



Pedicab Discussion



Background

- ▶ March 1998 City Commission approved a Temporary Use and Hold Harmless Agreement authorizing a Pedicab Service to transport passengers along Atlantic Ave.
- ▶ From the City's perspective the Pedicab drivers often did not comply with traffic laws, frequently impeded traffic on Atlantic Ave, and as a result jeopardized the safety of the Pedicab passengers and general public.
- ▶ The City's evaluation of the Pedicab Service at the end of the six-month trial period in 1998 concluded that continued operation of the Pedicab service should not be permitted due to pedestrian and Pedicab passenger safety concerns, as well as the lack of City resources to address the increased traffic enforcement workload on Atlantic Avenue anticipated by the Police Department.
- ▶ In recent years this item came before the City Commission in March 2015 and April 2017, each time the City Commission did not support the use of Pedicabs.



City Staff Comments

- ▶ City Staff continues to have public safety concerns about pedestrian and Pedicab passenger safety as well as the possible delays to emergency response from additional congestion on Atlantic Avenue.
- ▶ Downtown police units are responsible for high visibility patrols, traffic enforcement, pedestrian enforcement, homeless, crimes, drugs, noise, etc. Adding another enforcement responsibility that is not high on the priority list could frustrate community members when they see violations and no enforcement.



Decision Point Two Options

- ▶ City Commission NOT supportive of Pedicab Services in Delray Beach.
- ▶ If City Commission IS supportive of Pedicab Services in Delray Beach, staff will implement the program as directed and suggest the following actions:
 - ▶ Adding Pedicab Service as a new business classification;
 - ▶ Implementing Pedicab rules and regulations as a **pilot program** subject to change pending the City's evaluation of business and community feedback;
 - ▶ Adopting a Pedicab Ordinance that:
 - ▶ reflects thoughtful and balanced regulation;
 - ▶ requires monitoring and reporting of ridership levels, complaints, and citations;
 - ▶ addresses public safety concerns, the aesthetic environment, and protects consumers;
 - ▶ allows the Pedicab industry to grow in a sustainable manner



Questions and Comments

