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City of Charleston
South Carolina
Department of Traffic & Transportation

Traffic & Transportation Committee
80 Broad Street
Conference Call #1-929-205-6099
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May 27, 2025, Time 3:30 p.m.

Chair, Councilmember Michael Seekings
Vice-Chair, Councilmember Karl L. Brady, Jr
Councilmember Boyd Gregg
Councilmember William Dudley Gregorie
Councilmember Jim McBride
Mayor William S. Cogswell, Jr

AGENDA

1. Invocation
2. Approval of Minutes April 22, 2025
3. Ashley River Crossing Update Mayor Cogswell
4. Lowline Update Mayor Cogswell
5. Update and potential action regarding the knee wall along Lockwood Boulevard Mayor Cogswell
6. An ordinance to Amend Article XVI (PEDICABS) of Chapter 19 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of the City of Charleston by amending Sections 19-465 "Renewal and expiration of Operating decals" and Section 19-469 "Agreement with the city." Melissa Cruthirds
7. Recommendation and path forward regarding Maybank Highway from River Road to the Paul Gelegotis Bridge Mayor Cogswell
8. Discussion regarding Secessionville Road
(Requested by Councilmember Caroline Parker)

9. Discussion regarding CARTA Benches/bus stop
Sidewalk requests along Folly Road and side routes
(Requested by Councilmember Caroline Parker)

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Ratification
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AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND ARTICLE XVI (PEDICABS) OF CHAPTER 19 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY AMENDING SECTIONS 19-465 "RENEWAL AND EXPIRATION OF OPERATING DECALS" AND SECTION 19-469 "AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY."

WHEREAS, in 1992, the City of Charleston adopted an ordinance to authorize and regulate pedicabs (then called rickshaws) in certain areas within the City, which granted Certificates of Appropriateness for one year terms, with unlimited renewals upon compliance with the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the term of the decals was limited to five years; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, consistent with the then-current ordinance, approved pedicab operators entered into a franchise agreement with the City for a term of five years, ending on August 15, 2021, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the term of the decals was amended to allow for one additional 5-year renewal period; and

WHEREAS, after and consistent with the 2021 ordinance amendment, approved pedicab operators entered into a first amendment to the franchise agreement with the City for a renewal term of five years, ending on August 15, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston recognizes that pedicab operators invest significant resources into their operations and that the current decal term of five years with one five-year renewal creates uncertainty for future business operations; and

WHEREAS, to provide for more certainty for pedicab business operations, the City of Charleston desires to amend the decal term as set forth in this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. Section 19-465 and Section 19-469 of Article XVI of Chapter 19 of the Code of the City of Charleston is hereby amended by adding the text shown below with a double-underline and deleting text shown below with a ~~strike through~~:

Sec. 19-465. Renewal and expiration of operating decals.

(a) The operating decal may be renewed ~~for one (1) additional five-year period as set forth in this Article and the agreement~~ upon the payment of a renewal fee based upon the original bid amount and an increase factor of fifteen (15) percent per term and upon determination of the director that:

(1) The holder of the operating decal has performed satisfactorily under the terms of this and any other operating decal(s);

(2) The holder of the operating decal is in compliance with this article; and

(3) The holder has executed another agreement to operate with the city.

(b) Upon expiration, cancellation, or revocation of the operating decal, the operating decal must be immediately surrendered to the city.

(c) Non-renewed operating decals shall be distributed pursuant to sections 19-466 through 19-468.

Sec. 19-469. Agreement with the city.

A successful bidder shall enter into an agreement with the city that shall include at a minimum the following provisions and any other provisions that the director or the traffic and transportation committee may require:

(a) The storage location of each pedicab;

(b) The term for each operating decal shall not exceed ~~five-the term set forth in the agreement (5) years from date of distribution~~ and may be renewed as set out in this article;

(c) The owner shall provide the insurance required by section 19-470 throughout the term of this agreement;

(d) A statement that the owner shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Charleston, its officials, employees, agents, (collectively referred to as "indemnitees") and each of them from and against all losses, costs, claims, penalties, fines, expenses (including attorney's fees), liabilities (collectively referred to as "liabilities") by reason of any bodily injury to or death of any person or damage to or destruction or loss of any property arising out of, or resulting from, or in connection with the operation of a pedicab. The owner shall also agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the indemnitees from and against liability which may be asserted by an employee or former employee of the pedicab owner, or any of its subcontractors or independent contractors, for which liability to such employee or former employee would otherwise be limited to payments under workers' compensation or similar laws; and

(e) A statement that the owner has read and understands this pedicab article; and

(f) A statement that the owner shall abide by the requirements of this article and all other ordinances, laws, and regulations.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon ratification .

Ratified in City Council this ____ day of ____ in the
year of Our Lord, 2025, in the ____ Year of the
Independence of the United States of America.

By: _____

William S. Cogswell, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Cook

Clerk of Council