

1 [Reducing time commitment of ramped taxi permittees to ramped taxi program, while requiring
2 notice of intent to leave the program]

3 **Ordinance amending Section 1148.1 of the Police Code to reduce, from five to three**
4 **years, the time after receipt of a ramped taxi permit that the permittee is precluded from**
5 **accepting a different motor vehicle for hire permit; and requiring six months' notice of**
6 **the permittee's intent to leave the ramped taxi program.**

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8 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;
9 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.
10 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
11 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

12 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

13 Section 1. The San Francisco Police Code is hereby amended by amending Section
14 1148.1, to read as follows:

15 Sec. 1148.1. PERMIT APPLICATIONS; PREFERENCES.

16 (a) Submission of Applications. Applications for permits for ramped taxis shall be
17 made to the Taxi Commission on a form to be furnished by the Commission. Applications for
18 permits for ramped taxis shall be accepted by the Commission and shall be recorded by the
19 date and time at which each application is received. Except as otherwise provided herein, the
20 Commission shall maintain a list in the order of receipt ("ramped taxi list"). In the absence of
21 any preference provided for in this Division, applicants for permits for ramped taxis shall be
22 processed and considered by the Commission in accordance with the order of application as
23 set forth on the ramped taxi list. When a permit becomes available for issuance and an
24 applicant on the waiting list is eligible for a hearing before the Taxi Commission, the
25 Commission shall so notify the applicant.

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1 As of the effective date of this ordinance all persons whose application is already on
2 "the taxicab waiting list" as provided for in Section 1121 of this Article will be placed on the
3 ramped taxi list. Their place on the ramped taxi list shall be determined as of the date and
4 time on which his or her application for the taxicab waiting list was received by the
5 Commission. Those individuals so placed will remain on the taxicab waiting list until they are
6 removed in accordance with Section 1080(c)(1) of this Article.

7 (b) Limitation on Acceptance of Other Permits. All persons accepting a ramped taxi
8 permit shall be precluded from accepting any other motor vehicle for hire permit regulated by
9 this Article for a minimum of five years after receipt of a ramped taxi permit or, in the
10 alternative, for a minimum of three years after receipt of the ramped taxi permit so long as 6 months
11 have elapsed since the permittee gave notice of his or her intent to leave the ramped taxi program in
12 accordance with the provisions of Subsection (c). If the permittee becomes eligible for a permit
13 from another motor vehicle for hire waiting list ~~prior to the conclusion of the 5-year period~~ at a time
14 when the permittee is precluded from accepting the permit, the permittee's application will be kept
15 active until a permit becomes available ~~after the conclusion of the 5-year period~~ when the permittee
16 is no longer precluded from accepting one.

17 (c) Notice of Intent to Leave the Ramped Taxi Program. Upon completion of a minimum of
18 30 months as a ramped taxi permittee, the permittee may opt to leave the ramped taxi program by filing
19 with the Taxi Commission a written notice of intent to leave the program. The date the Commission
20 receives the notice of intent to leave the ramped taxi program shall be deemed the date the permittee
21 filed the notice. Upon receipt of the notice, the Commission shall promptly inform a reasonable
22 number of persons at the head of the ramped taxi list of the permittee's intent to leave the ramped taxi
23 program.

24 In accordance with Subsection (b), the permittee's decision to leave the ramped taxi program
25 shall become effective six months after his or her filing of the notice of intent to leave the program.

1 Subject to qualifications (i) and (ii) below, upon completion of the six-month notice period, the
2 permittee shall be required to leave the ramped taxi program, and shall no longer be precluded from
3 accepting another motor vehicle for hire permit regulated by this Article.

4 (i) If, at the completion of the six-month notice period, the permittee is not yet eligible for a
5 permit from another motor vehicle for hire list, or no such permit is available, the permittee, at his or
6 her option, may remain in the ramped taxi program for any period of time until the permittee becomes
7 eligible for a permit from another motor vehicle for hire list and such permit becomes available.

8 (ii) The permittee's decision to leave the ramped taxi program shall become inoperative if,
9 during within the first three months of the required six-month notice period, the permittee informs
10 the Commission in writing of his or her decision to rescind the notice of intent to leave the program.
11 The permittee shall be required to file a subsequent notice of intent to leave the program if he or she
12 subsequently decides to leave the program. The same requirements governing the permittee's initial
13 notice of intent to leave the program, including the full six-month notice period, shall govern any
14 subsequent notice of intent to leave the program.

15 (e) (d) Preference For Full-Time Drivers of Ramped Taxis. Among the applicants
16 whose names appear on the ramped taxi list, the Taxi Commission shall give preference to
17 any applicant who has been a full-time driver of a ramped taxi during the 6 months
18 immediately preceding the Commission's hearing on that applicant's application, granting
19 permits to all otherwise eligible full-time drivers of ramped taxis on the list before granting
20 permits to others on the ramped taxi list. Any applicant seeking a preference pursuant to this
21 Subsection shall, at least 21 days prior to the hearing at which the applicant seeks to be
22 considered, so notify the Commission in writing and submit evidence to prove that the
23 applicant was a full-time driver of a ramped taxi in the preceding 6 months. For purpose of
24 this section, "full-time driver of a ramped taxi" shall mean a permitted driver who is actually
25 engaged in the mechanical operation and having physical charge or custody of a ramped taxi

1 as defined in this Article which is available for hire or actually hired for at least four hours
2 during any 24-hour period on at least 75 percent of the business days during the calendar
3 year.

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