

RESPONSES TO NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PUBLIC RULES

No.	Date Received	Name	Position	Various Comments
1	05/08/07	DES, Road Services	Supports green vehicles	
2	05/10/07	Habtu, Habtu	License Request (cab driver)	
2	05/10/07	Habtu, Habtu	Supports green vehicles	Submitted taxi business proposal, 50 hybrid vehicles, employees, driver standards, accessible cabs, small business participant (SEDB)
3	05/14/07	Praxedes, Thomas	License Request (cab driver)	Group of 30 drivers/cab driver
3	05/14/07	Praxedes, Thomas	Info request on how to apply	Immigrant, focus on improving customer service/driver education, more policing, person awarded license needs to perform a public service each month (i.e. take stranded teenagers home)
4	05/14/07	Makol, Sanjeev K.	License Request (cab driver)	Needs more cabs, issuing more plates will reduce long wait times, customers wait more than an hour sometimes
5	05/17/07	Endaylalu, Habtamu	License Request (cab driver)	Loves his job, service for the community, out of a job 3 times in last 2 years, if given a license will operate cab as service to community with respect and dignity
6	05/21/07	Singh, Amarjeet	Supports green vehicles	Lease rates to drivers are too high, cannot afford to buy taxicab \$360K STITA, \$210K at Yellow, Orange and Farwest \$180K, cash only. Not enough cabs during rush hour, cabs stuck in traffic, town cars and limos taking business from cabs.
6	05/21/07	Singh, Amarjeet		Supports Hybrid Vehicles (happy to buy a Hybrid if issue license)
6	05/21/07	Singh, Amarjeet	Issue license to lease drivers only	Issue 155 licenses, Increase taximeter rate due to high cost of fuel
6	05/21/07	Singh, Amarjeet	Issue dual licensed County and City of Seattle	
7	05/21/07	Singh Avtar	License Request (cab driver)	Drivers looking for cabs to drive, not enough available, lease rates high due to limited # of cabs, big line of drivers willing to pay whatever owners ask, license plate prices too high to buy, agree with whatever condition the County needs, hybrid, etc.
7	05/21/07	Singh Avtar	Lease rates too high	
8	05/22/07	Latorres, Illya (Habtu Habtu)	Non-transferability - Against	Wants the licenses to be transferable to immediate family members.
8	05/22/07	Latorres, Illya (Habtu Habtu)	24 hr per week driver requirement -Against	Owner should have to drive fewer hours if any.
8	05/22/07	Latorres, Illya (Habtu Habtu)	Vehicle Age limits - Agree	
8	05/22/07	Latorres, Illya (Habtu Habtu)	Hybrid Cars - Supports	
9	06/01/07	Shay, Zak	License Request	Thanks REALS for thinking outside the box and bringing new proposal. Frustrated by monopoly, need more taxis, cannot find taxi to drive, taxi companies don't want competition, request to put name on waiting list

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10	06/01/07	Heyar, Bhupinder	License Request	
10	06/01/07	Heyar, Bhupinder	Issue license to lease drivers only	no-one allowed to own more than 1 cab,
10	06/01/07	Heyar, Bhupinder	Info request on how to apply	
10	06/01/07	Singh, Ram	License Request	no-one allowed to own more than 1 cab,
10	06/01/07	Singh, Ram	Issue license to lease drivers only	
10	06/01/07	Singh, Ram	Info request on how to apply	
11	06/06/07	Gure, Elmi	Against Hybrid cars - too expensive for driver to afford	Hybrid cars are too small and very expensive, not enough room for luggage or overweight customers, too expensive for driver to afford
11	06/06/07	Gure, Elmi	License Request	Issue license to for-hire vehicle owners
12	06/06/07	Farah, Abdnur A.	Against Hybrid cars - too expensive for driver to afford	
12	06/06/07	Farah, Abdnur A.	Issue license to lease drivers only	Owners should be excluded for applying for license, increase # of associations because monopoly
12	06/06/07	Farah, Abdnur A.	24 hr per week driver requirement -against	Against 24 hr owner driver requirement due to travel/extended vacations
13	06/11/07	Muleta, Solomon Geleta (20 member grp)	License Request (cab driver)	Group of 20 drivers, promise to give very good customer service
13	06/11/07	Muleta, Solomon Geleta (20 member grp)	Supports rule	
14	06/11/07	Singh, Balbir	License Request (cab driver)	
15	06/12/07	Blondo, Joseph (21st Century Taxi Assoc.)	Supports rule	Given the feast and famine nature of Seattle's taxi business climate, feel it is debatable whether any increase in taxis is currently necessary, but if that decision is taken forward, let it be done in a respectful and honorable manner
15	06/12/07	Blondo, Joseph (21st Century Taxi Assoc.)	License Request (group of drivers)	driver/spokesperson for growing affiliation of Seattle-area taxi drivers, new vision, a real alternative.... Applauds County for seeking a solution for decade old problems
15	06/12/07	Blondo, Joseph (21st Century Taxi Assoc.)	Non-transferability - Against	(given obvious financial/time investments)
15	06/12/07	Blondo, Joseph (21st Century Taxi Assoc.)	revocable w/o cause - a highly structure review process is called for	Business proposal contained in the lease will be contribution for medical insurance, L&I, sick leave, legal fund, and possibly vacation
15	06/12/07	Blondo, Joseph (21st Century Taxi Assoc.)		would need to be much larger than 20 licenses to be functional and provide comprehensive service, potential to transform into just another version of what already exist is great, and not what the county appears to want

