ORDINANCE NO. 180999

An ordinance adding a new Section 71.27 to Chapter VII of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to provide for the inspection of charter-party carrier waybills, so as to determine compliance with the California Public Utilities Code, and to enhance enforcement of the provisions of the Code prohibiting bandit taxicab operations in the City of Los Angeles.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new section 71.27 is hereby added to the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to read as follows:

SEC. 71.27. INSPECTION OF LIMOUSINE WAYBILLS.

(a) The Taxicab Administrator, Chief Transportation Investigator, Senior Transportation Investigator, Transportation Investigator and any individual holding Peace Officer status with jurisdictional authority in the City, may, upon request, inspect the waybill of any charter-party carrier of passengers operating within the City for the purpose of verifying valid pre-arranged travel. As required by Part 3.01 of General Order 157-C promulgated by the California Public Utilities Commission, or any successor regulation, the waybill must include the following:

1. Name of carrier and TCP number;
2. Vehicle license plate number;
3. Driver’s name;
4. Name and address of person requesting or arranging the charter;
5. Time and date when charter was arranged;
6. Whether the transportation was arranged by telephone or written contract;
7. Number of persons in the charter group;
8. Name of at least one passenger in the traveling party, or identifying information about the traveling party’s affiliation; and

The party arranging the transportation must have exclusive use of the vehicle.

(b) Any person operating a charter-party carrier of passengers within the City who, upon request by an individual authorized under subsection (a) of this Section, fails or refuses to produce his or her waybill for inspection is guilty of an infraction punishable under this Section, as provided in Subsection (c) hereof.
(c) Upon conviction of a violation charged under this Section, the person so convicted shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of $100.00; and for a second additional violation within one year of the first offense, by a fine of $250.00. A third violation of this Section within one year shall be prosecuted as a misdemeanor.
Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of __________ NOV 1 8 2009 __________.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk

Approved __________ NOV 2 5 2009 __________

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By

SHELLEY I. SMITH
Assistant City Attorney

Date __________ 11/27/09 __________

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