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ORDINANCE NO. 2015-

ORDINANCE THE BOARD OF COUNTY OF COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING MOTOR **CARRIERS**: AMENDING TO VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 22½ BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE") TO THE LICENSING AND OPERATION OF RELATING TAXICABS, LUXURY SEDANS, AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES: REQUIRING CERTIFICATION NETWORK TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES AND DRIVERS MEET REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 221/2; PROVIDING THE TAXICAB AND OPTION **FOR** LUXURY COMPANIES TO SELF-CERTIFY THAT THEY CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 221/2; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioners Mark Bogen and Chip LaMarca)

WHEREAS, Chapter 22½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances ("Code") regulates for-hire ground transportation services in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida ("Board"), desires to amend Chapter 22½ of the Code in order to permit for-hire ground transportation providers greater self-regulation while safeguarding the life, health, safety, property, and welfare of the people of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the implementation of this Ordinance, as set forth herein, promotes, protects, and improves the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Broward County, Florida,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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Section 1. Chapter 22½-1 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22½-1. Definitions.

- (k) *Motor vehicle* or *vehicle* means all vehicles or machines propelled by power other than muscular, used upon the public streets for public passenger transportation, by motor carriers to transport passengers, including, but not limited to:
 - (1) Taxicab means a motor vehicle that employs the use of a taximeter, as defined in Section 22½-1(r)(q) of this Chapter, or a motor vehicle designed to accommodate not more than eight (8) passengers, exclusive of the driver, operated for compensation at rates, prescribed by Commission resolution, recorded and indicated by a taximeter in operation when the vehicle is in use for transportation of any passenger, and where the route or destination is controlled by the passengers.
 - Limousine means any chauffeur-driven motor vehicle that is engaged for the exclusive use of the passenger, not equipped with a taximeter, which provides seating accommodations for not more than nineteen (19) passengers, exclusive of the driver, and where pickup is on a prearranged basis and the route or destination is controlled by the passenger. Limousines operating pursuant to Subsection 22½-6D(m) shall not be required to have prearranged pickups.
 - (3) Luxury sedan means a motor vehicle with a passenger capacity of one to eight (1—8) passengers, which does not contain a partition or other device used to separate the driver and passenger seating areas, and is

- recognized by the industry as a "luxury" vehicle, such as Lincoln, Cadillac, Mercedes Benz, or other similar luxury sedan.
- (4) Luxury limousine means a motor vehicle with a seating capacity of six to nineteen (6—19) passengers, excluding the driver, which has been altered from its original manufacturer's specifications with respect to wheelbase and passenger capacity, and contains a partition or other device used to separate the driver and passenger seating areas.
- (5) Transport van shall mean a motor vehicle not equipped with a taximeter, with a seating capacity of nine (9) or more passengers, but not more than nineteen (19) passengers, exclusive of the driver, where there is no separation of the driver and passenger compartments.
- (6) Jitney means a motorized passenger vehicle having a manufacturer's rated seating capacity of not less than nine (9) passengers, but not more than nineteen (19) passengers, including the driver, that is operated upon a Broward County Transit Division approved route or any portion of an approved route (following specified streets and highways in a specified direction), transporting passengers for hire on a per-head basis from place to place without a fixed schedule, excluding vehicles owned or operated by Broward County or a Broward County municipality.
- (7) Transportation network company vehicle shall mean a personal or other noncommercial vehicle that is used by a chauffeur or any other person transportation network company driver to provide transportation services arranged through a transportation network company's digital platform.

Section 2. Section 22½-6A of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22½-6A. Permits—General.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle "for hire" "for hire" upon the streets of Broward County without first obtaining a current valid permit required by the provisions of this Chapter; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to exempt motor carriers, as defined by Section 22½-2 of this Chapter Code, except that motor carriers as identified in Subsections 22½-2(j) and 22½-2(l) shall be subject to this section. When "permit" is used in this Section 22½-6A, it shall include all types of permits, licenses, and registrations issued pursuant to this Chapter. The Division shall not issue more than one (1) type of permit to any motor vehicle "for hire." "for hire."
- (u) In lieu of the application process in Section 22½-6A(b)-(d), a certified motor carrier licensed pursuant to Section 22½-7C shall have the option to certify that the vehicles operating under its license meet the requirements of Section 22½-6A(b)-(d) and Section 22½-9B. Upon receipt of such certification and payment of the applicable fees, the Division shall issue to the certified motor carrier permits for each vehicle operating under its license as provided in Section 22½-6A(g).
- Section 3. Section 22½-7B of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22½-7B. Transportation Network Companies.

- (a) Transportation network company license required.
- (1) It shall be unlawful for any transportation network company to use, drive, or operate or to cause or permit any person to use, drive, or operate any

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motor vehicle upon the streets of Broward County, or to receive compensation as a result of arranging or providing for the use or operation of any vehicle in motor carrier services upon the streets of Broward County, or to advertise in any print or electronic medium, airwave transmission, telephone directory, or other media accessible to the public within Broward County that it offers motor carrier services within Broward County, without first obtaining a transportation network company license and maintaining it current and valid pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.