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15	06/12/07	Blondo, Joseph (21st Century Taxi Assoc.)	Age Limits - supports	Vehicle should be new and replaced after all warranties have expired, new car every 4-6 years, safety first concern. Driver should have minimum 5 years taxi driving experience and licensed car driver 10 yrs
15	06/12/07	Blondo, Joseph (21st Century Taxi Assoc.)	Supports Hybrid cars	
15	06/12/07	Dawit Tesfaye (attached to Blondo)	Supports rule	Ownership of taxicab license will enhance not only the moral of the taxicab drivers but also the financial incentives to both the driver and the County... reenergize the drivers to do more, to respond fast to customers request for service...
15	06/12/07	Dawit Tesfaye (attached to Blondo)	License request (driver)	
16	06/13/07	Hirschberg, Richard	Against proposed rule (all points)	A taxicab owner in King County, proposed rule misguided and unnecessary... shows a profound disregard for the structure of the existing industry as well as present owners who have invested time, money and energy in creating the present vibrant Seattle/King County taxi industry...
16	06/13/07	Hirschberg, Richard	24 hr per week driver requirement -Against	The requirement that all drivers be treated as employees violates the greatest benefit of being a cab driver, namely the freedom of being an independent contractor.
16	06/13/07	Hirschberg, Richard	Hybrid Cars - Against	Hybrid vehicle should be an option, not a requirement. Fuel efficiency should be one of a number of considerations
16	06/13/07	Hirschberg, Richard	Dual License Cabs and Open airport to reduce deadheading	Licenses should be distributed to the existing Seattle/King County taxicab Associations (peroration), with the goal in mind of reducing "deadheading" between Seattle and King County.
17	06/13/07	Hussien, Hassan Adem	License request (driver)	Against market value of cabs \$140-\$180K, unfair and loss to local economy and business... drivers want opportunity to own licenses
17	06/13/07	Hussien, Hassan Adem	Supports Green Vehicles	
18	06/13/07	Channi, Chanchal S.	License request (driver)	
18	06/13/07	Channi, Chanchal S.	Supports Rule	
18	06/13/07	Channi, Chanchal S.	Award licenses to drivers through a lottery	
19	06/13/07	Addisu, Mussie (20 mbr grp)	License request (drivers)	
19	06/13/07	Addisu, Mussie (20 mbr grp)	Supports rule	
20	06/13/07	Lamles, Nabil (29 mbr grp)	License request (driver)	Proposal group of 29 drivers w/ 5+ years experience good driving and service records, independent source for dispatch, meet all requirements, will market services to the general public.

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20	06/13/07	Lamles, Nabil (29 mbr grp)	Support Green Vehicles	Find a vehicle that is fuel efficient and large enough o carry 4 passengers.
20	06/13/07	Lamles, Nabil (29 mbr grp)	Dual License Cabs and Open airport to reduce deadheading	Need to overhaul the City, County, Port of Seattle and numerous licensing structure to reduce deadheading. Eliminate open market for taxicab sales \$75-\$145K, exorbitant cost makes it impossible for the average, experience cab driver to afford ownership in our industry.
20	06/13/07	Lamles, Nabil (29 mbr grp)	Pro-union (but maintain independent contractor status)	
21	06/14/07	Rashidi, Robert (18 mbr grp)	License request (drivers)	Safety and customer service should be the foundation of any association, in house monthly driver training on safety and customer service, incentive programs for drivers, family discounts, driver must be part of company
21	06/15/07	Rashidi, Robert (18 mbr grp)	Support Green Vehicles	Supports Hybrid Vehicles for fuel cost reduction program for drivers.
21	06/16/07	Rashidi, Robert (18 mbr grp)	Support rule	Incentive programs from State and County needed for ideal association.
22	06/18/07	Iman, Ibrahim (20 mbr grp)	Lease rates too high	Drivers pay as much as \$1680 a month to lease from a license owner who may own one or more taxicabs. Economic opportunity for poor immigrants trying hard to support families. Owners have a monopoly on the taxicab market.
22	06/18/07	Iman, Ibrahim (20 mbr grp)	Award licenses through a lottery	Declare desire to participate in lottery.
22	06/18/07	Iman, Ibrahim (20 mbr grp)		With growing population the demand for more taxicabs is justified, currently long wait times for passengers, not enough cabs at rush hour, opportunity for drivers to become owners.
23	06/18/07	Tyabji, Julia (20 mbr grp) Nur	License Request (drivers)	Request to maintain fairness in relation to existing licenses. Rules regarding non-transferability, employee/license status and hybrid vehicles requirement should also eventually apply to all KC cabs. The testing period should be be long enough to gather useful feedback, but no longer than necessary due to the extent of the additional burdens.
23	06/18/07	Tyabji, Julia (20 mbr grp) Nur	Hybrid - Against	Supports green vehicles, due to high cost of hybrid... consider adopting a related alternative such as conversion to bio-diesel or by safe and similar methods to meet the min 40 mpg requirement

