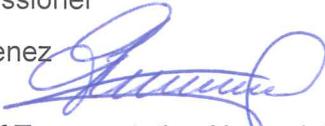


Date: January 13, 2016

To: Honorable Barbara J. Jordan
County Commissioner

From: Carlos A. Gimenez 
Mayor

Subject: Enforcement of Transportation Network Entities

The following responds to your memorandum regarding the County's enforcement efforts as they pertain to unlicensed Transportation Network Entities (TNEs) such as Uber and Lyft operating in Miami-Dade County.

Let me assure you that the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources' (RER) For-Hire Transportation Unit has continuously and consistently enforced TNEs since May 2014, when these companies began offering ride-sharing services in Miami-Dade County. From the outset, the County determined TNE services were in direct violation of requirements under Chapter 31 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, which deem the provision of for-hire services without a valid for-hire license to be unlawful. A total of 3,814 citations have been issued by RER staff and personnel from Miami-Dade Aviation Department's Landside Operations Division to operators of TNE vehicles from May 2014 through December 31, 2015. A total of 3,512 citations remain open and are under appeal. Furthermore, 30 vehicles have been impounded.

RER is responsible for enforcing the Code provisions of for-hire transportation regulations. The for-hire transportation enforcement unit consists of 16 officers and three (3) supervisors who enforce the taxi, limousine, passenger motor carrier, nonemergency medical transportation, special transportation service, ambulance, and private school bus ordinances. Over 6,000 for-hire vehicles and 10,000 drivers are currently licensed by the County. For-hire enforcement activities are conducted seven (7) days a week between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

It is estimated that over 10,000 Uber and Lyft vehicles are operating in Miami-Dade County. The Code specifically requires that compensation be established before a citation can be issued. This generally requires the cooperation of either the driver, passenger, or both, which in some instances is difficult to obtain. TNEs are now coaching their drivers in ways to avoid detection by either removing smartphones from view, or having the riders pass themselves off as family members or friends by sitting in the vehicle's front compartment seat. In spite of these challenges, RER has continued to enforce for-hire provisions of the Code and all of the rules and regulations governing for-hire operations in Miami-Dade County.

I have instructed RER staff to provide your office with monthly enforcement updates of their enforcement efforts. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to Deputy Mayor Jack Osterholt at (305) 375-5695, or me directly.

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