- (2) It shall be unlawful for any transportation network company driver to provide motor carrier services upon the streets of Broward County without first obtaining a chauffer's registration and maintaining it current and valid pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.
- (3) (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to advertise, or cause any other person to advertise, transportation network company services without first obtaining and maintaining a current and valid license and permit pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter. Any advertisement, including advertisements and telephone listings in any electronic media, including internet sites and digital applications, shall include the license and permit number issued pursuant to this Chapter.
 - (b) Application for transportation network company license; fees.
 - (1) Every application for a transportation network company license shall be in writing, signed and verified by the applicant, and filed with the Division together with a fee established by resolution of the Commission. If the

applicant is a corporation, the form shall be signed and sworn to by the president or vice president, and the corporate secretary shall attest such signature and affix the corporate seal. If the applicant is a partnership, the form shall be signed and sworn to by a general partner. In addition to the application fee, upon approval of the transportation network company license, each transportation network company will be required to pay a license fee prior to the Division issuing the license. The fees shall be set by resolution of the Commission at a public hearing.

- (2) Every application for a transportation network company license shall be on a form prescribed by the Division and shall contain all the information required by that form, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Sufficient information to identify the applicant, including, but not limited to, full legal name, date of birth or formation of legal entity, telephone numbers, and all business and residence addresses. If the applicant is a corporation, the foregoing information shall also be provided for each corporate officer, director, resident agent, and shareholder. If the applicant is a partnership, the foregoing information shall also be provided for each general and each limited partner.
 - b. Documentation demonstrating that all corporate or partnership applicants are qualified to do business under the laws of Florida and have a place of business in Broward County, Miami-Dade, or Palm Beach counties. Post office box addresses shall not be accepted.

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- c. A separate list identifying all persons with an ownership interest in the applicant who have previously been denied a license, permit, or certificate by the Division or who have lost the license, permit, or certificate due to suspension, abandonment, or forfeiture.
- d. All trade names under which the applicant operates, intends to operate, and has previously operated.
- e. A record of all crimes of which the applicant has been adjudicated guilty or of which adjudication has been withheld within the last five (5) years preceding the date of the application. The applicant shall provide to the Division sufficient information for the Division to perform a criminal background check. In the case of a corporate or partnership applicant, all such information shall be provided by all corporate officers and directors, or partners, as the case may be, and by all stockholders who own, hold, or control twenty-five percent (25%) or more of issued and outstanding stock or beneficial interest in the corporation, and by all officers and directors of any corporate general partners of a partnership and by stockholders who own, hold, or control twenty-five percent (25%) or more of issued and outstanding stock or beneficial interest in a corporate general partner.
- f. Proof of insurance as required by state law.
- g. The signature of each individual applicant, and all persons who exercise control, including, but not limited to, the signature of the

- president or vice president of a corporate applicant and the signature of all the general partners of a partnership applicant.
- h. Each original application and updated renewal application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee. The fee shall be set by resolution of the Commission at a public hearing.
- i. A notarized statement under oath by the applicant to abide by the provisions of this Chapter and the laws of the State of Florida.
- A certification by the transportation network company that all transportation network company drivers operating under its license have undergone a background check pursuant to Section 22½-7B(k) and meet the requirements of Section 22½-8(e), and that all transportation network company vehicles operating under its license have been inspected and meet the requirements of Section 22½-9B.
- <u>j k.</u> Such additional detail regarding the foregoing information as the Director may deem necessary or appropriate.
- (c) Issuance of transportation network company license; renewal.
- (1) The Director is empowered to issue licenses to applicants who meet the standards and requirements for a transportation network company license and to promulgate administrative policies and procedures for the application, issuance, and revocation of such licenses.
- (2) The Director shall review and investigate each application for a transportation network company license and shall reject any application that is not properly filed or is incomplete or untrue in whole or in part, or

- which fails in any way to meet the requirements of subsection (3) of this sSection 22½-7B(c)(3).
- (3) No transportation network company license shall be issued to an applicant or renewed unless the applicant has performed the following:
 - a. Filed with the Director a true, correct, and complete application on the form prescribed by the Division, including all proofs of required insurance.
 - b. Paid the initial or renewal application fee.
 - <u>c.</u> Paid the applicable transportation network company license fee.
 - e. d. Submitted to a background investigation resulting in a determination by the Director that:
 - 1. Neither the applicant, nor any officer, director, or partner of the applicant, nor any stockholder owning, holding, controlling, or having a beneficial interest in twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the issued and outstanding stock of a corporate applicant or of a corporate general partner of a partnership applicant, has a currently suspended license, has had its license revoked by action of the Director within two (2) years of the date of application, or has outstanding and unsatisfied civil penalties imposed on account of violations of this Chapter.
 - 2. Neither the applicant, nor any officer, director, or partner of the applicant, nor any stockholder owning, holding, controlling, or having a beneficial interest in twenty-five

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percent (25%) or more of the issued and outstanding stock of a corporate general partner of a partnership applicant, has a record of criminal conviction or convictions (conviction shall mean any judicial finding of convicted, adjudication withheld, or pleas of nolo contendere) that bears a substantial relationship to the application for a transportation network company license.