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23	06/18/07	Tyabji, Julia (20 mbr grp) Nur	Employer/Employee Relationship - Against	Understand first hand the benefits of being an employee as opposed to an independent driver, unfortunately the nature of a taxi business does not lend itself easily to the proposed restructuring - Supervision, market fluctuation, Public Accessibility - licensee cannot directly supervise or have control over the employees drivers fares and ultimately their own source of income, accurate financial management and accountability is severely compromised....
24	06/19/07	Kebede, Admasu	Non-transferability - Against	Driver, thinks idea of rule is good but disagrees with non-transferability.
25	06/19/07	Alemayehu, Muluken (20 mbr grp)	License Request (drivers)	Group members have a proven experience driving.. Ready to provide an efficient service to the environment by using computerized dispatch service, environmentally friendly fuel efficient vehicles and experience drivers.
26	06/19/07	Alemayehu, Muluken (20 mbr grp)	Support Rule	
26	06/20/07	Lisanework, Yared (20 mbr grp)	License request (drivers)	Special attention should be given to widely uncovered areas of Auburn, Fed Way, West Seattle, Shoreline, Kenmore ,Bothell, Woodinville, etc. Propose the development and implementation of newer dispatch software technology.
26	06/20/07	Lisanework, Yared (20 mbr grp)	Hybrid - Support	
27	06/20/07	Melinium Taxi Drivers (20 mbr grp)	License request (drivers)	
28	06/20/07	Singh, Sawinder	License Request (driver)	
29	06/20/07	Samater, Adam	Dual license with City of Seattle	
29	06/20/07	Samater, Adam	Issue license to lease drivers only	Person that owns taxicab before should not get a license
29	06/20/07	Samater, Adam	Hybrid - Support	
29	06/20/07	Samater, Adam	24 hour driving requirement - support	
30	06/20/07	Mehari, Taddese	License Request (driver)	Give to taxicab for-hire licensed drivers only, cab driver from Louisiana moved here after hurricane Katrina destroyed the city.
31	06/21/07	Ngo, Thach H. (+ 3 others)	Non-transferability - Against	What happens if the license holder dies, his family loses the source of income and could drive to public assistance
31	06/21/07	Ngo, Thach H. (+ 3 others)	Revocable without cause - Against	Capital investment too high if could lose without cause or appeal.

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31	06/21/07	Ngo, Thach H. (+ 3 others)	24 hour driving requirement - Against	License holder needs vacation , can be sick for a time or has a family problem that takes him out of state or country for a period of time. According to this , the license holder cannot take a vacation or become ill for fear of losing his license and livelihood.
31	06/21/07	Ngo, Thach H. (+ 3 others)	Employer/Employee Relationship - Against	Employer required withhold income taxes, FICA, keeping extensive records which will increase the expenses to the license cense holder and eventually pass on to customer. WA State Dept of L&I will want \$1.05 an hour for every hour the cab is operating.. More than \$24 a day to state \$672 a month just for L&I
31	06/21/07	Ngo, Thach H. (+ 3 others)	Union - Against	By what right can the county mandate union? Does the county mandate any other businesses to be unionized? If not, why not? Precedent-setting for other businesses licenses in KC.
31	06/21/07	Ngo, Thach H. (+ 3 others)	Award licenses through a lottery	Lottery format gives every qualified person an equal change to get a license. Rule designed to give all 20 licenses to one entity is unfair and discriminatory.
31	06/21/07	Ngo, Thach H. (+ 3 others)	Hybrid - Against	new unproven technologies, smaller prius type cars can only take 3 passengers and limited luggage, do not hold up in bad collision which will result in more passenger injuries?
32	6/21/2007	Kazem, Novem	Non-transferability - Against	same comments as Ngo
32	6/21/2007	Kazem, Novem	Revocable without cause - Against	
32	6/21/2007	Kazem, Novem	24 hour driving requirement - Against	
32	6/21/2007	Kazem, Novem	Employer/Employee Relationship - Against	
32	6/21/2007	Kazem, Novem	Union - Against	
32	6/21/2007	Kazem, Novem	Award licenses through a lottery	
32	6/21/2007	Kazem, Novem	Hybrid - Against	
33	06/21/07	Dara, Jebessa	License Request (driver)	Interested in participating in program for testing alternative ways of restructuring taxi cab associations.
34	06/21/07	Hailegiorgis, Samson	License Request (driver)	Interested in participating in program for testing alternative ways of restructuring taxi cab associations.
35	06/21/07	Mendonca, Cajetan	License Request (driver)	Cab driver for 18 months, please let participate in bid for plate
36	06/21/07	Dialio, Boubacar	Hybrid - Against	Purchase price of hybrid too high, unless county can help w/ low rate loan. Supports lowering pollution, high gas prices need meter rate increase, since lease prices increased, need more taxicabs, most drivers part-time because lack of taxis, KC population growing.

