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**Nonstandard Vehicles Definition** - For the purpose of amending the definition of Nonstandard Vehicles to include all such vehicles including pedicabs and for-hire Segways.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
City of Annapolis**

**Ordinance 21-15**

**Introduced by: Alderman Budge**

**Referred to  
Transportation Board  
Transportation Committee  
Public Safety Committee**

**AN ORDINANCE** concerning

**Nonstandard Vehicles Definition**

**FOR** the purpose of amending the definition of Nonstandard Vehicles to include all such vehicles including pedicabs and for-hire Segways.

**BY** repealing and re-enacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2013 Edition  
Section 12.54.010

**WHEREAS**, Article 2.48.320 of the Code of the City of Annapolis confers upon the Transportation Board of the City of Annapolis the duty to advise the City Council on the implementation of the transportation master plan and improvement of City transportation and traffic conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Board recommends that the Code of the City of Annapolis should encompass all for-hire nonstandard vehicles, including pedicabs and for-hire Segways; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Board seeks to further strengthen the protections for established and abiding for-hire operators from outsiders wishing to operate illegally within the City limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Board desires to further support the flexibility necessary going forward as the

landscape of the transportation options changes while also being cognizant and encouraging of creative, entrepreneurial, and alternative means of mobility for the City of Annapolis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Board of the City of Annapolis voted unanimously at its January 28, 2015 meeting to recommend the following changes to the Code of the City of Annapolis:

**SECTION 1: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 12.54 - NONSTANDARD VEHICLES OPERATING IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

**12.54.010 Nonstandard Vehicles.**

- A. A nonstandard vehicle as referred to in this chapter is one which is used for FOR-HIRE transportation services provided in the public right-of-way, but has not been inspected and licensed by the Federal Government, the State of Maryland or Anne Arundel County, or cannot maintain the posted traffic speeds, AND WHOSE SERVICE IS NOT REGULATED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND. All nonstandard vehicles other than those powered by the rider or which are designated as personal assistive devices must obtain a Nonstandard Vehicle Permit prior to operating on any public rights-of-way.
- B. The Director of Transportation shall not issue a Nonstandard Vehicle Permit until the following requirements have been satisfactorily met by the provider of the nonstandard vehicle service:
1. Provided documentation of off-street storage, boarding, and alighting areas to adequately provide the service with minimal impact on traffic flow and the public right-of-way.
  2. Provided a description of the routes or service area and identified hours of operation.
  3. Provided documentation of compliance with Federal and State Transportation Regulations.
  4. Provided documentation of compliance with all Federal, Maryland, and Annapolis permitting processes.
  5. Provided insurance certificates including, but not limited to, personal and property liability, municipal hold-harmless certificate and Workmen's Compensation for any employees. Further, proof of insurance must include that the City shall be held harmless and included as an added insured on said insurance. Coverage shall consist of liability insurance in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars.
  6. Passed an Annapolis Department of Transportation inspection of safety, personal comfort and cleanliness features, including AS APPLICABLE, but not limited to, signal, brake, tail and head lights; brakes and suspension; driver and passenger seats; and special devices for animal safety and hygiene.
  7. Provided a system for dealing with any liquid waste produced by the animal that is acceptable to the Department of Transportation.
- C. New and renewed Nonstandard Vehicle Permits shall be issued annually for the period through June 30th. The fees for such permits shall be as established by resolution of the City Council.

- D. All vehicles which cannot maintain posted traffic speeds must have their routes approved in advance by the Annapolis Department of Transportation through its permitting process for the Nonstandard Vehicle Permits, approved routes shall be restricted to low traffic volume streets where the faster cars, trucks and emergency vehicles are able to safely pass the slower vehicle.
- E. Hours of operation in residential areas should be minimized and not create a disturbance to residents. Operations in residential areas between ten p.m. and eight a.m. are prohibited.
- F. If the service is to be provided not more than three times within a calendar year or will ~~only~~ be provided only ON a contractual basis and not open to the public, the provider must obtain a Special Event permit from the Special Events Coordinator. If the service operates more than three times during a calendar year and is open to the public, the provider must obtain a Nonstandard Vehicle PERMIT from the Department of Transportation and any operators of the vehicle must obtain a Nonstandard Vehicle Operator's Permit.
- G. Each vehicle shall prominently display its Nonstandard Vehicle Permit along with its passenger capacity and schedule of rates.

**SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this Ordinance shall take effect on the first day of the month which occurs at least 31 days following adoption of this Ordinance by the Annapolis City Council.

**EXPLANATION**

CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments.