CITY OF DUNWOODY



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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Chris Pike, Finance Director

Date: November 16, 2009

Subject: Discussion of Vehicle for Hire License Fees Resolution

ITEM DESCRIPTION

To discuss a resolution adopting license fees for Dunwoody taxi operations

BACKGROUND

City of Dunwoody has adopted the Business Occupation Tax, Licenses and Regulations Ordinance, Chapter 15 of the City of Dunwoody Code of Ordinances, which provides, in Article 5, for the licensing of the operation of a taxicab businesses in the City.

ISSUES

Since the adoption of Chapter 15, Council has not previously passed a fee schedule; nor has any taxi operator inquired or applied for a license. During October, a potential operator approached staff regarding procedures for obtaining a license. Staff completed a study of area rates charged in Sandy Spring, DeKalb County, Johns Creek and Roswell. Staff determined the rates charged by each area are fairly consistent. The resolution provided for consideration reflects the rates charged by neighboring jurisdictions.

ALTERNATIVES

Council may adopt a similar resolution with an alternative rate schedule.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Advise staff and provide feedback related to the taxi fee resolution.

<u>A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING APPROPRIATE LICENSE FEES</u> <u>FOR OPERATION OF TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF DUNWOODY</u>

- **WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody has adopted the Business Occupation Tax, Licenses and Regulations Ordinance, Chapter 15 of the City of Dunwoody Code of Ordinances, which provides, in Article 5, for the licensing of the operation of a taxicab businesses in the City; and
- WHEREAS, the City Charter as well as Chapter 15 authorizes the City of Dunwoody to assess license fees for each taxicab maintained by a taxicab company, as well as each taxicab permit maintained by each taxi driver of the taxicab business in the City of Dunwoody; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Mayor and City Council, in order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City deem it necessary to regulate the taxicab establishments in the City and to provide for fees as designated below for its operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the City of Dunwoody, while in session on November 23, 2009, as follows:

| Taxicab license: | \$350 per annum. |
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| Driver's Permit: | \$100/per annum (per driver) |

SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE, this the 23rd day of November, 2009.

Approved:

Attest:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk Seal