



## CV Licensing Notes

October 17, 2019

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Marsac Council Chambers

### Meeting Notes

**Park City Municipal Staff in attendance:** Jenny Diersen – Special Events/Economic Development, Beth Bynan – Finance/Business Licensing, Alexis Verson – Transportation Planning, Sgt. Cameron Thor – Park City Police Traffic Enforcement Division.

**Other attendees:** included 34 representatives from local lodging and hotels, and for hire companies locally in Park City and regionally from the Wasatch Front and Back. Several attendees have been involved in past stakeholder meetings, while many were new to this conversation.

**Overview:** Staff presented current recommendations to deregulate For Hire licensing, and implement Commercial Vehicle (CV) zones and permits instead. These current recommendations are based on what staff have heard from for hire stakeholders over the last several months, as well as best practices nationwide on what other communities are doing. *It is important to note that while staff has been consistently meeting and soliciting feedback, there is still not consensus/agreement from the stakeholders on this recommendation and opinions are differing.*

**Recommendation:** Staff discussed deregulating For Hire companies in Park City, and not requiring them to provide a BCI background check or get a business license, to help local companies achieve a more level playing field with TNC companies who are currently deregulated per State Code and do not have to comply with Park City licensing codes. The intent is to be able to regulate all commercial vehicles and TNCs based on parking code and moving violation code, rather than restrict local companies under current business licensing codes.

Feedback on deregulation from this group included:

- Concerns from some local companies about eliminating background checks, worried that it does not provide a way to distill out unsavory or inexperienced drivers.
- Support for a hard and fast rule about vehicles sizes on Main Street, make it enforceable.

- Some local sentiment – disappointed with these recommendations, as they lower the bar to meet the TNC crowd, and it's been a bad situation because of that. Is this taking the easy way out, to flow the state's rules?
- Still concerns over how to regulate and enforce unsavory TNCs – this doesn't help that issue.
- Wondering if CV zones can come with the background requirement; current TNC background requirements are stricter than existing Park City BCI requirements.

**Commercial Vehicle (CV) Zones:** Staff presented a map indicating likely CV zones and staging areas to the group. PCMC staff would like to implement these curbside CV zones and dedicated staging areas for vehicles to enforce parking and moving violations to reduce double parking, eliminate staging in paid parking areas, and generally improve traffic flow in Old Town. Instead of a business license, for hire companies would be able to purchase a permit to use the drop and load and staging zones in Old Town. Staff mentioned this will only be successful if enforcement is increased and tickets are issued for those who double park or use the designated zones without a permit. The implementation plan would be a 'soft' roll out coupled with trainings for several weeks, until a higher level of enforcement can responsibly be offered and then tickets will be issued for those violating the zones or the city code.

Feedback on CV zones from this group included the following:

- Interest in the idea of exploring smaller CV zones, but adding more of them on Main.
- Concerns over clients with poor mobility, or truly needed door to door service.
- Sees the need for strong enforcement, particularly with TNCs or this will not help alleviate double parking issues.
- Several agree on vehicle restrictions on Main Street, but have concerns over how to get the big coaches off Swede without using Main, or Hillside.
- Several voiced concerns over the 5<sup>th</sup> Street change; it limits the ability to get off Main Street. What if a drop of CV zone is below 4<sup>th</sup>? For hires will be required to use Main Street down to Heber, adding to congestion concerns.
- Request for a drop of zone at 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- Concerns over no drop and loads on the west side of the street, but with the understanding that it was intended to help instruct traffic flow.
- A suggestion to separate pick up and drop off, e.g. pick up on the west side of Main, drop off on the east side of Main.
- The group understood the goal of the CV zones, and agreed that it will help with double parking if it can be quickly enforceable. Sgt. Thor explained the new cell phone ticket issuers that allow PD to be nimble and issue quick tickets.
- Several indicated they would prefer the staging zones to have time limits, so that the areas can still be utilized and not allow for hires to park for hours at a time.
- Training ideas: include making a video or PowerPoint to train for hire managers, and then they can train their staff. PCMC staff also offered to meet on site or at lodging properties to offer training.

- Private car service – in favor of the idea of CV zones, but what do they get for the permit? Likes holding lodging/hotels to that same requirement.
- A request to increase safety, lighting, and accessibility at these areas.
- A request for City staff to look into allowing vehicles with CV permits to use the bus only lanes.
- A request for City staff to look into if Uber is meeting their state requirements to have a registered agent in the state.
- A recommendation to survey stakeholders to better quantify their preferences on regulation, licensing and CV zones was made. This could also help capture sentiment from those who cannot attend the meetings.

**Next steps:** A follow up meeting prior to the November 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM in the Park City Council Chambers Room. This is to further distill comments from stakeholders, include the City Council For Hire Liaisons, and refine the recommendation that will be provided by staff to Council on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**For Hire & Lodging Stakeholder Meeting II**

October 28th, 2019

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Park City Municipal

445 Marsac Ave, Council Chambers Room (1st Floor)

Park City, UT 84060

**City Council Work Session on Old Town Circulation (this includes CV licensing)**

November 7th, 2019

Time – TBD, afternoon

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