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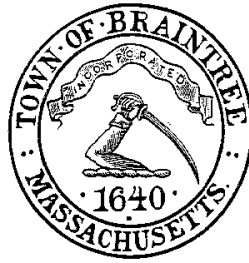
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– AGENDA –

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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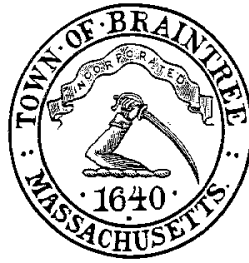
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MEMO

RECEIVED TOWN CLERK
BRAINTREE, MA
2019 JAN -3 AM 11:05

Date: January 3, 2019
To: Charles B. Ryan, Council President
Cc: Council Members, Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor, Joseph Reynolds, Chief of Staff,
Nicole Taub, Town Solicitor, Debra Starr, Assistant Town Clerk/Licensing Coordinator
From: James M. Casey, Town Clerk

Subject: TOWN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 5.580 TAXICABS - AMENDMENT

On July 1, 2018 the Office of the Town Clerk had assumed the licensing responsibilities from the Licensing Coordinator position. Absorbing these new responsibilities in the overall operation of the Town Clerk's Office provides an opportunity to improve the administrative processing of the annual relicensing of taxicabs as well as provide a balanced workload during the first quarter of the year.

Chapter 5.580.020 -Expiration of License states, "Licenses issued under this chapter shall expire on the last day in February next after the date thereof and shall not be transferred without the consent of the Board of License Commissioners endorsed thereon." An administrative review of this Chapter reveals two existing conflicts with the current renewal process and creates an amplified strain on current staff workload responsibilities during this time period.

- Annual Auto Excise Tax Bills
 - First and second payment due dates occur after the submission of excise tax payment information and places an added burden on staff in chasing after proper documentation
- Taxicab vehicle annual inspections
 - Taxicab fare meter and vehicle inspections occur each June
 - Taxi medallions are effective July 1 of each year
- Existing office workload
 - January - March: processing of annual Town census forms
 - March 2020 - Presidential Primary Election
 - March - Start of dog registration period

I respectfully request your support to amend the Town's General Ordinances, Chapter 5.580 "Taxicabs by deleting, in Section 5.580.020 "Expiration of License" the word "February" and replacing it with the word "June". This change provides a cohesive process of the renewal and inspections functions for the taxi companies as well as addresses workload conflicts in the years ahead.

TOWN OF BRAINTREE

IN COUNCIL

ORDER NO: 19 xxx
ORDERED: Town Clerk

DATE: January 3, 2019

TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5.580: TAXICABS

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE TOWN CLERK, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

That the Town Council vote to amend the Town's General Ordinances, Chapter 5.580 "Taxicabs", as most recently amended, by deleting, in Section 5.580.020 "Expiration of License" the word "February" and replacing it with the word "June".

Chapter 5.580

Taxicabs

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Braintree 6-15-2010 by Ord. No. 10-012 (former Ch. 5.40 of the Town Bylaws, which derived from prior code Ch. 122, as amended STM 10-5-2004 by Art. 30). Amendments noted where applicable.]

5.580.010 Licensing.

The Board of License Commissioners may license hackney carriage companies or companies which offer motor vehicles for the conveyance of passengers for hire in the Town, and it may revoke such licenses at its discretion, and a record of all licenses so granted or revoked shall be kept by the Board of License Commissioners. Taxi vehicles must be housed in Braintree and pay excise tax in Braintree. The company must have an office in Braintree and have a telephone line in Braintree.

5.580.020 Expiration of License.

Licenses issued under this chapter shall expire on the last day in ~~February~~ **June** next after the date thereof and shall not be transferred without the consent of the Board of License Commissioners endorsed thereon. For each license the sum of \$200 shall be paid to the Town. A license so granted shall become void if the applicant neglects or refuses to take out and pay for his/her license within 10 days after notice that it has been granted.

5.580.030 Violations and Penalties.

No person shall set up, use or drive in the Town any unlicensed hackney carriage or motor vehicle for the conveyance of passengers for hire in the Town under a penalty of \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense, and \$300 for a third and/or subsequent offense.