

Memorandum

To: Members of the Arlington County Board
From: Mark Schwartz, County Manager
Subject: 2020 Taxicab Certificate Allocation Report

Date: November 20, 2020

County Manager's Determination

I have determined that no additional taxicabs, including wheelchair-accessible vehicles, should be authorized this year. Staff's quantitative evaluation in the [2020 Taxicab Certificate Determination Report](#), dated June 24, 2020, did not find an increase in taxicab service demand that would warrant additional vehicles. In addition, there were no applications received for new or additional taxicabs during this year's application period between July 1 and September 1, 2020. No action is required by the County Board on this matter at this time.

Background

According to Section 25.1-4 of the Taxicab Ordinance ([Chapter 25.1 of the County Code](#)) the number of Taxicab Certificates is to be determined by the County Board biennially in even-numbered years. The determination process for the current year began July 1, 2020, with issuance of the [2020 Taxicab Certificate Determination Report](#). Based on all the information evaluated at that time, I determined that there should be no increase in the current number of taxicabs authorized by certificates in Arlington.

Although I initially determined that no new taxicabs were needed, the County Code provides persons or companies interested in applying for certificates an opportunity to do so from July 1 to September 1, 2020. If interested, applicants were required to present a justification, such as business demand or market innovation, as to why additional taxicabs for their company may be warranted.

No applications for new taxicabs were filed during the application period from July 1 to September 1, 2020.