

Regional Taxicab Regulation



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Today's Agenda

- Challenge and Assignment
- Recommendations
- Methodology
- Model Ordinance
- Deliverables
- Implementation





Ahmed Ali Abdi was hired by a Santa Cruz taxi company even though he was not legally allowed to drive a cab. In fact, he was denied a permit three times prior.

Gov't Code §53075.5

“Every city or county shall protect the public health, safety, and welfare by adopting an ordinance or resolution in regard to taxicab transportation service which is operated within the jurisdiction of the city or county.”

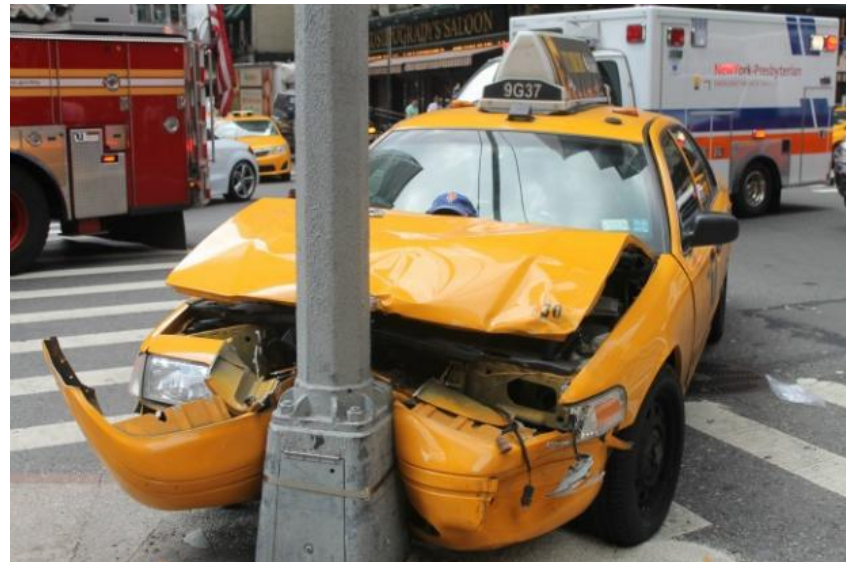
Challenge & Assignment

- Regulating Taxicab Transportation Services
 - Gov't Code §53075.5
 - Various approaches within Contra Costa County
 - No regulation
 - Complicated and expensive for companies and drivers
- Goals
 - Protect public health, safety, and welfare
 - Continuity for companies and drivers
 - Economies of scale for agencies



Recommendations

- Develop Working Group
- Adopt MOU
- Adopt Model Ordinance
- Implement Program
- Success!



Methodology

- Researched what's out there
 - Interviewed stakeholders and subject matter experts
 - Reviewed regulation from other jurisdictions
 - Researched options for administration and funding
 - Researched guidelines for background checks, driver's license checks, vehicle inspections, and insurance verification
 - Identified best practices for program administration
 - Defined appropriate breadth and depth of regulation

Model Ordinance

- Necessary Elements
 - Company Permit
 - Driver Permit
 - Vehicle Inspection
 - Insurance
 - Enforcement & Fines
- Optional Elements
 - Business license
 - Number of companies
 - Number of drivers
 - Minimum level of service



Deliverables

- Model Ordinance
- Binder and electronic files
 - Current ordinances
 - Research & Analysis



Implementation

1. Confirm lead agency
2. Gauge interest
3. Enter into MOU
4. Engage stakeholders
5. Adopt ordinance
6. Implement program
7. Share Success!



**The state
wants you
to regulate
taxis!**