- Each corporate or partnership applicant is qualified under the laws of Florida to do business under the trade name or names under which it has applied for a license and has a place of business located in Broward County, Miami-Dade, or Palm Beach counties.
- 4. The applicant has no unsatisfied final civil fines or penalties arising out of an administrative or enforcement action brought by the Division or the County (including any cease and desist orders or assurances of voluntary compliance issued by the Division or the County) or another governmental agency based upon conduct involving a violation of the regulations provided herein or other laws or regulations relating to providing for-hire ground transportation services.
- 5. No fraudulent or willful or knowing misrepresentation or false statement was made in the application.

- 6. The applicant has applied for or obtained a permit for each vehicle to be operated under the applicant's transportation network company license, as provided in this Chapter, and has ensured that all such transportation network company vehicles to be operated under its license have passed all required vehicle inspections.
- e. Paid any outstanding fees due pursuant to Section 22½-6B and Section 22½-6D of this Code and Section 39.2-h.2. of the Broward County Administrative Code.
- f. If the transportation network company intends to operate at the Airport or Port, entered into an agreement with, or received a permit from, the County for operation of prearranged ground transportation services at the Airport and Port pursuant to which the transportation network company agrees to:
 - Pay a per trip fee for each pickup and each drop-off at the
 Airport and Port; and
 - 2. Account for its trips to and from the Airport and Port through one (1) of the following methods:
 - a. Maintain an electronic barrier ("geofence") around the perimeter of the Airport that is triggered each time a transportation network company vehicle enters Airport property and registers each such entry; and transmit the data in real time from the geofence to the County

- through an automatic data exchange protocol approved by the County; or
- b. Equip all vehicles authorized to operate under the transportation network company license with a County-issued transponder.
- (4) Each transportation network company license shall be on a form prescribed by the Division and shall be signed by the Director. Each transportation network company license shall contain, at a minimum, the name and address of the applicant, the dates the license remains in effect unless suspended or revoked, and a statement of such additional terms and conditions, restrictions, and limitations as were authorized in the application and approval process.
- (5) All initial transportation network company licenses and permits, except for provisional licenses as provided in Section 22½-7B(c)(10), shall be effective from their date of issuance until June 30 of each year. Subsequent transportation network company licenses and permits shall be effective beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 of each year.
- (9) There shall be no limit on the number of <u>transportation network company</u> licenses or <u>permits which that</u> may be issued pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.
- (10) Provisional License. Upon payment of the applicable transportation network company license fee, the Division may issue a provisional transportation network company license to an applicant whose insurance

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has been determined by the Division or the Risk Management Division to be not in compliance with State law but who meets all other requirements of the Chapter and has provided to the Division a certification that the insurance complies with State law and a certificate of insurance from a carrier with a minimum AM Best rating of A- that provides coverage for transportation network company services in at least the minimum amounts The provisional required of for-hire vehicles under State law. transportation network company license shall automatically expire as provided in Section 221/2-7B(c)(5) or, if earlier, six (6) months after the date on which the provisional transportation network company license was Upon expiration of the transportation network company issued. provisional license, the transportation network company shall immediately cease operations. If during the term of the provisional license, the Division determines, or the transportation network company obtains an opinion from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, that the insurance policy submitted by the transportation network company vehicle meets the for-hire vehicle insurance requirements of Florida law, the Division shall issue the transportation network company license, which, for the purposes of Section 22½-7B(c)(5), shall have an issuance date of the date on which the provisional license was issued.

(d) Transportation network company vehicle permits inspections. After an applicant has secured a transportation network company license and before any transportation network company vehicle shall be operated under the authority of such any transportation network company license, the transportation network company shall

ensure that each such vehicle is inspected pursuant to Section 22½-9B and that proof of inspection for each such vehicle, in the form required by the Division, has been submitted to the Division in the form required by the Division transportation network company and is available for inspection with the transportation network company and in the transportation network company vehicle. The transportation network company license holder shall also ensure that each vehicle operating under its license complies with the insurance requirements of state law and has passed a vehicle inspection indicating that the vehicle meets the minimum vehicle standards in Section 22½-9B. The Division shall issue to the license holder a permit for each transportation network company vehicle provided that the license holder or transportation network company driver has submitted an inspection form indicating that the vehicle has met the requirements of Section 22½-9B.

- (g) Rules of Operation. Transportation network company license holders shall abide by all rules and regulations applicable to transportation network company license holders and shall be subject to the enforcement provisions contained in this Chapter and Chapter 8½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances. Transportation network company license holders and their agents shall comply with the following regulations:
 - (1) Comply with applicable federal law, Florida law, and ordinances, rules, and regulations of the County applicable to the operation of transportation network company vehicles.
 - (2) Immediately report any change of address.

