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Staff Report

ITEM NO. _____

To: City Council
From: Chief Kim Morrell
Date: March 13, 2007
Subject: Taxicab Regulations

Discussion

On February 2, 1999, an owner of the sole taxicab service in Lemoore, spoke to the Lemoore City Council and requested that they repeal the section of the Lemoore Municipal Code which regulated Taxicabs. He was the only Taxicab business in Lemoore for many years and felt that the ordinance was too cumbersome for one business. The Council repealed the ordinance that regulated the operation of a Taxicab business in Lemoore. After the one taxicab business went out of business, there was not a taxi business that operated out of the City of Lemoore, until recently.

We now have had several Taxicabs businesses open in Lemoore. Presently, we do not have a City Ordinance to regulate the operation of Taxis. I have attached for your review the repealed Municipal Code Chapter 6A of Title 3, and the paperwork that was generated to regulate the businesses.

I believe that the City of Lemoore should adopt an ordinance which regulates the operation of Taxicabs because to ensure the passenger safety and protect the public's health, safety and welfare.

Budget Impact

The fees charged the business should offset the cost of the cost to the City to enforce the Taxi regulations.

Recommendation:

That the Lemoore City Council adopting to regulate taxicab businesses, and direct staff to prepare an ordinance for future consideration.