) New Year's Day (January 1st);
- (2) Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. (third Monday in January);
- (3) Presidents' Day (third Monday in February);
- (4) Memorial Day (last Monday in May);
- (5) Independence Day (July 4th);
- (6) Labor Day (first Monday in September);
- (7) Columbus Day (second Monday in October);
- (8) Veterans Day (November 11th);
- (9) Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November); and
- (10) Christmas Day (December 25th).

LIMOUSINE SERVICE. The providing of a motor vehicle designed by its manufacturer and identified by its vehicle registration as a limousine and in which both the limousine and a driver are provided for hire solely by individual agreement and which service is not available for open solicitation on the streets or at a taxicab or bus stand.

NIGHT TIME. The hours between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

PERSON. Any individual, person, firm, corporation, association, joint venture, partnership or other form of business or combination thereof.

PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTY. Has the same meaning as defined by SLCC 10.15.060(D).

TAXICAB. A taxi or livery.

UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN OR PERSON. A person who does not have documentation authorizing the person to be physically present in the United States pursuant to the immigration laws thereof.”

Section 4 : Section 5.15.030 of the San Luis City Code is amended to read as follows:

“(A) No person shall engage in the public transportation business in public rights-of-way within the City without complying with the requirements of this chapter.

(B) No taxicab, livery, or bus business or operator of a taxicab, livery, or bus shall operate without the following:

- (1) A City business license;
- (2) Proper Arizona registration;
- (3) Insurance as required for taxicabs, liveries, and buses by state law; and
- (4) It shall be properly registered with the state and, if a bus, the United States Department of Transportation.

(C) No vehicle shall stop, stand or park on the designated bus stand other than a bus possessing authorization from this City, the state and the United States Department of Transportation.”

Section 5 : Section 5.15.990 of the San Luis City Code is amended to read as follows:

“(A) A person who violates any section of this chapter is responsible for a civil sanction punishable pursuant to the provisions of SLCC 1.05.990. Each day a violation continues shall be a separate offense punishable as heretofore described.

(B) A person who uses an area as a taxi stand or a taxi waiting stand; and:

- (1) The area is publicly owned property; and
- (2) Whether or not the person has a City business license;

then the person is subject to a civil penalty not less than and not more than \$250.00 for each violation. For continuing violations, each day constitutes a separate offense.

It is not a civil offense for a taxicab to pick up a customer who has either hailed the taxicab or has otherwise requested that the taxicab pick them up, and the location does not violate any traffic, parking or other laws.”

Section 6 ____: The City Council authorizes and directs the appropriate City officers and employees to perform all necessary or desirable acts to give effect to this Ordinance.

Section 7 ____: If a conflict arises between the provisions of this ordinance and any resolution, other ordinance, regulation, or policy of the City of San Luis, the conflicting provisions are repealed, amended, superseded, and replaced, and this Ordinance shall govern.

Section 8 ____: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction or operation of law by legislation, such decision or law shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

PASSED, ADOPTED, and APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Yuma County, Arizona, this ____ day of February 2026.

Nieves Riedel, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk

Joe Estes, Interim City Attorney