

Memorandum



Date: May 3, 2016

To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

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Supplement to:
Substitute
Agenda Item No. 5(A)

Subject: Substitute 160959 - Fiscal Impact for Ordinance Relating to Vehicles for Hire
Regulating Transportation Network Entities (TNE) and TNE Drivers and Vehicles

The proposed ordinance relating to vehicles for hire amends Chapter 31, Article I, Section 31-77 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code) prohibiting the operation of vehicles transporting passengers for compensation without authorization and creates Chapter 31, Article VII of the Code regulating Transportation Network Entities (TNE) and TNE drivers and vehicles. The ordinance provides no limitation on the number of TNE licenses issued, requires TNE to comply with specific rules of operation for drivers and vehicles, provide no limitation to the number of vehicles operating under a TNE license, and provides that TNE's will certify their own chauffeurs, and inspect the vehicles operated by its chauffeurs.

As part of the proposed substitute to the ordinance, a fee for a preliminary license for Transportation Network Entities will be established. The Department anticipates two companies to apply for the license for a one-time positive fiscal impact of \$312,000. Except for this one-time revenue, the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) does not have enough information to determine the reoccurring licensing fee required to recover the cost to enforce the rules and regulations established by this ordinance. If this ordinance is approved, DTPW will evaluate the resources required based on the number licenses submitted and the number of vehicles operated by each licensee. In the short term, DTPW plans on collecting the outstanding fines levied on various transportation network entities for violations of the current ordinance and use those funds to ensure that its enforcement activities are properly resourced. In the long term, as part of the annual budget process, it will reevaluate the fees it charges to this industry.

DTPW will enforce this section of the code, and enforcement activities established in this ordinance will be funded entirely by fees charged to companies in this industry. It is anticipated that implementation of this ordinance will have a neutral fiscal impact to the County.

Finally, the proposed ordinance creates various new fines in the civil penalties section of the code, which may have a positive impact.

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Alina T. Hudak
Deputy Mayor