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**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01**

**SUBJECT: Repealing Chapter 5.28 Taxicabs**

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- Filed with the City Clerk: 01/02/2025
- Passed by the City Council: 01/15/2025
- Signature of Mayor
- Signature of City Clerk
- Publication: 01/21/2025
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*Kati Diehl*  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON REPEALING CHAPTER 5.28 TAXICABS; APPROVING A SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**WHEREAS**, Chapter 5.28 of the Poulsbo Municipal Code provides for the permitting of taxicab and for-hire cars within the City limits of Poulsbo and was last updated in 2009 by Ordinance 2009-08; and

**WHEREAS**, following the enactment of Ordinance 2009-08, only one active taxicab or for-hire vehicle permit existed in the City of Poulsbo, and at some point after 2009, enforcement of the ordinance ceased; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued presence of an unenforced ordinance may create unnecessary legal ambiguity and administrative inefficiencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington has implemented regulatory frameworks for taxicabs and for-hire vehicles and their operators that adequately address public safety, consumer protection, and operational oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff recommend repealing the ordinance to shift oversight of taxicabs and for-hire vehicles and their operators to the state, and eliminate any potential claims of selective enforcement or ambiguity regarding compliance by the City;

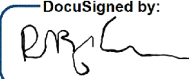
**WHEREAS**, the Poulsbo City Council concurs with the staff's recommendation; now, therefore,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Chapter 5.28 of the Pouslbo Municipal Code Repealed.** Chapter 5.28 of the Pouslbo Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication of the attached summary which is hereby approved.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01  
of the City of Poulsbo, Washington

On January 15, 2025, the City Council of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, approved Ordinance No. 2025-01, the main point of which may be summarized by its title as follows:

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The full text of this ordinance will be mailed upon request.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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