

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
REQUESTING ADDITIONS TO AND ENFORCEMENT OF
STATE REGULATION OF TAXICAB AND LIVERY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, taxicab and livery services are an essential economic development asset for the City of Stamford; and

WHEREAS, taxicab and livery services are an important quality of life asset for residents and visitors of the City of Stamford; and

WHEREAS, the existing regulation of taxicab and livery services occurs at the state level between a variety of departments; and

WHEREAS, existing regulations do not meet the needs of residents of, and visitors to, the City of Stamford.

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.