

Meeting Date: 06/19/18 (20)

ORDINANCE NO. 10540 (NEW SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21.311 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE SHERIFF'S BUSINESS REGULATIONS FOR TAXICAB INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego ordains as follows:

Section 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to decrease taxicab insurance from \$1,000,000 combined single limit to \$350,000 combined single limit so to allow the County of San Diego to maintain consistency with the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), a California Public Agency. It is the intent of the Board for this ordinance to affect new and renewal insurance certificates on or after this ordinance's effective date. The Board of Supervisors further finds and determines that these amendments are reasonable and necessary for the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare and are consistent with the Living Safely Initiative of the County's Strategic Plan.

Section 2. Section 21.311 of the Code of Regulatory Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 21.311. INSURANCE REQUIRED.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a taxicab business within the unincorporated areas of the County unless the person has in effect insurance coverage issued by a company authorized to transact insurance business in the State of California with coverage amounts that meet the requirements of paragraph (b) below. The insurance coverage required by this section shall insure the public against any loss or damage that may result to any person or property from the operation of all taxicabs used by the operator in the operator's business. A taxicab operator shall furnish the Issuing Officer with a certificate of insurance coverage as a prerequisite to obtaining a taxicab operator's license. The certificate shall provide that the insurer will notify the Issuing Officer in writing of any policy cancellation and the notice shall be sent to the Issuing Officer by registered mail at least 30 days prior to cancellation of the policy. The certificate shall also state:

- (1) The full name of the insurer;
- (2) The name and address of the insured;
- (3) The insurance policy number;
- (4) The type and limits of coverage;
- (5) The specific vehicle(s) insured;
- (6) The effective dates of the certificate; and

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(7) The certificate issue date.

(b) The insurance shall provide coverage for each taxicab in an amount not less than \$350,000 per occurrence, combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage.

(c) In addition to the requirements in subsection (a) of this section, insurer must also meet the following criteria:

(1) Admitted in California by the California Department of Insurance

(2) Insurers must have an A.M. Best Company Financial strength rating of A- (excellent), or better.

(3) All companies must have a financial size category of not less than VII (seven - \$50-\$100 million), or similar Standard and Poors rating.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, a summary shall be published once with the names of the members voting for and against the same in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Diego.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: Smith Arons, Senior Deputy County Counsel

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego this 19th day of June, 2018.



KRISTIN GASPAR
Chairwoman, Board of Supervisors
County of San Diego, State of California

The above Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Gaspar, Roberts, Horn

ATTEST my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors this 19th day of June, 2018.

DAVID HALL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By C. Rodriguez
Chrystal Rodriguez, Deputy



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