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37	06/21/07	Giire, Ibrahim Gas (19 mbr grp) Atty Engel	License Request (drivers)	Group of experienced drivers have vested interest in adoption of these rules, hope to obtain taxi licenses when additional ones are issued. Have carefully reviewed and discussed the proposed rules and believe that they are reasonable but have suggests on hybrid
37	06/21/07	Giire, Ibrahim Gas (19 mbr grp)	Supports Hybrid with modifications - phased in approach	The high cost of new hybrids is a concern, no used market yet request phased in approach like other cities. 20% purchase within 1 year of getting license, next year 40%, then next year 60%, and so on. Other cities are working to move toward a hybrid taxi fleet, but all proposal include conversion over time.
37	06/21/07	Giire, Ibrahim Gas (19 mbr grp)		Hope that there will be a public announcement when the time comes for applications to be submitted for the new licenses/requests written notice.
38	06/21/07	Kajuri, Kadogo (Guled)	Award licenses to drivers through a lottery	Give drives not owners an opportunity to own a taxi, because the low-income taxi drivers are challenged to pay the expensive lease to owners, which gas prices rise, would like lease regulated as well as price for selling taxicabs.
38	06/21/07	Kajuri, Kadogo (Guled)	Regulate Lease	
39	06/21/07	Kahlon, Gurminder (IODA 196 drivers)	License request (drivers)	We at IODA (Independent owner driver association) have over 196 members with many years of experience in the taxicab industry. We welcome the possibility of KC and Seattle re-issuing reverted licenses. We are concerned about customer service. We know there will be many applicants, but we feel we can make a solid proposal when the time comes.
39	06/21/07	Kahlon, Gurminder (IODA 196 drivers)	Dual license with City of Seattle	Also interested in Wheelchair accessible vehicle licenses if become available
39	06/21/07	Kahlon, Gurminder (IODA 196 drivers)	Nontransferability - Against	
39	06/21/07	Kahlon, Gurminder (IODA 196 drivers)	Revokable without cause - Against	
39	06/21/07	Kahlon, Gurminder (IODA 196 drivers)	24 hour per week requirement - Supports	
39	06/21/07	Kahlon, Gurminder (IODA 196 drivers)	Union - pro	Have begun contract talks with a local taxi drivers Union in the event they receive the licenses.
39	06/21/07	Kahlon, Gurminder (IODA 196 drivers)	Employer-Employee Status - support	Employer-Employee relationship can make sure customers are serviced, the driver accountability factor alone makes this a requirement for our plans anyway.

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39	06/21/07	Kahlon, Gurminder (IODA 196 drivers)	Nontransferability - Against	Long term transferability might be in order under certain conditions... allowed in cases of retirement or disability or extreme hardship situations.
39	06/21/07	Kahlon, Gurminder (IODA 196 drivers)	Hybrid vehicle - against	At present there is no vehicle that works and meets standards on the market. There are three possibilities coming in the near future, plus option of doing conversion ourselves. Research shows can afford a conversation as long as there are guarantees on these licenses.
40	06/21/07	Sandhu, Sakater Singh (+ 2 others)	License Request (drivers)	Taxi prices are very high, can't afford to buy taxi, lease payments are high, shortage of taxis, can't provide good service sometimes people have to wait, need more cabs at the airport
41	06/21/07	Hanna, Magdi	Issue license to lease drivers only	
41	06/21/07	Hanna, Magdi	Award licenses to drivers through a lottery	Total number of for-hire driver licenses issued in 2005 is 2663, a significant fraction of the licenses are involved in taxicab industry. Only 59 reverted licenses, rate of eligible applicant is 45:1, therefore propose that licenses should be issued by means of lottery to be fair and impartial.
41	06/21/07	Hanna, Magdi		Issuance of licenses to one or multiple associations without prior experience wof the taxicab industry will definitely jeopardize the quality of service currently provided by the hard working for-hire drivers. Propose license should be issued to for-hire drivers on an individual basis, he/she may operate independently or join an existing association.
42	06/21/07	Tadesse, Henok (Quality Transp. Systems Inc.)	License Request (drivers)	We at Quality Transportation Systems have members with many years of experience in the Taxicab Industry. ... Increased fuel costs, lease rates and obscene price of medallion on the open market, and truly abysmal lack of customer service from driver and companies... we have found a path to solve some of these factors. We need licenses to make the changes required to fix the industry effectively.
42	06/21/07	Tadesse, Henok (Quality Transp. Systems Inc.)	City of Seattle Dual license	Item 2.0 - Currently at least two taxi companies on the market are for sale and a third teetering on Bankruptcy again, would we be able to acquire an existing company?
42	06/21/07	Tadesse, Henok (Quality Transp. Systems Inc.)		Item 3.0 - City of Seattle license issued in conjunction with King County would increase the viability of any new company to survive against the mega companies that currently exist

