Regulation of Pedicabs in Glasgow

Welcome

Pedicabs (sometimes referred to as rickshaws) are a non-motorised type of tricycle designed to carry passengers in addition to the driver.

Where pedicabs are offered as a service to members of the public in exchange for money or money's worth, the person offering that service requires to obtain a Street Trader's License from the Council, as the Licensing Authority for Glasgow, in terms of section 39 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The Licensing Authority is aware that there are a number of competing arguments regarding the use of pedicabs. While pedicabs provide another form of transport for Glasgow which is environmentally friendly, there may also be a number of safety concerns including the condition of the pedicabs and the safety of the passengers and driver which would render them unsuitable for use as part of a licensed activity.

In order to provide certainty to members of the public and potential applicants as to the Licensing Authority's general approach to the licensing of pedicabs, it is considering adopting a policy on one of the following two options:

(1) That a street trader license will not generally be granted for the operation of a pedicab having regard to the possibility of undue public nuisance or public safety;

or, alternatively;

(2) That a street trader license may be granted for the operation of pedicabs subject to meeting certain criteria and on the Licensing Authority being satisfied that no grounds for refusal of the application apply. A draft document setting out the suggested terms of this policy option is attached.

Before deciding which policy option to adopt, the Licensing Authority believes it is important to take on board the views of the public and other interested parties. The Licensing Authority is therefore carrying out a public consultation which will run from 16 November 2011 to 9 January 2012.

The consultation should take approximately 10 minutes to complete and we would very much appreciate feedback on these along with any other comments your may have on the regulation of pedicabs.

Alternatively you can complete the attached pro-forma and return it to us using the address provided.

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Regulation of Pedicabs in Glasgow **Operation of Pedicabs** 1. Do you agree or disagree that pedicabs should be allowed to operate in Glasgow? C Strongly Agree Agree Neither Nor O Disagree Strongly O Don't Know Disagree If you disagree, please provide more detail

Regulation of Pedicabs in Glasgow **Regulation of Pedicabs** 2. Do you think that pedicabs should be regulated by the Council's Licensing Authority? Yes O No O Don't Know If no, who do you think should regulate pedicabs in Glasgow?

Regulation of Pedicabs in Glasgow **Draft Policy on Pedicabs** 3. Do you think that the draft policy is suitable to regulate pedicabs? Yes O No O Don't Know If no, what else needs to be done to make it suitable? 4. Do you think the policy is it adequate in relation to protecting public safety? O No O Don't know If no, what else requires to be included? 5. Are there any other issues which you believe should be covered in the policy? Yes O No O Don't know If yes, please provide more details

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other Comments
Oo you have any other comments regarding the use of pedicabs or their possible ensing and regulation?

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Thank You

Thank you for provide us with your views.

If you require any further information regarding this consultation or the licensing and regulation of pedicabs, please contact us using the details provided below.

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