

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE TITLE 13 (TRANSPORTATION SERVICES) RELATING TO CHAUFFEUR'S PERMITS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** Subsections (B) and (C) of City Code Section 13-2-102 (*Contents of an Application*) is amended to read:

(B) The applicant must attach to the application a copy of the applicant's complete [~~eriminal history and~~]driving record[;] and nationwide criminal history issued and certified by the Texas Department of Public Safety or other relevant governmental entity as determined by the department. The criminal history and driving record must be issued and certified not earlier than the 30th day before the date the applicant submits an application for a chauffeur's permit.

(C) An applicant who has been a resident of Texas for less than three years preceding the date the application is submitted must also submit a [~~eriminal history and~~] driving record certified by the appropriate governmental authority in the former state of residence. The [~~eriminal history and~~] driving record from the appropriate governmental authority in the former state of residence must be issued and certified not earlier than the 30th day before the date the applicant submits an application for a chauffeur's permit.

**PART 2.** City Code Section 13-2-102 (*Contents of an Application*) is amended to delete Subsection (D) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly.

**PART 3.** City Code Title 13 is amended to add a new Section 13-2-103 to read:

**§ 13-2-103 DISQUALIFICATION FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES.**

(A) Applicants for a chauffeur's permit or for a renewal are disqualified if, within the past seven years before the date of the application, the applicant has been convicted under the laws of this state, or any other state, or of the United States of the offense or offenses of:

- (1) illegal possession or use of a controlled substance;
- (2) operating a vehicle while intoxicated;
- (3) pandering;
- (4) prostitution or soliciting for prostitution; or

1 (5) a felony not listed in subsection (B) of this section.

2 (B) Applicants for a chauffeur's permit or for a renewal are disqualified if at  
3 any time the applicant has been convicted under the laws of this state, or  
4 any other state, or of the United States of the offense or offenses of:

5 (1) homicide;

6 (2) simple rape, aggravated rape, or attempted aggravated rape;

7 (3) armed robbery or attempted aggravated robbery;

8 (4) aggravated burglary;

9 (5) aggravated assault;

10 (6) aggravated battery or attempted aggravated battery;

11 (7) aggravated kidnapping;

12 (8) sale, distribution, or possession with intent to distribute a controlled  
13 substance;

14 (9) fraud;

15 (10) use of a motor vehicle to commit a felony;

16 (11) gun related violations;

17 (12) resisting or evading arrest;

18 (13) reckless driving;

19 (14) any crime involving property damage;

20 (15) theft;

21 (16) acts of violence;

22 (17) acts of terror; or

23 (18) multiple felony offenses.

24 (C) If an applicant for a new chauffeur's permit or for a renewal of a  
25 chauffeur's permit has been arrested or charged with any offense listed in  
26 subsections (A) or (B) of this section, the Director shall suspend  
27 consideration of the application until disposition of the matter. If, after  
28 being charged, there is a judicial determination of no probable cause for

1 the arrest, the suspension shall immediately cease. Upon conviction, the  
2 Director shall revoke the chauffeur's permit.

3 (D) If the holder of a chauffeur's permit is charged with, or arrested for, any  
4 of the offenses listed in subsection (A) or (B) of this section, the charge or  
5 arrest shall be grounds for immediate interim suspension of the existing  
6 chauffeur's permit. If, after being charged, there is a judicial  
7 determination of no probable cause for the arrest, the suspension shall  
8 immediately cease. Upon conviction, the Director shall revoke the  
9 chauffeur's permit.

10 (E) A holder of a chauffeur's permit, or an applicant for a new or renewed  
11 chauffeur's permit must notify the Director in writing of any arrest,  
12 charge, or conviction of a crime not later than 15 days after the arrest,  
13 charge, or conviction. If incarceration prevents notification within 15  
14 days, the holder or applicant shall notify the Director immediately upon  
15 release. No later than 15 days after disposition or sentencing, the holder  
16 or applicant shall deliver to the Director a certified copy of any order,  
17 judgment, or certificate of disposition issued by the clerk of the court.

18 **PART 4.** Subsection (D) of City Code Section 13-2-106 (*Approval and Denial of*  
19 *Applications*) is amended to read:

20 (D) The department may deny the application of a person convicted of an  
21 offense set forth in Section 13-2-103 (*Disqualification for Certain*  
22 *Offenses*) or another [a] criminal offense if the department determines that  
23 the conviction is directly related to the ability, capacity, or fitness required  
24 to perform the duties and discharge the responsibilities of a driver of a  
25 ground transportation service vehicle. In making a determination, the  
26 department shall use the criteria established in Texas Occupations Code  
27 Sections 53.022 (*Factors in Determining Whether Conviction Relates to*  
28 *Occupation*) and 53.023 (*Additional Factors for Licensing Authority to*  
29 *Consider*).

30 **PART 5.** Subsection (D) of City Code Section 13-2-527 (*Driver Eligibility—Criminal*  
31 *Background and Diver History Checks*) is amended to read:

32 (D) To meet the requirements of this section, a criminal background check  
33 must be national in scope and comply with the requirements in Subsection  
34 (E) of this section. If the criminal background check indicates that the  
35 potential driver has been convicted within the past seven years of an  
36 offense listed in Section 13-2-103 (*Disqualification for Certain Offenses*)  
37 Subsection (A), or that the applicant has been convicted at any time of an  
38 offense listed in Section 13-2-103 (*Disqualification for Certain Offenses*)

