

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: February 19, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
Jeff Fansler, Director of Transportation

Council Action Requested:

Ordinance to Regulate the Use of Pedicab/Rickshaw Devices in the City of Winston-Salem.

Strategic Focus Area: Economic Vitality and Diversity

Strategic Objective: Promote Travel and Tourism

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

Pedicab/Rickshaw vehicles as a mode of transportation have become increasingly popular in other municipalities. These vehicles look like a bicycle with a two or four seat on the back wheels to allow for transport to and from destinations. The City of Winston-Salem currently has one company in operation with other companies wishing to begin operation.

The proposed Ordinance will allow the City of Winston-Salem to better regulate operations of these vehicles in Winston-Salem. The pedicab/rickshaw vehicles offer potential benefits; however, they may also create disruptions if policies are not in place and adhered to.

This item was brought before the Public Safety Committee multiple times and concerns were raised about fees, routes, and limits of operation. The Ordinance was updated to include little restriction on operation inside the City of Winston-Salem. Annual inspection fees were lowered so operators will be impacted minimally to operate in the City.

Committee Action:

Committee	_____	Action	_____
For	_____	Against	_____

Remarks: