

ORDINANCE NO. 729

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN,
MINNESOTA AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 6.60 & 6.61**

The Council of the City of Austin does ordain:

Section 1. Section 6.60, subd. 10, 11 & 12 are hereby repealed.

Section 2. New Section 6.61, subd. 10, 11 & 12 are hereby enacted and should read as follows:

Section 6.61, Subd. 10. *Smoking Prohibited.* Any Small Vehicle is a “for-hire vehicle” as that term is used in Section 6.61, and as such it is a Public Place during its hours or operation.

Section 6.61, Subd. 11. *Signage.* When being Operated, a Small Vehicle must be clearly marked as described in this subdivision. License tags, including number and year for which issued, shall be plainly visible from the front of the conveyance. Both sides of every licensed Small Vehicle, when in operation, shall be plainly marked as such with a sign or appurtenance showing the full or abbreviated name of the licensed Operator. Said signs may be removable if the Small Vehicle also serves as the operator’s personal vehicle when not in Operation. However, such removable signs must be adhered in a fashion reasonably expected to avoid separation while in motion. Said sign may also reflect the name of any Transportation Network Company (as defined under Minnesota Statutes § 65B.472, subd. 1(3)) with whom the Operator is affiliated. Further, any signage required by such Transportation Network Company is allowed so long as it does not interfere with the safe operation of the Small Vehicle nor violate any generally applicable laws. No other signage or advertising is permitted on the exterior of the vehicle.

Section 6.61, Subd. 12. *Exemption for Drivers Licensed in Other Municipalities.*

- A. A Small Vehicle driver or operator who is licensed to operate in another municipality in this state may carry passengers from such municipality to anyplace within the City and may freely use the streets and thoroughfares for that purpose and may receive passengers for carriage to such municipality, and such a driver is not required to obtain a license under this Section. Such driver shall not solicit business on the streets of the City or otherwise operate within the City without such permit.
- B. While within the City the driver of a Small Vehicle licensed in another municipality in the state shall have with him or her the license certificate for the vehicle and display the same to any authorized person upon demand.
- C. Any Taxicab licensee under § 6.36 of these ordinances shall not be required to obtain a license under this Section.

Passed by a vote of yeas and nays this 20th day of February, 2024

YEAS 7

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APPROVED:

Stephen M. King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tom Dankert, City Recorder

This ordinance was introduced on February 20, 2024; approved on February 20, 2024; was published in the Austin Daily Herald on February 28, 2024, and becomes effective March 6, 2024.