- (3) Maintain all records <u>demonstrating compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and</u> pertaining to the services provided by each transportation network company vehicle operating in the County for one (1) year and make same available for inspection during the regular business hours of the transportation network company. When requested by the Division, the transportation network company license holder shall electronically provide copies of the records.
- (4) Not allow or permit any person to operate a transportation network company vehicle who does not meet the requirements set out in this Chapter.
- (5) Not allow or permit any person to operate a transportation network company vehicle without current, valid, and sufficient insurance coverage as required in Florida law.
- Obtain an operating permit for each transportation network company vehicle operated pursuant to authority of the transportation network company license and pay all application and vehicle inspection fees.
- (7) Not allow or permit any chauffeur or other person to operate any transportation network company vehicle without that vehicle's current valid operating permit being displayed therein.
- (8) (6) Not allow or permit any person to operate a transportation network company vehicle who is not a chauffeur registered in accordance with this Chapter does not meet the requirements of Sections 22½-8(d) and (e).
- (9) (7) Ensure that all transportation network company vehicles to be placed into service and all vehicles taken out of service have been registered and

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9	(n)	Insurance requirements.	
10	(1)	All transportation network companies shall comply with all the insurance	
11		provisions of state law.	
12	(2)	No transportation network company vehicle shall be permitted to operate	
13		without the transportation network company or driver providing motor	
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- maintain appropriate insurance coverage shall be grounds for revocation of a transportation network company license.
- (3) The Division reserves the right to require submission of a certified copy of or to examine the original policies of insurance including, but not limited to, endorsements, amendments, exclusions, riders, any additional contracts between the insured and the insurer, and applications to confirm the existence of the required insured coverage.
- (o) Vehicle standards and inspections. It is the responsibility of both the transportation network company and the transportation network company driver to ensure that each transportation network company vehicle operated hereunder meets the applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety requirements in 49 C.F.R., Part 571, Florida Statutes, and Section 22½-9B of this Chapter Code. Upon request, Eeach transportation network company and transportation network company driver shall cooperate with the Division to ensure that each transportation network company vehicle is inspected pursuant to Section 22½-9B of this Chapter provide proof of inspection and compliance with the requirements of Section 22½-9B.
 - (p) Audit.
 - (1) Transportation network companies shall maintain records of all vehicle inspections, background checks, and insurance required pursuant to this Chapter for at least three (3) years.
 - (2) Transportation network companies shall cooperate with the Division to permit audits of the transportation network company records to verify compliance with requirements of this Chapter.

- Upon request by the Division or any code enforcement officer, a (3) transportation network company driver shall permit inspection of a transportation network company vehicle and provide documentation demonstrating that the driver is registered with a County-licensed transportation network company, that the driver's vehicle has been inspected pursuant to Section 22½-9B, and that a trip was prearranged through a digital platform. The transportation network company shall include in its driver policies a requirement that a transportation network company driver immediately permit inspection of a vehicle and provide access to this documentation to the Division or a code enforcement officer upon request. If a transportation network company driver refuses to allow an inspection or to make such documentation available, upon notice to the transportation network company, the transportation network company shall disconnect the transportation network company driver from its digital platform until the driver permits the inspection or provides the documentation.
- (4) Upon request by the Division or any code enforcement officer, a transportation network company shall provide documentation verifying a driver's registration with the transportation network company, that the transportation network company driver has undergone a background check as required by this Chapter and meets the requirements of Section 22½-8(e), that the transportation network company vehicle has been inspected pursuant to Section 22½-9B, and that the transportation

- Every application for a certified motor carrier license shall be in writing, signed and verified by the applicant, and filed with the Division together with an investigative and processing fee established by resolution of the Commission. The application fee shall be used exclusively to accomplish the purposes of this Chapter. The amount of the application fee shall be reasonably related to the cost of the services and regulation provided by the Division. In addition to the application fee, the applicant shall pay a certified motor carrier license fee.
- (2) Every application for a certified motor carrier license shall be on a form prescribed by the Division and shall contain all the information required by that form, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Sufficient information to identify the applicant, including, but not limited to, full legal name, date of birth or formation of legal entity, telephone numbers, and all business and residence addresses. If the applicant is a corporation, the foregoing information shall also be provided for each corporate officer, director, resident agent, and shareholder. If the applicant is a partnership, the foregoing information shall also be provided for each general and each limited partner. Post office box addresses shall not be accepted.
 - b. <u>Documentation demonstrating that all corporate or partnership</u> applicants are qualified to do business under the laws of Florida.
 - c. A separate list identifying all persons with an ownership interest in the applicant who have previously been denied a license or who

- have lost the license due to suspension, abandonment, or forfeiture.
- d. All trade names under which the applicant operates, intends to operate, and has previously operated.
- e. A description of all vehicles to be certified under the certified motor carrier license, including the make, model, manufacturer's rated seating capacity, vehicle identification number, the related certificate number, and proof of insurance coverage as required in Section 22½-9C of this Code.
- f. A record of all crimes of which the applicant has been adjudicated guilty or of which adjudication has been withheld within the last five (5) years preceding the date of the application. The applicant shall provide to the Division sufficient information for the Division to perform a criminal background check. In the case of a corporate or partnership applicant, all such information shall be provided by all corporate officers and directors, or partners, as the case may be, and by all stockholders who own, hold, or control twenty-five percent (25%) or more of issued and outstanding stock in the corporation or beneficial interest, and by all officers and directors of any corporate general partners of a partnership and by stockholders who own, hold, or control twenty-five percent (25%) or more of issued and outstanding stock in a corporate general partner or beneficial interest.

