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From: John Kirk <john@tomsonburnham.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 3:38 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Uber and Lyft

Categories: Recorder Tasks

I am a South Salem resident and strongly support the adoption of any rules that would allow service by Uber and Lyft in the Salem area.

Sincerely,

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From: Amanda Hemmer <AHemmer@columbiabank.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 3:41 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Uber/Lyft

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I am writing to say I am in support of have Uber and Lyft in Salem. We have been behind other cities for too long in this area, and it would improve the economy in only a positive way. Thank you.

Amanda Hemmer

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From: Kate Denning <katedenning@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 11:41 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public hearing on Uber

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To Whom it May Concern:

I cannot attend Monday's public hearing, but I hope you will consider this email as my strong support for allowing Uber to operate in Salem.

I graduated from Willamette Law and decided to practice here rather than fleeing to our larger Northern metropolis. The Salem area has drastically changed in the nine years I have lived here, and the downtown is thriving. To have no efficient public or private transportation for those engaging in our growing nightlife is not reasonable, and it will prevent us from growing into the community I want to see: one that is open and encouraging to young professionals, and convinces them to keep their knowledge and tax dollars within our wonderful community.

Warm regards,

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From: Beth Yockey Jones <bethyockeyjones@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 12:57 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Thoughts on Uber and other ride-sharing services

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Hello - as a recent transplant to Salem, I really was SUPER surprised that we don't currently have any ridesharing services. While there are a lot of problems with the way that Uber in particular conducts their business, I believe that ridesharing services are a part of the reasonable fabric of city life.

Since none are currently allowed, Salem has the potential to enforce a greater level of accountability for ridesharing services - such as background checks for all drivers, fair pay for drivers, and caps on surge pricing for ridership.

I was a semi-frequent Lyft user prior to my move to Salem, and I think that ridesharing offers a meaningful alternative to traditional taxis for hire. Taxis are clunky to order (often, when one is out at a bar, you don't know your exact street address for pickup, for example) and their service varies WIDELY.

Please contact me if you would like more information.

thanks,
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From: Bo Urban <burban192@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 6:42 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Ride sharing

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I'm writing to you from the perspective of a full time employee/student. I work six days a week to provide for myself and my wife, who can't work legally due to her immigration status yet. At the same time, we both are in school working to better our future.

I'm constantly in search of extra work on the side to help us get ahead. Having services like Uber and Lyft available in our area would help me get over the hump, so to speak. I already drive a company van for a living. I know I am not alone.

Working in the restaurant industry, i can speak for plenty of others who just want to get by however they can.

I understand there must be rules and regulations. Those who truly want the work will abide. But let's not forget the benefits on the consumer side. Not only are taxis in our town inefficient, but they are not reliable or very credible.

Personally, I don't want to ride in a broken down Chrysler van that smells like smoke. On top of that, uber response times are much better than response times for taxis here. Think of the amount of intoxicated drivers it would take off the road on Friday or Saturday night, in addition to helping someone's bottom line.

I hope that the city rules on the side of fair competition to allow ride sharing in our city.

I was born and raised in Salem, we have grown so much in the last few years, please do not take us backwards.

Boyd Urban

Sent from my iPhone