

**RES 16 - 053**

Wilmington, Delaware  
June 16, 2016

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**Sponsors:**

**Council  
President  
Gregory**

**Council  
Member  
Shabazz**

**WHEREAS**, Uber, Lyft and other ridesharing services have grown in popularity in recent years, particularly in urban communities; and

**WHEREAS**, these services provide additional transportation options for consumers, as well as greater flexibility and increased availability for on-demand transit; and

**WHEREAS**, ridesharing services also pose critical questions for governments across America, particularly around regulation and registration; and

**WHEREAS**, in Delaware and across the country, traditional taxi drivers have protested the relatively minimal level of regulation that rideshare employees are frequently subject to in many jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, earlier this year, the Council in Dewey Beach unanimously approved a measure calling for the application of existing taxi and limousine service regulations to these ridesharing service operators; and

**WHEREAS**, presently, both Uber and Lyft operate in and around the City of Wilmington; and

**WHEREAS**, while City Council embraces the concept of ridesharing services and the services they offer to residents, businesses and visitors, it is critical that appropriate regulations be extended to operators of these services; and

**WHEREAS**, this is important not only to ensure the safety of the public at large, but also to guarantee equal treatment with similar business enterprises, like taxi and limousine operators.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that the Council respectfully encourages the Administration to take proactive steps to ensure that ridesharing services operating in the City of Wilmington

adhere to the appropriate City ordinances and regulations, and that operators obtain business licenses, pay applicable wage tax, and meet all other requirements already set forth in the City Code.

Passed by City Council,  
June 16, 2016

Attest: Maribel Seijo  
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 19<sup>th</sup>  
day of June, 2016.

Dany Dhota  
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