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- g. The signature of each individual applicant, and all persons who exercise control, including, but not limited to, the signature of the president or vice president of a corporate applicant and the signature of all the general partners of a partnership applicant.
- A notarized statement under oath by the applicant stating the intent
 to abide by the provisions of this Chapter and the laws of the State
 of Florida.
- i. A certification by the applicant that each individual operating a vehicle under its license has undergone a background check pursuant to Section 22½-8 and meets the requirements of Section 22½-8(e), and that each transportation network company vehicle operating under its license has been inspected and meets the requirements of Section 22½-9B.
- j. Such additional detailed information about the applicant as the Director may deem necessary or appropriate.
- (c) <u>Issuance of certified motor carrier license; renewal.</u>
- (1) The Director is empowered to issue licenses to applicants who meet the standards and requirements for a certified motor carrier license and to promulgate administrative policies and procedures for the application, issuance, and revocation of such licenses.
- (2) The Director shall review and investigate each application for a certified motor carrier license and shall reject any application that is not properly filed or is incomplete or untrue in whole or in part, or which fails in any way to meet the requirements of Section 22½-7C(c)(3).

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- (3) No certified motor carrier license shall be issued to an applicant or renewed unless the applicant has performed the following:
 - a. Filed with the Director a true, correct, and complete application on the form prescribed by the Division, including all certifications and proofs of required insurance.
 - <u>b.</u> Paid the initial or renewal application fee and the license fee.
 - <u>c.</u> <u>Submitted to a background investigation resulting in a determination by the Director that:</u>
 - 1. Neither the applicant, nor any officer, director, or partner of the applicant, nor any stockholder owning, holding, controlling, or having a beneficial interest in twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the issued and outstanding stock of a corporate applicant or of a corporate general partner of a partnership applicant, has a currently suspended license, has had its license revoked by action of the Director within two (2) years of the date of application, or has outstanding and unsatisfied civil penalties imposed on account of violations of this Chapter.
 - Neither the applicant, nor any officer, director, or partner of the applicant, nor any stockholder owning, holding, controlling, or having a beneficial interest in twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the issued and outstanding stock of a corporate general partner of a partnership applicant, has pled nolo contendere, pled guilty, or been convicted of a

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crime relating to motor vehicles, unless the civil rights of such individual or applicant have been restored, or in the case of conviction of a crime relating to motor vehicles, that such person has successfully completed all sentences of incarceration, probationary periods, required rehabilitation activities, and payments of all fines and penalties imposed.

- <u>Sach corporate or partnership applicant is qualified under the laws of Florida to do business under the trade name or names under which it has applied for a license and has a place of business located in Broward, Miami-Dade, or Palm Beach counties.</u>
- 4. The applicant has no unsatisfied final civil fines or penalties arising out of an administrative or enforcement action brought by the Division or the County (including any cease and desist orders or assurances of voluntary compliance issued by the Division or the County) or another governmental agency based upon conduct involving a violation of the regulations provided herein or other laws or regulations relating to providing for-hire ground transportation services.
- No fraudulent, willful, or knowing misrepresentation or false
 statement was made in the application.
- (4) Each certified motor carrier license shall be on a form described by the Division and shall be signed by the Director. Each license shall contain, at

- a minimum, the name and address of the applicant, the dates the license remains in effect unless suspended or revoked, and a statement of such additional terms and conditions, restrictions, and limitations as were authorized in the application and approval process.
- (5) All initial certified motor carrier licenses shall be effective from their date of issuance until June 30 of each year. Subsequent certified motor carrier licenses shall be effective beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 of each year.
- (6)Prior to the expiration of the initial certified motor carrier license or expiration of the annual license, whichever is the case, an applicant may apply for a renewal certified motor carrier license. As a part of the renewal process, the original application shall be updated and verified by the applicant on forms prescribed by the Division. Each of the updated renewal applications shall be submitted prior to expiration of the current initial or annual license and shall be accompanied by a fee which shall be established by resolution of the Commission. All renewal application fees shall be deposited with original application fees and other charges and fees under this Chapter in a separate Broward County fund and shall be used exclusively to accomplish the purposes of this Chapter. The amount of the renewal fee shall be reasonably related to the cost of the services and regulations provided by this Chapter. All annual certified motor carrier licenses that are not renewed shall automatically expire upon the one-year anniversary of the date of issuance. The Director shall deny each updated renewal application that is not timely, is not properly filed, is incomplete, is

- untrue in whole or in part, is unaccompanied by the required fee, or that results in a determination by the Director that the applicant has failed to satisfy the requirements of this section.
- (7) A license issued or renewed pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall not be transferable, nor shall the ownership structure of the licensee be so modified as to constitute a change in the control of the ownership of the license, without the prior written approval of the Director.
- (8) There shall be no limit on the number of licenses that may be issued pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.
- (d) Denial of license; appeal; review.
- Any person or entity dissatisfied or aggrieved with the decision of the Director to deny such person's or entity's application for initial license or updated renewal application may, within ten (10) days after the denial, appeal in writing to the Division. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of an appeal, the Division shall schedule a hearing, which shall be held within sixty (60) days after the date on which the appeal was received unless the parties agree to extend the hearing date. The dissatisfied or aggrieved person or entity shall be provided with a notice of hearing, which shall include:
 - a. A statement of the time and place for hearing; and
 - b. A reference to the facts upon which the denial was based and relevant section of the Broward County ordinances or regulations.
- (2) The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures for a hearing panel. At the hearing, witnesses shall be sworn, and the rules of

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evidence established for the quasi-judicial proceedings shall govern. After the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing panel shall affirm or reverse the decision of the Director, and that action shall be final. Should the hearing panel reverse the decision of the Director, the Director shall issue the license.