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42	06/21/07	Tadesse, Henok (Quality Transp. Systems Inc.)	Nontransferability - Against	Extreme cost of startup might make the lack of transferability an impossible economic situation.
42	06/21/07	Tadesse, Henok (Quality Transp. Systems Inc.)	24 hour operating requirement - support	
42	06/21/07	Tadesse, Henok (Quality Transp. Systems Inc.)	Union - Pro	Began preliminary negotiations with local taxi driver union
42	06/21/07	Tadesse, Henok (Quality Transp. Systems Inc.)	Employee-Employer relationship - supports	
42	06/21/07	Tadesse, Henok (Quality Transp. Systems Inc.)	Hybrid -Against	At present only 5 vehicles that meet or come close to meeting standard, the Ford Escape, Honda Civic, Nissan Altima, Toyota Camry, Toyota Prius - gave weight capacity and MPG standards statistics to conclude that none of the cars are viable taxicabs. In favor of a Purpose Built Vehicle but exceeds MPG requirement, would allow accessibility for disabled and predicting hybrid technology in the near future.
43	06/21/07	Ruhl, John R. (STITA - Attorney)	Against Proposed Rule	STITA urges the County to withdraw the proposed rule - would result economically in a lose-lose-lose situation for the new licensees, for the employee drivers, and the new associations.
43	06/21/07	Ruhl, John R. (STITA - Attorney)	Nontransferability - Against	This provision essentially would put long-term financial security out of reach for the new taxicab owners because it would prevent the accrual of any medallion value, or good will, their taxicab businesses. Medallion value is essential for a small family-owned business. Its principal effect would be merely to reduce the incentive for non-owner drivers to aspire to ownership.
43	06/21/07	Ruhl, John R. (STITA - Attorney)	Revocable without cause - Against	Would remove even short-term financial security... unlikely that any taxicab driver would be able to justify making any significant investment in a taxicab or equipment if the license could be canceled at any moment. Lenders would be wary.
43	06/21/07	Ruhl, John R. (STITA - Attorney)	Minimum Size of Taxi Association - Against	If 21 drivers were to form an association and make themselves employees of their association, then that same group of people would constitute the owner/members, the managers, and the employees. Collective bargaining in such a situation would serve no practical purpose.

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43	06/21/07	Ruhl, John R. (STITA - Attorney)	Union - Against	Even if association were to hire non-owner drivers as additional employees, collective bargaining could not be conducted in any meaningful way. The Association would not control the taxicab licenses - rather, the licenses would be owned by individual taxicab owners. County's fixed meter rate would stand in the way of any possible attempt by the association to increase drivers' wages or benefits. Ultimately only the county could make possible any substantial increase.
43	06/21/07	Ruhl, John R. (STITA - Attorney)	Hybrid -Against	Requires extraordinary investment to purchase the newer, more expensive hybrid vehicles; whose capped meter rates would prevent them from recouping their major vehicle investments within the economic lifetime of their vehicles
43	06/21/07	Ruhl, John R. (STITA - Attorney)	Employee-Employer relationship - Against	The proposed rule appears to be premised upon several economic assumptions that are at odds with the realities of the taxicab industry. KC Superior Court Judge recent ruling in auto tort case, which shows why drivers are not and cannot be employees of taxicab associations.
43	06/21/07	Ruhl, John R. (STITA - Attorney)		Judge's ruling provides an excellent overview of STITA's operations as a typical taxicab association. Like other associations, STITA is loosely organized, managed by a volunteer board, operated with minimal administrative staff, and limited in its purpose and function to acting as a liaison between its members and their regulators. The operations of the kind of association that is envisioned the proposed rule would be fundamentally different and dramatically more expensive, both for the association and for its members. Capped meter rate would prevent from recovering increased expenses.
43	06/21/07	Ruhl, John R. (STITA - Attorney)		Ironically, increasing the meter rate would only handicap taxicab operators because it would place them at a further competitive disadvantage with their non-regulated competitors such as limos and shuttle vans.
44	06/21/07	Siraji, Siraji E.	License Request (cab driver)	Agree with proposed rule
45	06/21/07	Hassan, Khan	License Request (cab driver)	
45	06/21/07	Hassan, Khan	Issue to lease drivers only by lottery	Issue to drivers w/ min. 2 yrs for-hire drivers, not existing owners, should create new entrepreneurship in the taxicab industry
46	06/21/07	Islam, Kazi Monirul	License Request (cab driver)	

