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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Subject Item 8.4.1 Taxi and Rideshare

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Comments I was very discouraged to see that the best your Administration and Transportation Committee could do to improve your Taxi/"rideshare" policy was to allow 10 year old cars for taxis, matching what you allow for "rideshare"!

How about increasing requirements for "rideshare" to match taxi standards?

If the City thinks we regard this as any kind of increased fairness, think again! You obviously do not understand the problems we are facing.

The are several real problems that need to be addressed.

Unlimited"rideshare" has killed our resale market, because drivers are now scared to invest because they don't know how many "rideshare" operators might flood the market in the future.

You have made it so easy for a newcomer to be a "rideshare" driver that we have great difficulty attracting new drivers. Without a night driver, it is very difficult for a taxi operator to make a successful operation possible.

Current night drivers work the slower week nights, and now their formerly busy weekend night are no longer busy because of an over supply of "rideshare" drivers who are usually just supplementing their main income. This has caused us to lose many full time night drivers.

Unless each and every “rideshare” operator pays the same city business license fee taxis do there is no fairness here!

Unless there is a reasonable limit on the number of “rideshare” cars on the road at any given time there is no fairness here!

City Council had the likely opportunity to sell taxi plates at fair market value, but opted to go with allowing “rideshare” without even debating the merits of selling taxi plates and gaining millions of dollars in new revenue. You wouldn’t even debate the matter in public, instead you’ve severely harmed our investments and our incomes.

Allowing us a 10 year limit on car age instead of 7 years is supposed to fix the harm you have done us? Surely you can see why we think that is laughable.

I’m sorry I don’t have the quote from your Uber representative in front of me, but it was something to the effect of “If the City were to allow what the taxi industry called fairness, it would be too DISRUPTIVE (that’s the word she used alright!) to her company!

I just about fell off my chair when I read that!

After how this City Council has disrupted our industry, ruined our investments and incomes, I have to read that Saskatoon has to be careful not to be disruptive towards her disruptive company!

Talk about the ultimate insult.

Dale Gallant

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