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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF STAMFORD
BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES**



Notice is hereby given that the State & Commerce Committee of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT to consider the following proposed resolution requesting additions to and enforcement of state regulation of taxicab and limousine services. Anyone wishing to be heard is invited to attend and speak. Printed copies are available for inspection in the office of the Board of Representatives, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut or at www.boardofreps.org.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford requests from the Connecticut General Assembly the right to establish vehicle safety, vehicle operation and general service standards above those established by the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the aforementioned right not be made available, the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford requests that the Connecticut General Assembly establish a regional Taxicab and Livery Service Commission to license, further regulate, and enforce regulations pertaining to taxicab and livery services operating in the City of Stamford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the aforementioned rights not be made available, the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford requests that existing standards and regulations be enforced by the appropriate authority and that standards for taxicab and livery companies operating in the City of Stamford be established that include, but are not limited to:

- Availability of a significant number of Handicap Accessible taxicabs;
- Acceptance of credit and debit cards by all taxicabs and mandated availability to passengers;
- Cessation of smoking by drivers whilst operating a taxicab or livery service;
- Non-possession by taxicab or livery service drivers of weapons of any type unless otherwise allowed by law;
- Acceptance of Share the Fare vouchers by all taxicabs operating at designated taxicab stands.

Attest:
Brien Buckman, Chair, State & Commerce Committee
Annie M. Summerville, Clerk, 29th Board of Representatives