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47	06/21/07	Islam, Mohammed Rafiqul	License Request (cab driver)	
47	06/21/07	Islam, Mohammed Rafiqul	Issue to lease drivers only by lottery	
48	06/21/07	Kabir, Aktar	License Request (cab driver)	
48	06/21/07	Kabir, Aktar	Issue to lease drivers only by lottery	
49	06/21/07	Mustafa, Kazi G.	License Request (cab driver)	
49	06/21/07	Mustafa, Kazi G.	Issue to lease drivers only by lottery	
50	06/21/07	Parang, Siamac	License Request (cab driver)	
50	06/21/07	Parang, Siamac	Issue to lease drivers only by lottery	
51	06/21/07	Salonen, Chris	License Request (cab driver)	
51	06/21/07	Salonen, Chris	Issue to lease drivers only by lottery	
52	06/21/07	Shamim, Md	License Request (cab driver)	
52	06/21/07	Shamim, Md	Issue to lease drivers only by lottery	
53	06/21/07	Sing, Jageet	License Request (cab driver)	
53	06/21/07	Sing, Jageet	Issue to lease drivers only by lottery	
54	06/21/07	Tandiana, Generoso G.	License Request (cab driver)	
54	06/21/07	Tandiana, Generoso G.	Issue to lease drivers only by lottery	
55	06/21/07	Butler, Christopher, Clean Energy	Hybrid -Against	Eliminating CNG as an option for KC taxicab fleets is premature and potentially damaging to its own goals of sustainability, energy independence, clean air and GHG reduction
56	06/21/07	Prigmore, William	License Request (cab drivers)	
56	06/22/07	Prigmore, William	Supports green vehicles	
	06/22/07	Prigmore, William	Support rule	
57	06/22/07	Shahabi, Abdul	License Request (cab driver)	Concerned about requirement to form a taxi association with 20 other licenses, since hard to find, but existing associations have unfair practices of dishonest owners.
	06/22/07	Shahabi, Abdul	Hybrid - Pro	Enthusiastic support, hybrids pollute far less and can achieve up to twice the city gas mileage of current standard cabs, more cost-effective for drivers.
	06/22/07	Shahabi, Abdul	Revocable without cause - Against	Hybrid vehicles typically cost \$30-40K, more fair and appropriate rule to say that licenses are revocable upon violation of city and/or county laws.
58	06/22/07	Kimball, Mark D. (Clean Drivers Assoc. LLC)	License Request (cab drivers)	
	06/22/07	Kimball, Mark D. (Clean Drivers Assoc. LLC)	Hybrid - Against	Reverted licenses should be available without these restrictions. Age limits should be changed from 3 to 7 years.

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	06/22/07	Kimball, Mark D. (Clean Drivers Assoc. LLC)	Revocable without cause - Against	inconsistent with constitutional due process rights
	06/25/07	Kimball, Mark D. (Clean Drivers Assoc. LLC)	Non-transferability - Against	Should permit the use of licenses by others for short periods, in such cases as illness or vacation. There is no rational basis for the proposed requirement that htl licensees would be lost in the event of an entity change-such as a new member in a limited liability company or merger.
59	06/22/07	Nuru, Sead Siraj (20 mbr grp)	License Request (cab drivers)	
59	06/23/07	Nuru, Sead Siraj (20 mbr grp)	Issue license to lease drivers only	Issue license to those currently driving.. Benefit to those still working in the industry.
59	06/24/07	Nuru, Sead Siraj (20 mbr grp)	Award licenses through a lottery	We believe lottery would be the best way to allocate the license fairly and reasonably.
59	06/25/07	Nuru, Sead Siraj (20 mbr grp)	Non-transferability - Against	Award each license to 2 drivers, so taxi operated 24 hours and more drivers have opportunity to be owners.
60	06/22/07	Woodworth, Park (KC Paratransit/Rideshare)	Hybrid - Against	Would add "... or an equivalent vehicle approved by KC" this would allow someone to make a case for an alternatively fueled vehicle that was equally clean and resource protecting.
		Woodworth, Park (KC Paratransit/Rideshare)	10% Accessible Taxicabs	KCC goal of 10% accessibility in the taxicabs licensed by the county. Would like to have 10% of the licenses issued under this rule be set aside for accessible taxi vehicles. Also, when commercially available in the future all new green taxis would need to be accessible.
61	06/22/07	Hanna, Magdi F.	License Request (cab driver)	Excellent idea trying to reform rules pertaining to issuance of licenses, currently much abuse. If anyone should be making money off of the leases, it should be the County, not individuals.
61	06/23/07	Hanna, Magdi F.	24 hr per week driver requirement -Pro	Great idea, but doesn't understand how county can enforce
61	06/24/07	Hanna, Magdi F.	Employer/Employee Relationship - Pro	
61	06/25/07	Hanna, Magdi F.	Hybrid - Pro	
61	06/26/07	Hanna, Magdi F.	Age Limits - supports	
61	06/27/07	Hanna, Magdi F.	Info request on how to apply	
62	06/22/07	Habtu, Habtu H.	Non-transferability - Against	Want to allow the license to be transferable to immediate family
62	06/22/07	Habtu, Habtu H.	24 hr per week driver requirement - Against	24 hours is too many, should be less or not at all
62	06/22/07	Habtu, Habtu H.	Age Limits - supports	
62	06/22/07	Habtu, Habtu H.	Hybrid - Pro	
62	06/22/07	Habtu, Habtu H.	Info request on how to apply	Definition of taxi association is not clear. One license for association or individually licensed taxicabs?
63	06/22/07	Ramzan, Mohammed Khalid	License Request (cab driver)	

