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Transportation Network Company Licensing Pilot Project

The City of Mississauga Council passed a motion to approve the Transportation Network Company (TNC) Licensing Pilot Project on March 22, 2017, after an extensive investigation, input from staff, Council, members of the public and stakeholders. The TNC Licensing Pilot Project allows taxis and limousines to operate competitively with TNCs while providing consumer choice and convenience of public transportation within the City of Mississauga.

The pilot project will begin on July 1, 2017 and continue until December 31, 2018 and is administered by The Mobile Licensing Enforcement department. By-Law 420-04 was amended to allow for the legal operation of TNCs in the City of Mississauga.

Transportation Network Company Licensing Regulatory Framework

The TNC will be required to maintain appropriate insurance for vehicles accessing their platform and will be responsible for insuring that the drivers have approved criminal background checks and driver abstracts and that the vehicles in use comply with the by-law including:

- A four door vehicle not older than seven years
- A TNC identifier
- A clean vehicle in good repair
- Working air conditioning and heating
- Seat belts

The amendments to by-law 420-04 address or focus on fairness between traditional taxicabs and TNCs by reducing the requirements for taxicabs and their drivers through measures that include:

- Permitting the use of any four door vehicle meeting the seven year model year requirement
- Suspension of Taxicab training, sensitivity, defensive driving pre-licence courses and periodic retraining.
- Training requirements will become the responsibility of the Taxi Brokerage or Plate Owner
- Suspension of the English language assessment test during the project period
- Taxicabs to submit an annual safety standards certificate
- GPS device required for all new taxi drivers during the Pilot
- Trips booked online are not subject to the meter rates

For more information on the By-laws dealing with Taxicabs and TNCs please visit our website at: <http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/business/vehiclelicensing>, call 311 or email mobile.licensing@mississauga.ca