



### **Private for-Hire Transportation Advisory Body**

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Subcommittee

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**Topic or description of issue:**

Some drivers may feel uncomfortable with passengers traveling in the front seat for several reasons including safety and health.

**How is this impacting your industry?**

Portland City Code is centered around passenger safety, and does not specifically address safety issues that concern drivers.

**Reason to change the regulations?**

In this case, drivers should have the ability choose to transport passengers in the front seat. Those that choose not to transport passengers in the front seat should not be subject to civil penalties or sanctions.

**Proposed solution:**

Amend city code to include a section addressing the rights of all drivers and include language stating that they driver, at their discretion, but in advance of arriving at the location to pick up a passenger, may elect not to allow passengers to sit in the front passenger seat next to the driver.