

1 [Extending expiration date of higher taxicab gate fee cap retroactively to February 1, 2005.]

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3 **Resolution extending retroactively the date by which the City must enact specified**
4 **ordinances in order to prevent expiration of higher cap on gate fees charged taxi**
5 **drivers, from September 1, 2004, to February 1, 2005.**

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7 WHEREAS, Police Code Section 1135.1(a) provides that a taxicab company ordinarily
8 may charge drivers a “gate fee” to rent a cab and permit from the company not to \$85.00 per
9 shift or \$8.50 per hour; and

10 WHEREAS, Police Code Section 1135.1(b) further provides that a taxicab may charge
11 a higher gate fee, not to exceed \$91.50 per shift or \$9.50 per hour, if the company meets
12 certain conditions, including providing workers compensation coverage for all taxis operating
13 under its color scheme; and

14 WHEREAS, Police Code Section 1135.1(g) provides that the authorization for a higher
15 gate fee shall expire if the City fails, by January 1, 2004, to enact into law: (i) an ordinance
16 prescribing a specific long-term lease fee cap covering all long-term lease drivers, and (ii) an
17 ordinance that establishes a program that makes a substantial and reasonable degree of
18 health insurance or health benefits available to all taxi drivers; and

19 WHEREAS, Police Code Section 1135.1(g) further provides that the Board of
20 Supervisors may extend the January 1, 2004 deadline by resolution if the Board finds that
21 further time is needed to resolve issues relating to the ordinances and that progress is being
22 made on developing the ordinances for the Board’s consideration; and

23 WHEREAS, The deadline was most recently extended to September 1, 2004; and

24 WHEREAS, The Controller submitted reports to the Board of Supervisors on
25 October 1, 2003 pertaining to the aforementioned ordinances, on file with the Clerk of the

1 Board of Supervisors in File No. 020678, which are hereby declared to be a part of this
2 resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

3 WHEREAS, The Taxi Commission administered a survey to taxi drivers renewing their
4 "A" cards (driver of public passenger for hire permits) in October 2003, January 2004, and
5 February 2004, and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 1,800 drivers responded to the survey; and

7 WHEREAS, The Taxi Commission and the Controller are in the process of completing
8 their compilation and analysis of the survey data; and

9 WHEREAS, Various alternatives are now being examined for providing health benefits
10 or insurance for taxicab drivers, with the goal of presenting a favored alternative or
11 alternatives to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that further time is needed to resolve
13 issues relating to the aforementioned ordinances and that progress is being made on
14 developing the ordinances for the Board's consideration; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the date for enacting into law the aforementioned
16 ordinances is extended to February 1, 2005, retroactive to September 1, 2004.

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