Chapter 9 Amendments
Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)

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Overview

With the addition of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) into Chapter 46-Vehicles for Hire, HAS, in collaboration with ARA and Legal, drafted updates to Chapter 9-Aviation to allow TNCs to operate within airport boundaries. HAS met with and received feedback from taxi drivers, taxi company representatives, and TNC representatives.
Overview

• Permitting
• Geo-fence Concept
• Fees
• Operations/Signage
Permitting

- Must be permitted through City of Houston ARA prior to obtaining HAS airport use permit
  - Documentation showing proof of registry or window decal must be presented to HAS
  - TNCs must obtain a permit from HAS before any drivers may pick up passengers at the airports
  - In addition, TNC drivers must also register with HAS
  - As with taxis, there is no charge to obtain permitting or registration for TNCs or drivers

- Airport use permit and registration allows for operation at all HAS airports

- Currently no limit to the number of airport use permits that are to be distributed, but HAS reserves the right to limit registrations
Geo-fence Concept

A virtual delineated boundary that uses global positioning, radio frequency identification, or other technology to track vehicle location and report activity for the collection of fees.
Geo-fence Concept

• TNC vehicles will not be visible on the smartphone app while vehicles are inside of the geo-fence.

• However, designated parking areas within the geo-fence will provide visibility and show available vehicles.

• HAS developed an Operating Instruction (OI) showing maps and textual depiction of the geo-fenced areas.
HOU Geo-fence
Fees

- Trip Fee per TNC driver departure with the same pricing as Taxis
  - HOU - $1.25
  - IAH - $2.75

- Fees will be paid electronically monthly by TNCs to HAS Finance
  - Trips captured via their system based on the geo-fence
Operations

• Drop-offs for TNCs must occur on the departure level

• Pick-ups must take place at designated locations on arrivals level

• Vehicles must have their distinctive signage or emblem displayed
Signage Examples

- TNC PICK-UP ONLY
  - TOW AWAY ZONE

- TNC ONLY
Questions?