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Uber/Lyft drivers required to register with Sales Tax Office before doing business

Drivers of transportation network companies (TNC), like Uber and Lyft, are required to register with the City and Borough of Juneau Sales Tax Office before conducting business.

Under CBJ Sales Tax Code, any person, firm, or business entity must register with the Sales Tax Office before making sales and rendering services within the City and Borough of Juneau. TNC drivers are required to collect five percent sales tax on the gross selling price, file quarterly with the Sales Tax Office, and remit the five percent sales tax to the Sales Tax Office. CBJ code also requires that sales tax be separately itemized and identified on a receipt given to a customer. Drivers can register with the Sales Tax Office online <http://www.juneau.org/financeftp/documents/BusinessRegistration.pdf>, by going to City Hall - Room 106 or calling 586-5265.

Per the State of Alaska, TNC drivers are also required to obtain an Alaska Business License to engage in business activity in the state.

Under state law, TNCs are required to collect the fare from the riders, maintain records of all transactions and provide riders with copies of the sales receipts. Given these requirements, CBJ is currently in discussions with Uber and Lyft to understand how the companies plan to facilitate the drivers' compliance with CBJ Sales Tax Code. By allowing unregistered drivers to operate as contractors on behalf of the TNCs and failing to provide drivers with what they need to stay compliant, TNCs may be facilitating the violation of CBJ code.

CBJ looks forward to establishing a productive and effective working relationship between the companies, the drivers and CBJ.

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