- (e) <u>Certified motor carrier rules of operation</u>. Certified motor carriers and their <u>agents shall</u>:
 - (1) Comply with applicable federal law, Florida law, and ordinances, rules, and regulations of the County applicable to the operations of certified motor carriers.
 - (2) Immediately report any change of address.
 - (3) Maintain all records demonstrating compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and pertaining to the services provided by each motor vehicle authorized to operate in the County under the certified motor carrier's license for three (3) years and make same available for inspection during the regular business hours of the certified motor carrier. When requested by the Division, the certified motor carrier license holder shall electronically provide copies of the records.
 - (4) Not allow or permit any person to operate a motor vehicle under its license who does not meet the requirements set out in this Chapter.
 - (5) Not allow or permit any person to operate a motor vehicle under its license without current, valid, and sufficient insurance coverage as required by Florida law.

- (6) Obtain an operating permit for each motor vehicle operated pursuant to authority of the certified motor carrier license and pay all fees.
- (7) Not allow or permit any person to operate any vehicle under its license without that vehicle's current valid operating permit being displayed therein.
- (8) Not allow or permit any person to operate a vehicle under its license who does not meet the requirements of Section 22½-8.
- Before any vehicle may be operated under the authority of any certified motor carrier license, the certified motor carrier license holder shall ensure that each such vehicle is inspected pursuant to Section 22½-9B and that proof of inspection for each such vehicle, in the form required by the Division, has been submitted to the certified motor carrier and is available for inspection with the certified motor carrier and in the vehicle. The certified motor carrier license holder shall also ensure that each vehicle operating under its license has a current valid permit issued by the Division, complies with the insurance requirements of state law, and has passed a vehicle inspection indicating that the vehicle meets the minimum vehicle standards in Section 22½-9B.
 - (g) Audit.
 - (1) Certified motor carrier license holders shall maintain records of all vehicle inspections, background checks, and insurance required pursuant to this Chapter for at least three (3) years.
 - (2) Certified motor carrier license holders shall cooperate with the Division to permit audits of the certified motor carrier's records to verify compliance with requirements of this Chapter.

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- Upon request by the Division or any code enforcement officer, a driver authorized by a certified motor carrier shall provide documentation demonstrating that the driver is registered with a certified motor carrier and that the driver's vehicle has been inspected pursuant to Section 22½-9B. The certified motor carrier shall require that a driver authorized under its license immediately permit inspection of his or her vehicle and provide this documentation to the Division or a code enforcement officer upon request. If a driver refuses to allow an inspection or to make such documentation available, upon notice to the certified motor carrier, the certified motor carrier shall suspend the credential of the driver until the driver permits the inspection or provides the documentation.
- Upon request by the Division or any code enforcement officer, a certified motor carrier shall provide documentation verifying a driver's registration with the certified motor carrier, that the driver has undergone a background check required by Section 22½-8, and that a vehicle certified by the certified motor carrier has been inspected pursuant to Section 22½-9B.
- (5) All documentation required to be provided under this section may be provided in electronic or paper form.
- Section 5. Section 22½-8 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 221/2-8. Chauffeur's registration.

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- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive, operate, or control any motor vehicle, which for the purposes of this section shall include paratransit services' motor vehicles, for compensation over any street in Broward County without first having obtained a chauffeur's registration from the Division pursuant to this section or an authorization to operate after certification by a transportation network company or certified motor carrier license holder vehicle pursuant to Section 22½-8(I).
 - (e) Each chauffeur's registration applicant must:
 - (1) Hold a current driver's license issued by the State of Florida; and
 - (2) Speak, read, and write the English language; and
 - (3) Satisfactorily pass all Division-required examinations; and
 - (4) (3) Possess the mental and emotional stability, as well as the physical ability, to safely carry out the duties inherent in operating a motor vehicle for hire; and
 - (5) (4) Not have been, within the last seven (7) years, convicted (convicted shall mean any judicial determination of conviction, adjudication withheld, or plea of nolo contendere) of a felony, nor have been released from incarceration as a result of a felony conviction, unless his or her civil or residency rights have been restored; and
 - (6) (5) Not have been convicted (convicted shall mean any judicial determination of conviction, adjudication withheld, or plea of nolo contendere) of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude relating to sex crimes, the use of a deadly weapon, homicide, violent offense against a law enforcement officer under Section 775.0823, Florida Statutes, nor have been

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after the transportation network company or certified motor carrier has conducted a local, state, and national criminal background check through a Division-approved agency accredited by the National Association of Professional Background Screeners (NAPBS) that includes a social security trace, a review of all Florida county criminal records, federal court records through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records ("PACER") system, NATCRIM or similar multistate and multijurisdictional criminal database, state and national sex offender databases, and driving history research reports.

