



To: Richmond City Council
From: Victor Wei, P. Eng.
Director, Transportation

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Re: **BYLAW 8154 – BUSINESS LICENSING OF CLASS A AND CLASS N TAXIS IN RICHMOND – INCREASE TO MAXIMUM LIMITS OF VEHICLE LICENCES**

Staff Recommendation

That Bylaw 8154, which amends Business Licence Bylaw 7360 by increasing the maximum number of vehicles for hire permitted to be operated as Class A and Class N taxicabs by two (2) vehicles respectively, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

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Att. 1

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Staff Report

Origin

At the regular meeting of the General Purposes Committee on October 16, 2006, the following resolution was passed:

- (4) *That business licences be approved for Richmond Taxi, based on two Class A and two Class N taxi cabs, as approved by the Passenger Transportation Board.*

Per Business Licence Bylaw 7360, the City limits the number of vehicle licences issued for Class A and Class N taxicabs and all of these licences have been issued. Therefore, should Council approve the Committee's recommendation, this report presents a proposed amendment to Business Licence Bylaw 7360 to enable the immediate issuance of a total of four additional vehicle licences for two Class A and two Class N taxicabs per the Committee's intent.

Analysis

In July 2006, Richmond Taxi was granted an additional four taxi licences by the provincial Passenger Transportation Board (PT Board), which regulates taxicab services in the province. Of these four taxi licences, two must be accessible taxis, which are defined as a vehicle that is specifically designed and manufactured or converted for the purpose of transporting persons who use mobility aids.

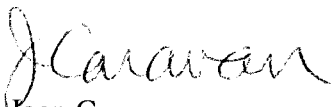
Per the City's Business Licence Bylaw 7360, taxicab operators must obtain a business licence as well as a vehicle licence from the City for each taxicab to be operated in Richmond. The City has a maximum limit to the number of vehicle licences that can be issued and this limit has already been reached. **Attachment 1** presents a proposed Amendment Bylaw that would increase the maximum number of vehicles for hire permitted to be issued a vehicle licence to match the four new taxi licences issued by the PT Board.

Financial Impact

The City will realize increased revenue of \$198.00 via the issuance of two additional Class N vehicle licences (two at \$99.00 each). The City will not realize any increased revenue for the issuance of two additional Class A vehicle licences, as the City has a maximum annual limit of \$3,158 for the amount of combined business and vehicle licence fees that can be charged to vehicle for hire operators and Richmond Taxi has already reached this limit for its Class A taxi operations.

Conclusion

The provincial Passenger Transportation Board has issued four new taxi licences to Richmond Taxi. The City's Business Licence Bylaw 7360 establishes a limit to the maximum number of vehicle licences that can be issued for Class A and Class N taxicabs. An amending bylaw is proposed to increase the maximum number of vehicle licences that can be issued, comprised of an additional two Class A vehicle licences and two Class N vehicle licences, to allow the operation of the new taxis in Richmond should Council approve the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee to issue the four additional vehicle licences to Richmond Taxi.



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City of Richmond

Bylaw 8154

Business Licence Bylaw 7360, Amendment Bylaw 8154

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Business Licence Bylaw 7360, Section 2.1.27.3 be amended by deleting clause 2.1.27.3 in its entirety and by substituting the following:

“2.1.27.3 The maximum number of vehicles licenced by the City under this bylaw, and regulated under the Vehicle for Hire Regulation Bylaw:

- (a) for use as Class A taxicabs is 75; and
- (b) for use as Class N taxicabs is 20.”

2. This Bylaw is cited as “**Business Licence Bylaw 7360, Amendment Bylaw 8154**”.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

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for legality by Solicitor

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CORPORATE OFFICER