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Hearing set for ordinance to improve taxicab service in Milwaukee

An ordinance proposing changes meant to improve taxicab service and to better ensure taxicab service availability throughout Milwaukee will get a public hearing next week before the Common Council's **Public Safety Committee**.

The hearing will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19 in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

Alderman Terry L. Witkowski, chair of the Public Safety Committee, said the ordinance (**attached**) reflects recommendations brought forward by the Study Subcommittee of the Public Transportation Review Board, chaired by **Alderman Robert J. Bauman**.

"The recommendations deal with key issues affecting taxicab service in the City of Milwaukee, with wait times and customer complaints driving the need for changes," Alderman Witkowski said.

The ordinance would establish a system of affiliation that all (permittee) taxicabs in the city would be required to belong to. It would also require taxicab fleet affiliations to receive, maintain and report dispatch information, and assure that affiliated permittees and vehicle drivers comply with requirements that include driver training, driver appearance standards, vehicle inspection standards, written plans to assure passenger and driver security and rear-seat credit card payment capacity.

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Taxicab ordinance/ADD ONE

To address matters that have been adjudicated in court, the ordinance authorizes the addition of 100 new taxicab vehicle permits and provides for an annual review of the need for additional permits. The ordinance would also require fleet affiliations to provide citywide service on a 24-hour basis.

Alderman Witkowski said he expects a heavy turnout of prospective speakers to testify at Tuesday's hearing, and plans to limit remarks to three minutes per speaker.