

To: Hotty Toddy News, Oxford Eagle, Daily Mississippi

From: City of Oxford

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Re: Designated Pickup Locations for Vehicle for Hire and Ride Share Companies

In order to promote the health, safety, and welfare of Oxford citizens and visitors, the Board of Alderman unanimously approved an ordinance amending Chapters 118, Sections 19, 22, 23, and 25, and added section 33, Designated Downtown Pickup Location, to the Vehicles for Hire Ordinance on December 7, 2021. Ride Share companies, who are not under the jurisdiction of the ordinance, voluntarily agreed to participate.

Section 33 of the new ordinance will allow riders to access a designated driver at three possible locations within the downtown area (see Map 1). The new policy will affect all taxi cab companies and private ride share companies that operate in the downtown area seven days a week from 9 pm to 3 am. Designated drivers are strongly encouraged, but not required to use the pickup locations. The policy is designed to promote the safety of riders, reduce congestion, and allow for a more pedestrian-oriented downtown area.

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Map 1: Downtown Area Pickup Locations



Designated Downtown Pickup Locations Details

Who:

- All riders in the downtown area
- All *drivers* of cab companies and rideshare companies

What:

- Designated pickup spaces clearly marked with signage
- Designated waiting space in well-lit, surveilled areas

When:

• Seven days a week between the hours of 9 pm and 3 am

Where:

NORTH PICKUP LOCATION City Parking Garage 34°22'3.60"N, 89°31'8.76"W



DESIGNATED PICKUP NORTH LOCATION PARKING GARAGE

WEST PICKUP LOCATION Harrison Avenue 34°21'56.34"N, 89°31'11.34"W



DESIGNATED PICKUP WEST LOCATION HARRISON AVENUE

EAST PICKUP LOCATION South 14th Street 34°21'54.19"N, 89°31'2.75"W



DESIGNATED PICKUP EAST LOCATION SOUTH 14TH STREET

Definitions:

Riders-Anyone using a rideshare, cab, or designated driver to leave the downtown area

Drivers-Drivers of rideshare companies, cab companies, and designated drivers

Downtown area-Area bound by Ninth Street on west, Jefferson Avenue on north, 14th Street on east, and University on south.

Rideshare-Companies that match riders with drivers that cannot legally be hailed from the street

Taxicab, Taxi or Cab-Vehicle for hire licensed by the City of Oxford

Designated driver-A driver who abstains from alcohol in order to drive others safely