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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 15, 2009

TO: MGSA Board of Directors

FROM: Paul Berlant, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **D**: TAXICAB REGULATIONS PROGRAM UPDATE AND AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS

Recommendation: Amend the taxicab regulations as described below and reflected in the attached draft resolution.

Background:

Jeff Rawles continues to move the taxi permitting process along. As of the first of the year, 120 taxi driver permits have been issued, 20 vehicle permit stickers have been issued to two of the 15 companies that have applied for permits. We expect to have about 100 vehicle permits and the remainder of the company permits issued this winter. Mr. Rawles is working with the taxi companies to ensure they have proper, written drug policies and evidence of MGSA, its officers, etc. being named additional insured's on their liability insurance. We are also learning that even as drivers and vehicles are permitted, there is a constant turnover of personnel and vehicles, affecting liability and workers compensation insurance.

Regulations: In November 2008, the Board approved a number of amendments to the Regulations and we are proposing additional changes again. As we continue our interaction with the owners and drivers, we find inconsistent or unworkable provisions in the Regulations. The latest draft version of the regulations reflects minor clean-ups (as mundane as changing the title of the "Executive Director" to "Executive Officer") to more substantive changes reflecting the appeal process or reporting of drug and alcohol testing results. Specifically, the substantive changes are found in: Section C.2.i, C.2.iv, where reporting of drug/alcohol testing results are clarified; Section C.4.e, requiring the return of a permit, which has been revoked; and Section F, which outlines the appeal process. MGSA General Counsel Dave Byers still plans to do further work on Section G relating to the Penalties and Enforcement portion of the regulations.

Attached is a draft resolution approving amendments to the Regulations.