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**AN ORDINANCE
of the
CITY OF
MINNEAPOLIS**

By Schiff

**Amending Title 13, Chapter 341 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances
relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Taxicabs.**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 341 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended by adding thereto a new Section 341.185 to read as follows:

341.185. Credit Cards. (a) Effective June 1, 2012, all taxicabs shall be equipped with electronic credit and debit card processing capability. Such equipment shall list fare, tolls, fees and tip separately for processing purposes. Such equipment shall have the ability to authorize the transaction in a timely manner.

(b) Taxi drivers shall accept credit and debit cards for payment of taxicab fares, provided the credit card company is likewise accepted as payment by the City of Minneapolis. No surcharge shall be imposed upon the passenger for the use of a credit or debit card to pay a fare. No request for taxi service may be refused to any person desiring to use a credit or debit card on any grounds, including that a trip will not exceed a minimum length or generate a minimum fare. A taxi service company shall provide cashing services to any taxi driver for credit and debit card transactions collected by the taxi driver as payment of taxi fare while that driver was operating a taxi vehicle under that taxi service company's color scheme. No taxicab vehicle licensee shall obtain cashing services for credit and debit card transactions collected as payment of taxi fare from an entity other than the taxicab licensee's assigned taxi service company.