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AN ORDINANCE BY

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IVORY LEE YOUNG, JR.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA BY AMENDING SECTION 162-61(a) SO AS TO EXTEND TEMPORARILY THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE AGE OF TAXICABS; TO WAIVE CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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MAYOR'S ACTION

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Atlanta City Council

REGULAR SESSION

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AMEND COA CODE SEC 162-61(A); TEMPORARY  
EXTENSION OF ALLOWABLE AGE OF TAXICABS  
FILE

YEAS: 15  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 1  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 0

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Bond
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Whereas, pursuant to its police powers, the City of Atlanta is authorized to enact legislation to regulate certain types of businesses and industries which could potentially affect the public health, safety and welfare, including the taxicab and vehicles for hire industry;

Whereas, in 2009, the City temporarily extended the maximum allowable age of taxicabs by two years, to provide economic relief to the taxicab industry;

Whereas, the national and local economies are continuing to experience historically difficult times, there continues to be a major downturn in the demand for taxicab service in the City of Atlanta, and there continues to be a contraction in available credit, which combination of factors are still causing hardships for owners of taxicabs;

Whereas, further extending on a temporary basis the maximum allowable age of taxicabs will provide economic relief to the taxicab industry.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Atlanta hereby ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 162, Article II, Division 2, Section 162-61(a) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances which currently reads as follows:

Sec. 162-61

- (a) The maximum number of taxicab CPNC's outstanding shall be 1,600, which is the number of CPNC's issued as a result of the legislative limitation established in 1995. This limitation is specifically based upon the relationship between the number of taxicabs operating within a geographic area and the quality of service they provide. An excessive number of taxicabs results in a reduced level of service and more passenger complaints. A taxicab CPNC will be issued to, and can only remain affixed to a vehicle which meets the age limitations set forth below:

No vehicle having a vehicle age greater than ten years may be operated as a taxicab in the city. For purposes of this article, the term "vehicle age" shall be determined based on the vehicle's model year, and a "year" shall be measured through the last day of that respective calendar year (for example, a vehicle with a model year of 2000 shall have a vehicle age of one year as of January 1, 2001). This ten-year age provision shall be temporary in nature and shall only remain in effect until December 31, 2011, after which



time, it shall no longer be of any further force and effect, and said taxicab age provision shall revert back to a "vehicle age" of no greater than eight years.

As of August 15, 2001, no new or replacement taxicab vehicle may be operated as a taxicab in the city if such vehicle is greater than five years old. However, any such new or replacement vehicle for which a CPNC is obtained may continue to be operated as a taxicab through that vehicle's eighth model year provided that the vehicle continues to be in compliance with all other provisions of the City Code which pertain to the regulation of taxicabs licensed to operate in the city.

be amended such as Chapter 162, Article II, Division 2, Section 162-61(a), of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances shall read as follows:

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**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.