

ORDINANCE NO. 1484- 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 440.11, “CHAUFFEURED LIMOUSINES”, OF PART FOUR, TITLE SIX OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PUT-IN-BAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the safety, peace, and welfare of the Village of Put-in-Bay, its residents, and the motor vehicles traversing the roadways require provisions and standards for motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Put-in-Bay has ordinances regulating various types of commercial vehicles, including chauffeured limousines, operated within Village limits; and

WHEREAS, Council wants to amend such ordinances to address the operation of chartered busses or passenger vehicles.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay, County of Ottawa, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 440.11, “Chauffeured Limousines” of Part Four, Title Six of the Village's Codified Ordinances is amended as follows:

440.11 CHAUFFEURED LIMOUSINES AND VEHICLES

- (a) The operator of a chauffeured limousine or other chauffeured vehicle for hire or charter such as a "party" bus or passenger van not acting as a taxi cab shall accept passengers only on the basis of prearranged contracts, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4501.01, and shall not cruise in search of patronage unless the limousine or vehicle is in compliance with any statute or ordinance governing the operation of taxicabs or other similar vehicles for hire.
- (b) The operator of a chauffeured limousine may provide transportation to passengers who arrange for the transportation through an intermediary, including a digital dispatching service. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, when providing transportation arranged through an intermediary, the operator of a chauffeured limousine may establish the fare and method of fare calculation, so long as the method of fare calculation is provided to the passenger upon request.
- (c) No person shall advertise or hold himself or herself out as doing business as a limousine service or livery service or other similar designation unless each vehicle used by the person to provide the service is registered in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4503.24 and is in compliance with Ohio R.C. 4509.80.

(d) Any limousine or vehicle charter must be made at least twelve (12) hours prior to the time of hire or charter.

(e) All limousine or vehicle charters must be reported in writing to the Village of Put-in-Bay Police Chief or their designee, at least twelve (12) hours before the time of hire or charter.

(f) All limousine or chauffeured vehicles for hire or charter exceeding 80 inches in width, excluding mirrors, or exceeding the length of 25 feet shall not be permitted on Lorain Avenue, Erie Street, or Delaware Avenue between Catawba Avenue and Hartford Avenue.

(g) All operating companies of such vehicles as described in this Chapter shall maintain a Village of Put-in-Bay Business License and a fixed place of business located on South Bass Island such as applicable to taxi cabs per Chapter 866.

(h) The Mayor of the Village of Put-in-Bay may waive the requirements of paragraph (g) above one-time per operating company for an out-of-town visiting charter vehicle where the charter and passengers originate and terminate outside Put-in-Bay Township (off-island); however, reoccurring requests by the same operator should be denied. Said waiver may be retroactive but must be requested in writing to the Mayor by the operating company.

(d i) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(ORC 4511.85)

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall replace and supersede in its entirety any and all prior versions of Section 440.11, "Chauffeured Limousines" of Part Four, Title Six of the Village of Put-in-Bay Codified Ordinances.

SECTION 3. Council declares this to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the Village, and for the further reason that this Ordinance must be immediately effective so that the Village may implement the regulations contained herein for the upcoming summer tourist season. Wherefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

SECTION 4. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and or any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Passed: _____, 2025

Attest: _____
Fiscal Officer

Approved: _____, 2025

Judy Berry, Mayor