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CITY OF SHAKOPEE

Memorandum

CONSENT

TO: Mayor, City Council, Councilor-Elect Pamela Punt
Mark McNeill, City Administrator

FROM: Judith S. Cox, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Amendments to City Code Regarding Taxicab Licensing and Urban and
Rural Service Districts

DATE: December 10, 2009

INTRODUCTION

City Council is asked to consider adopting Ordinance No. 828 which amends the City Code relating to taxicab licensing and repeals the establishment of separate taxing districts.

BACKGROUND

The City Code provides for a public hearing by the City Council when considering an application for a taxicab license. It also requires publication of the public hearing in the legal newspaper. It is ambiguous with respect to the public hearing requirement for renewals. Staff has interpreted the public hearing requirement being for initial applications only and has not set public hearings before the city council for renewals. To be clear, it is recommended by the City Attorney that the City Code be amended clarifying that a public hearing is not required for the renewal of taxicab licenses.

In 1967, the Common Council of the City of Shakopee adopted Ordinance No. 270, Third Series, setting forth urban and rural service districts. The ordinance has been amended four times, most recently in 1996. In 1996, Ordinance No. 450, Fourth Series, contained a termination paragraph phasing out the Rural Service District over the following five years. The adoption of the attached ordinance is housekeeping and will allow Section 13.01 Urban and Rural Service Districts to be deleted from the City Code.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Amend the City Code as recommended
2. Do not amend the City Code as recommended
3. Table for additional information

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends alternative number 1, amending the City Code by adopting Ordinance No. 828, Fourth Series, as drafted.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Offer Ordinance No. 828, Fourth Series, An Ordinance of the City of Shakopee, Minnesota, Amending City Code Section 6.22, Taxicabs and Drivers, Subd. 4, Public Hearing and Deleting City Code Section 13.01, Urban and Rural Service Districts, and move its adoption.

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