- (1) In order to be authorized by a transportation network company or certified motor carrier, an individual shall submit an application to the transportation network company or certified motor carrier that includes, at minimum, information regarding his or her address, age, driver's license, driving history, motor vehicle registration, and automobile liability insurance.
- Prior to authorizing any individual to operate pursuant to this provision, a transportation network company or certified motor carrier shall issue to that individual a credential, which may be in digital form, that provides the name of the transportation network company or certified motor carrier, the name of the authorized driver, the date the credential was issued and, for transportation network company drivers, the license plate of the vehicle authorized to operate under the transportation network company license.
- (3) An authorization or credential issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for no more than one (1) year.

- (4) Any individual authorized pursuant to this section shall have a copy of this credential available for inspection by the Division or any code enforcement officer at all times while operating a for-hire vehicle.
- (5) A transportation network company or certified motor carrier may not authorize any individual pursuant to this section who was denied a chauffeur's registration by the Division within one (1) year of the date of authorization.
- (6) No individual shall be authorized under this section who was previously denied a chauffeur's registration by the Division pursuant to Section 22½-8(e)(6) or 22½-8(e)(7).
- (7) Upon receipt of information that an individual no longer meets the requirements of Section 22½-8(e), the transportation network company or certified motor carrier shall immediately revoke the credential it issued to the driver, notify the individual that he or she is no longer authorized to operate a motor vehicle for hire and, in the case of a transportation network company, prohibit the driver from operating on its platform.
- (8) A transportation network company or certified motor carrier that certifies its drivers pursuant to this section shall notify the Division promptly of any changes to its background check procedure and obtain the Division's approval of any such changes prior to authorizing additional drivers.
- (9) It shall be unlawful for a transportation network company or certified motor carrier to authorize a person to drive on the streets of Broward County or issue a credential to any individual who does not meet the requirements of Section 22½-8(e).

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(10) It shall be unlawful for a transportation network company or certified motor carrier to authorize a person to drive on the streets of Broward County without complying with the provisions of this section.

Section 6. Section 22½-9A of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22½-9A. Operations—Minimum standards of conduct.

The role of certificate, license, and permit holders is essential to enhance and showcase public transportation services to the residents and visitors of Broward County. Intrinsic to operation of a quality public transportation service is the conduct of each certificate, license, and permit holder. Therefore, all such holders are required to comply with the following minimum standards:

- (a) All certificate, license, and permit holders, and their employees and representatives, shall conduct themselves at all times in a professional and courteous manner in the performance of public transportation services.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to advertise any service covered by or permitted under this Chapter in any print or electronic media accessible to the public in Broward County without including, in such advertisements, the holder's certificate number assigned by the Division.
- (c) (b) It shall further be unlawful to include in any public advertisement, whether print, electronic broadcast, or otherwise:
 - (1) The word "taxi," "taxicab," "cab," or any product, abbreviation, or derivation, unless the certified motor carrier currently holds a valid

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- certificate of public convenience and necessity, permit, or license issued by Broward County.
- (2) The word "limousine," or any product, abbreviation, or derivation, unless the certified motor carrier currently holds a valid certificate of public convenience and necessity, permit, or license issued by Broward County.
- (d) (c) No vehicle may be operated or driven except by a chauffeur registered or driver authorized pursuant to Section 22½-8 of this Chapter Code.
- (e) (d) Personal property left by a passenger in any motor vehicle shall, upon its discovery by or delivery to the chauffeur or authorized driver of that vehicle, be reported to and deposited at the business office of the motor carrier. A record of the incident shall be maintained and the property held for the owner for a period of sixty (60) days, at the end of which time it shall be treated as lost or abandoned property in accordance with Chapter 705, F.S. Florida Statutes.
- (f) (e) No orderly person, desiring transportation to any place in Broward County, shall be refused or neglected where the person is willing to pay the prescribed fare in advance; provided that the motor carrier shall not transport in violation of its authority.
- (g) (f) In the case of taxicabs and limousines, additional passengers shall not be accepted without the consent of the passengers who have already engaged the motor vehicle.
- (h) (g) Registered chauffeurs shall carry and display on their person at all times while driving a motor vehicle a current chauffeur's registration.