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64	06/22/07	Dhinbil, Mowlid Ali	License Request (cab driver)	
65	06/22/07	Sebhatu, Ephrem	License Request (cab driver)	Those who drive taxi for many years with good record should have priority.
65	06/23/07	Sebhatu, Ephrem	Supports rule	Like the idea of testing alternative ways structuring. I think it is good benefit to the environment for all of us.
65	06/22/07	Sebhatu, Ephrem	Lottery	Lottery will be good idea instead of 20 people, because those of us who cannot afford lawyers will be left out.
65	06/22/07	Sebhatu, Ephrem	Non-transferability - Against	If you invest in hybrid vehicle should be able to sell it.
66	06/22/07	Titus, D. Douglas (Seattle WA Taxi Assoc.)	License Request (cab drivers)	We understand that... no new taxi plates have been issued by KC since 1987. Need for additional service at the airport and other underserved communities, such as Auburn, Federal Way, and Renton. (presented strong argument supporting need for additional cabs)
	06/22/07	Titus, D. Douglas (Seattle WA Taxi Assoc.)	Proposal	Group of qualified professional drivers, representing 10 to 17 years of successful taxi driving experience, courteous, w/ outstanding driving records, all us citizens or legal immigrants. Can not afford high costs of purchasing taxi cabs, lease rates currently \$1,300 to \$1,400 per month.
	06/22/07	Titus, D. Douglas (Seattle WA Taxi Assoc.)	Employer/Employee Relationship - Pro	Our association will be the very first association in the United States to make drivers employees and provide appropriate benefits.
	06/23/07	Titus, D. Douglas (Seattle WA Taxi Assoc.)	Hybrid - Pro	Respectfully ask that provisions be added to allow potential licenses a period of time to obtain vehicles... would need 120 days to obtain the new or new vehicle. Request to use their customary vehicles in the interim.
67	06/22/07	Messore, Tagese H. (20 grp mbrs)	License Request (cab drivers)	We strongly support this rule and enclosed a list of 20 drivers requesting to be considered.
68	06/22/07	Bakele - 15 Group Members	License Request (cab drivers)	
68	06/23/07	Bakele - 15 Group Members	Hybrid - Pro	
68	06/22/07	Bakele - 15 Group Members	Age Limits - against	To achieve economic viability, we would like the County to reconsider the time allotted for the vehicle... no older than 5 years in the beginning, and not operate after 10 years.
68	06/22/07	Bakele - 15 Group Members	Nontransferability - Pro	It is the property of the Seattle or King County and therefore should be regarded a such
68	06/22/07	Bakele - 15 Group Members	Issue license to lease drivers only	Plates should be issued to drivers who are not owners or even recent owners. To benefit more Cab-drivers, it would be best to give plates to pairs of drivers.

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69	06/22/07	RICCS - Faith Mohamed	License Request (cab drivers)	It is a common knowledge that most taxicab drivers and owners are foreign born or newly arrived Refugees/Immigrants; mostly from East Africa and the Indian Sub-continent. It is necessary when dealing with these communities to be sensitive and understand the dynamic and nature the of culture. Refugee Immigrant Cultural and Community Services (RICCS) is a newly formed non-profit Organization predicated on building these sensitivities and understanding. Trying to bridge the gap between the larger American culture and these newly arriving communities of cultures and business.
69	06/22/07	RICCS - Faith Mohamed	Proposal	1)Act as the lessor 2) provide licenses to vigorously selected drivers 3) invest the money in a very transparent way into the community by proving an elderly recreation facility with a facility conducive to other culture and language, expand on the youth programs and translation programs. Most important we intend to eliminate the middle man and impose strict responsibility on all parties to the larger American community by empowering the drivers and customer son one hand and the county on the other.
70	06/22/07	Somali Community Center (Bernice Funk)	Hybrid - Against	Taxi drivers who are members of the Somali Community Center in Tukwila have requested that the Seattle National Lawyers Guild inform you of the drivers' opposition other proposed changes in the code regarding Taxi associations. Somali taxi drivers and other immigrants may not have access to the start-up capital need (\$26K+ for every vehicle). 100% all hybrids for reverted licenses severely economically discriminates against immigrant taxi drivers.
71	06/22/07	Mohamed, Abdiaziz	License Request (cab driver)	
71	06/22/07	Mohamed, Abdiaziz	Lease rates too high	
71	06/22/07	Mohamed, Abdiaziz	Issue license to lease drivers only	should not give the owners and companies licenses
72	06/22/07	Thompson, Jim + 4 others (Farwest)	Non-transferability - Against	Fully support issuance of more licenses... if any doubt about the need for more taxis, look at the explosive growth in towncar and limousine vehicles in the last few years, all of which operate in an unregulated, freewheeling, anything goes atmosphere. The reason for this towncar and limousine company growth is that many people (mostly former and current taxi drivers) saw this unmet need and went into business as limo and towncar drivers.

