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**Subject:** Comments for committee meeting

Find attached comments for the upcoming committee meeting by the city of Hamilton licence cab drivers on the above mentioned subject.

**Subject: REQUEST FOR ONE TIME EXTENTION OF 2 YEARS TAXICAB AGE RESTRICTION FOR THE 2012 MODEL YEAR VEHICLES ALREADY BEING USED AS TAXICAB SINCE THE START OF COVID-19**

1. The City of Hamilton through By-law 18-252 based upon the recommendations given in Report 08-012 (PED16099(c)) submitted before the Planning Committee on August 14, 2018, by Mr. Ken Leendertse Director, Licensing and By-law Services, Planning and Economic Development Department amended the section 42. (1) of the City of Hamilton By-law No. 07-170 regarding TAXICAB AGE

**RESTRICTION as under:**

A taxicab shall be no more than ten years old, calculated from the model year.

2. The first COVID-19 case in Canada was reported on January 25, 2020, and since then the operational costs are soaring higher than reach of an ordinary resident of the city ibid and on the other hand the revenues are falling considerably.
3. In these Covid-19 years the following issues have badly impacted the taxicab industry in specific:
  - a. Inflation of 1.95% in 2019 has gone up to 6.40% in Oct 2022.
  - b. Taxicab Insurance increased to 275%.
  - c. Gas prices crossed the record high of above 2\$.
  - d. Inventory of used cars decreased to an alarming level.
  - e. Prices of used cars have gone up to 175%.
4. In view of the above it is requested that motor vehicles already in use as taxicabs since 2020 of model year 2012 may please be granted one time age restriction extension of two years to save the owner operators from the exuberant prices of the used vehicles as a result of lower inventory.
5. Currently at least 40 car is of 2012 years model in both the cab companies. Once these 40 plates are no longer on the streets it will financially effect drivers and their families as well as cab brokers.
6. On the other hand children's using cabs to commute to and fro from school may suffer from on time pick and drop.

All the Senior citizen who needs cab for their Hospital/ doctors visits may be disturb due to the shortage of these 40 Cabs.

Thanks for considering our humble request; a hard copy with signatures of cab drivers will be provided.

Sincerely

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On behalf of cab drivers in the City of Hamilton, Ontario