

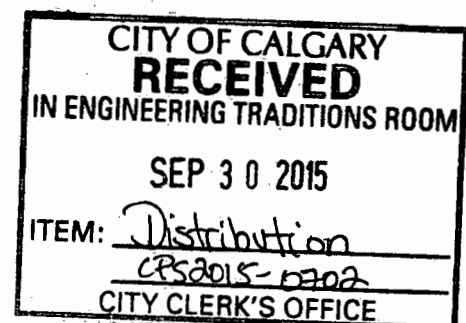
Proposed changes to the sedan bylaw could well allow development of a shadow taxi system. There is no limitation on the number of sedans allowed on Calgary streets.

REMEMBER:

- City Council approved adding 383 with 254 still waiting to be released. These were delayed due to economic conditions.
- Only taxis NOT Sedans, are required to provide the safety regulations designed to protect drivers and passengers.
- LTS has said it can still get the data it requires to monitor performance and service levels under a new sedan regime, but they are asking for a very limited amount of data, certainly not to the extent that the taxi industry was forced to provide. **TNC's today are not providing any technology that is not being utilized by existing taxi companies.**
- A relaxation or reduction in sedans service requirements will allow Sedans to operate like taxis.
- Entrance into being a sedan driver is easier. Taxi drivers will migrate to being sedan drivers. It only takes two weeks to become a sedan driver with no five-day training class needed. Next open taxi class is January 2016.

Council is this important to you:

- To maintain the integrity and stability of what has been called the vital part of Calgary's transportation network?
- To ensure all on demand livery vehicles are equipped with cameras, GPS tracking, identification of driver's, vehicles identified as a city approved with company markings on it, commercial insurance, proper police checks and a level playing field. **(A recent exhaustive study conducted on behalf of TLAC, indicates more than 90% of Calgarians firmly believe those issues are most important in all livery vehicles including sedans.)**
- To ensure that all livery vehicles and drivers accept payment by cash, credit cards and debit. **(The TLAC poll shows that 98% of Calgarians firmly believe that is necessary.)**
- To collect data from the taxi industry if there is no collection of the same data from the sedan industry? **Not having the proper data collected from the on demand sedan service will result in a limited and inaccurate picture of livery performance in the city.**
- To know and control the number of for hire vehicles on the road? Changes to the sedan bylaw, have the potential for an **UNLIMITED AND UNCONTROLLED NUMBER OF SEDANS ON THE ROAD OPERATING LIKE TAXIS.**



Is it City Council's intention to increase the number of Livery vehicles on the road without ever having to increase the number of taxis? Not allowing the already approved 254 extra plates will stifle the potential growth and competitiveness of the taxi industry, in meeting customer demands.

Are the potential changes for the benefit of a particular company or companies that may never follow the rules that City Council has laid out for them to operate under. If that is the case, WHY are we doing this and who is going to pay the cost?

At the end of the day it doesn't matter what regulations are put in place or what the public wants. Some particular TNC's have indicated they don't like and reject regulations that hold them accountable.

The proposed changes for the sedan bylaw, will cause some problems for the taxi industry unless they are regulated properly and made to adhere to the guidelines that will in fact make for a level playing field for all concerned. By changing the sedan bylaw all you are doing is creating a new category of taxi. Sedans have always been classified as a premium service, changing the sedan bylaw cheapens the premium limousine aspect of it. This will make it an on demand premium taxi service.

Again we ask, if it is a question of putting more vehicles on the road to meet demand, why you are not releasing the rest of the 254 taxi licences, instead of creating a new shadow taxi system.

The taxi industry as it exists today is not broken. The taxi industry in Calgary did 8.4 million trips in 2014 that equates to 23014 trips per day. The city only recorded 600 complaints about Calgary taxi service and that equates to 1 complaint for every 14,000 trips, please show me another industry with this level of performance.

Four years ago the city began implementing more stringent regulations on the taxi industry. It was done for the betterment of the transportation industry and the service offered to Calgarians. The service has been improving each year. Removing the regulations to benefit development of a new shadow taxi service will take us back to where we were before we began seeing the Improvements.

The industry is not afraid of competition, all we are asking for is a level playing field and to ensure the public is well served and protected in the future.