

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3765, ET AL. PROPOSING
TO ESTABLISH IDENTIFICATION, INSURANCE, AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
FOR COMPANIES THAT USE DIGITAL NETWORK OR
SOFTWARE APPLICATION TO MATCH PASSENGERS WITH DRIVERS**

WHEREAS, in the best interests of the travelling public and their safety, transportation network or ride-share companies (“TNCs”), should be subject to longstanding, common-sense regulations that taxi and limousine companies have complied with for decades in New Jersey and Camden; and

WHEREAS, the innovative service model of TNCs in utilizing a smartphone app is functionally identical to placing a telephone call to prearrange transport for hire service—the equivalent of an electronic hail. The difference is there is little to no human interaction with using an app and having the phone’s GPS system tell a dispatch service where a customer needs to be picked up; and

WHEREAS, while TNCs may streamline and economize the way in which prearranged transport services are provided nationwide; nonetheless, TNCs’ way of facilitating their customers’ requests for rides cannot undermine the importance of public safety. The current laws under which all taxicab and limousine services operate underscore the importance of public safety. The for-hire passenger ground transportation industry should not lower its standards that protect customers. Basic and reasonable regulations should remain in place, while also allowing flourishing TNCs to remain viable and responsible jobs-creators; and

WHEREAS, TNCs’ operations are regulated in other jurisdictions, including New York City, under the jurisdictional control of the Taxi and Limousine Commission, one of the most stringent and well-enforced programs in the country; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill Nos. 3765, 3586, 3401, 3755, 3751, 3906, and 3854, altogether would establish driver licensing and identification requirements; adequate levels of insurance coverage; vehicle safety inspections; and driver background checks for TNCs that conduct business in this State. Other requirements of the aforesaid Bills are stated in the attached New Jersey Legislature Statement; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Camden that, for all the reasons stated above, it hereby supports Assembly Bill Nos. 3765, 3586, 3401, 3755, 3751, 3906, and 3854.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to deliver a true copy of this Resolution to the City’s representatives in the New Jersey Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to veto this Resolution. All notices of veto shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

On Motion Of: _____

Dated: December 8, 2015

The above has been reviewed
and approved as to form.

MARC A. RIONDINO
City Attorney

FRANCISCO MORAN
President, City Council

ATTEST:

LUIS PASTORIZA
Municipal Clerk

ATTACHMENT

New Jersey Legislature Statement

[See attached]