- (h) Drivers authorized to operate by a transportation network company or by a certified motor carrier shall carry a current and valid credential on their persons at all times while driving a motor vehicle for hire.
- (i) A motor vehicle shall not be driven when the permit has been revoked, suspended, or forfeited.
- (j) Chauffeurs <u>and drivers authorized to operate by a transportation network</u>

 <u>company or certified motor carrier</u> shall not operate a motor vehicle when
 their chauffeur's registration <u>or authorization</u> has been revoked or
 suspended.
- (p) Certificate holders, permit holders, <u>license holders</u>, <u>authorized drivers</u>, and registered chauffeurs shall cooperate fully at all times with the Division in the furnishing of information required in connection with requests to show proof of licensure, in the processing of an application to renew a chauffeur's registration, <u>permit</u>, <u>or license</u>, or in investigations of consumer complaints. Further, certificate holders, <u>permit holders</u>, <u>license holders</u>, <u>authorized drivers</u>, and registered chauffeurs shall not obstruct, hamper, or interfere with an investigation of violations of this Chapter conducted by a Division inspector or employee, law enforcement officer, or employee of any other agency in enforcing this Chapter. At no time shall a certificate holder, <u>permit holder</u>, <u>license holder</u>, <u>authorized driver</u>, or registered chauffeur use abusive language or display hostile, aggressive, or other inappropriate behavior toward passengers or any employee of the

Division, any law enforcement agency, or any other agency authorized to enforce this Chapter.

- (t) Chauffeurs or authorized drivers parked at a designated stand awaiting deployment shall remain adjacent to and in attendance of their vehicles. All vehicle doors shall remain closed except when loading or unloading passengers.
- (u) Taxicabs using any designated public stand shall be in a single file and faced in accordance with applicable traffic regulations. The chauffeur or authorized driver of the taxicab at the head of such file shall accept as a passenger any orderly person who agrees to pay the proper fare; provided, however, that any such person shall have the right to select any taxicab regardless of its position in the file. Upon the departure of any taxicab from the file, the vehicles entitled to use such stand which were in the rear shall move forward. No number of taxicabs greater than the maximum allowed shall attempt to use any public stand. The Director shall cooperate with the municipalities or other appropriate entities to designate public taxicab stands.

Section 7. Section 22½-9B of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22½-9B. Operations—Minimum vehicle standards.

- (j) All vehicles for hire shall be inspected to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Chapter by a Division-approved American Advanced Technicians Institute ("AATI") or National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence ("ASE") certified master mechanic or automobile technician at a Division-approved licensed auto repair shop. Vehicles shall be inspected in accordance with the following schedule, provided, however, that the Division may inspect a vehicle for hire for compliance with the provisions of this Chapter at any time:
 - (1) Vehicles for hire that are not more than six (6) model years old shall be inspected annually.
 - (2) Vehicles for hire that are six (6) model years old or older shall be inspected semiannually.

The results of each inspection shall be recorded by the mechanic or automobile technician on an inspection form prescribed by the Division, which completed form shall be provided to the Division, the transportation network company, or certified motor carrier within ten (10) business days after the inspection. The inspection form shall indicate whether the vehicle has met all of the safety and maintenance requirements of Section 22½-9GB. The technician completing the form and inspection must provide his or her ASE or AATI certification number, the expiration date of his or her certification, the name and license number of the auto repair facility where the inspection was performed, and his or her signature as verification that all information provided is true and correct. This information must be recorded on the inspection form for each vehicle inspected. Any vehicle failing to pass the inspection or timely report the results of an inspection by providing a completed inspection form to the Division may have its operating permit suspended in accordance with Section 22½-13 of this Chapter. A

transportation network company or certified motor carrier shall suspend the authorization of any driver whose vehicle fails an inspection or who fails to timely report the results of an inspection until the driver demonstrates that his or her vehicle has passed an inspection pursuant to this Chapter. It shall be a violation of this Chapter to fail to use a Division-approved certified technician to inspect vehicles or to submit false inspection forms to the Division. The Division may verify information and inspection forms submitted by the business. It shall be unlawful for a mechanic or technician to provide false information on an inspection form required pursuant to this section. A business that fails or does not follow the requirements of this section is subject to denial, revocation, or suspension of its business permit and decals, and to denial, revocation, or suspensions of renewal of same.

- (k) Every holder of a certificate, permit, or license, and each chauffeur <u>and</u> <u>driver authorized to operate by a transportation network company or certified motor carrier</u> shall fully comply with all ordinances, rules, and regulations of Broward County and all statutes of the State of Florida applicable to the operation of motor carriers.
- Section 8. Section 22½-13 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22½-13. Suspension; revocation; forfeiture; penalties.

(a) Except as otherwise specified, certificates, permits, registrations, jitney licenses, certified motor carrier licenses, and transportation network company licenses issued pursuant to this Chapter shall be subject to suspension, revocation, or forfeiture as follows:

- (5) Transportation network company <u>or certified motor carrier</u> license: Upon notice and hearing, when it shall appear that:
 - a. The license was obtained by an application in which any material fact was erroneously or falsely stated or intentionally omitted; or
 - b. The licensee has failed to comply with or has willfully violated any of the provisions of this Chapter; or
 - c. The licensee has intentionally permitted transportation network company vehicles to be operated, or transportation network company drivers to operate, under its license in violation of any law or regulation.

Section 9. SEVERABILITY.

If any portion of this Ordinance is determined by any Court to be invalid, the invalid portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance. If any Court determines that this Ordinance, or any portion hereof, cannot be legally applied to any individual(s), group(s), entity(ies), property(ies), or circumstance(s), such determination shall not affect the applicability hereof to any other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

Section 10. <u>INCLUSION IN CODE</u>.

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Broward County Code; and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

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