



## AGENDA REPORT

### City Council Meeting

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**TODAY'S DATE:** April 7, 2025  
**MEETING DATE:** April 16, 2025  
**TO:** Sandpoint City Council  
**FROM:** City Clerk's Office  
**SUBJECT:** Taxi License Approval: Skyline Taxi Service - *action item*

#### **DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:**

The City has received an application seeking licensing of a new taxicab service operating in Sandpoint, Skyline Taxi Service, LLC.

Under Sandpoint City Code 6-4-2, the City regulates taxi services in Sandpoint, including taxicab vehicles and drivers, with new taxi services requiring Council approval before license issuance. Thereafter, licenses are administratively renewed on an annual basis.

A taxicab is defined by City Code as a motor vehicle used for the purpose of transporting persons for hire, not including school buses or motor buses with a seating capacity of more than 7 passengers operated on a regular schedule. Transportation Network Company (TNC) vehicles and drivers (e.g., Uber or Lyft) are addressed under Chapter 37 of Title 49, Idaho Code, which prohibits local regulation under cities' taxi licensing provisions.

If approved, Skyline Taxi Service will join two other taxi service providers currently licensed in Sandpoint: Bonner Taxi, operating two vehicles with 4-5 drivers, and Panhandle Ride Share, operating one vehicle with one driver. Historically, Sandpoint has had anywhere from 1 – 3 taxicab companies licensed to operate at any given time in town.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

With the requirements of City Code having been met, including payment of all licensing fees, proof of insurance, the taxicab vehicle passing all inspections, and the owner/driver clearing the necessary medical and background checks, staff recommend Council approval of this license. Upon approval of the taxi licensing, the general business license will also be issued.

#### **ACTION:**

Motion to approve licensing of Skyline Taxi Service, LLC, for taxicab services in the City of Sandpoint.

**WILL THERE BE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT?** Fees collected for initial licensing and future annual renewal. **HAS THIS ITEM BEEN BUDGETED?** n/a

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Skyline Taxi Service Taxicab / Limousine License Application  
City Code Title 6, Chapter 4, Taxicabs and Limousines