

CITY OF BRIDGETON

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON
AUTHORIZING THE AUCTION OF TAXI LICENSES BY THE CITY OF
BRIDGETON**

WHEREAS, Chapter 321-3.1 of the City Code of the City of Bridgeton establishes the maximum number of taxi licenses each Taxi Owner is permitted to hold as 7 and there shall be no more than 21 licensed taxicabs operating in the City of Bridgeton; and

WHEREAS, the current Ordinance does not establish a framework for the return and subsequent dissemination of the licenses if such license is returned to the City of Bridgeton; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 15, 2016, a formerly licensed owner turned in five (5) taxicab licenses to the City of Bridgeton and such licenses are therefore available for use by other or new taxicab owners; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A 48:16-2.3, the governing body may authorize taxi licenses to be issued to the highest qualified bidder at a sale by public auction pursuant to the qualifications provided for by the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the current City Code does not contain such auction procedures and the City of Bridgeton intends to revise the City Code pertaining to provisions concerning taxi cabs at a future date and in the interim wishes to amend the current code to include a provision providing for such auction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton that the Clerk of the City of Bridgeton is hereby authorized to advertise and conduct an auction for the available 5 taxicab licenses with a minimum bid of \$250.00 per license for auction to be held on September 20, 2016

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton that the successful bidder of the taxicab licenses shall reimburse the municipality for any costs incurred by the municipality in complying with the notice and that the perspective bidder must meet all qualifications in accordance with the City Code of the City of Bridgeton Ordinance Chapter 321 and if there is more than one successful bidder, the costs incurred shall be shared pro rata between all successful bidders.

APODTEED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 21st day of June 2016

ATTEST:

CITY OF BRIDGETON

Darlene Richmond, City Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards, Council President

Approved:

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and passed by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held on _____, 2016, and will be further considered for final adoption at a public hearing to be held by said City Council on Tuesday, _____, 2016 at 6:30 P.M., then prevailing time, at City of Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Complex, 330 Fayette Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Submitted by Rebecca J. Bertram, Solicitor