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72	06/22/07	Thompson, Jim + 4 others (Farwest)	Employer/Employee Relationship - Against	Drivers take pride in being independent contractors who have the choice to belong to any taxi association they choose, many are immigrant from other countries who are now successful businessmen and woman who have grabbed hold of of the American dream, they own their own business, manage their own business, and they like the freedom that come with those choices.
72	06/22/07	Thompson, Jim + 4 others (Farwest)		Propose auctioning off taxicab licenses to highest bidder, been told County licenses would go for no less than \$200K in a highest bidder wins auction, in addition to a 2% County excise tax, and would receive an additional excise tax every time the license is sold/transferred. Every year licenses worth millions of dollars change hands and you collect nothing for this. I believe this represents a sizable untaxed asset base.
72	06/22/07	Thompson, Jim + 4 others	24 hr per week driver requirement - Against	Livelihood could be in jeopardy if they become ill or disabled and
	06/22/07	Thompson, Jim + 4 others	Against Rule	Our experience tells us that its not feasible for a 20 taxicab
	06/22/07	Thompson, Jim + 4 others	Hybrid - Against	Don't believe the current crop of hybrids could be used successfully
73	06/22/07	20 Group Members (Nuur Mohamed Nuur)	Hybrid - Pro	Eventually all requirements (hybrid, nontransferability, employee/licensee status) should apply to the entire industry. To assure fairness as it relates to existing licensees, the cost of a newer hybrid vehicular is far more than the cost of the current regulation vehicle. Consider adopting a related alternative such as " current regulation vehicles may be converted to bio-diesel or by safe and similar methods to meet the min 40 mpg requirement. By adopting this or a similar regulation, we can make being "green" a n achievable county-wide standard.
		21 Group Members (Nuur Mohamed Nuur)	Employer/Employee Relationship - Against	While we understand first hand the benefits of being an employee as opposed to an independent driver, unfortunately the nature of taxi business does not lend itself easily to the proposed restructuring. Issues: 1) Supervision 2) Market Fluctuation 3) Public's Accessibility Alternative suggestions: For this unique arrangement to continue to be viable for both licensee and 2nd driver, the licensee must be able to either a) continue to lease out taxi to independent driver as is currently allowed or b) have at least 2 licensed owners per taxicab. Both options allow for a viable shared-risk relationship in the operation and for financial transparency and accountability.

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		22 Group Members (Nuur Mohamed Nuur)	License Request (cab drivers)	
74	06/22/07	Vaitla, Pat (20 grp mbrs + 5 back ups)	License Request (cab drivers)	
75	06/22/07	Hatley, Tim		Recommends strike through language to clarify that the licenses can be given directly to an association which then hires the drivers as employees as well as own the new cars.
76	06/22/07	Grace, Paul (Port of Seattle, Operations Mgr)	Hybrid - Against	Recommend a broader approach to alternative vehicles to include CNG fueled taxis and Hybrid electric taxis that meet SULEV emission standards and have a min 45 mpg rating.
77	06/22/07	Sirna, Kibru (2 mbrs - Belayneh, Makonnen)	Pro-union	
78	06/22/07	Tekie, Yosiepg	License Request (cab driver)	
79	06/22/07	Singh, Balbir	License Request (cab driver)	Agree with proposed rule
80	06/25/07	No name	Issue license to lease drivers only	Use point system to issue new licenses (length of time as a driver, good driving record, criminal history, length of residency in King County, VA status, Education) Persons with higher points will receive priority for licenses.
80	06/26/07	No name	Supports green vehicles	shall be CNG, BIODiesel, E-85 or hybrid electric
81	06/26/07	Tekaba, Tigabie (Green Cab Ta	License Request (cab drivers)	Business proposal - All drivers are currently licensed have over three years experience, clean driving records and knowledge of King county. Our vehicle and dispatch will be state of the art and set a new standard for taxi cabs in our region. Our approach will provide King County and our customers an alternative approach to the existing system and improved working conditions and benefits for the drivers/employees.
81	06/27/07	Tekaba, Tigabie (Green Cab Ta	Hybrid - Support	
81	06/28/07	Tekaba, Tigabie (Green Cab Ta	Employer-Employee Status - support	
81	06/29/07	Tekaba, Tigabie (Green Cab Ta	Supports rule	

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