Chicago Rideshare Living Wage and Safety Ordinance
"The FairShare Ordinance"

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When the rideshare industry came to Chicago, driving for Uber or Lyft was a way for Chicagoans to make a good, reliable wage on a flexible schedule. But in the years since then, the big rideshare corporations have built a wildly successful business model on keeping fares high while cutting wages for drivers, ignoring their safety needs, and permanently banning them from driver apps with no warning or appeals process.

Uber and Lyft have built a rigged system that cheats both passengers and drivers to maximize profits for themselves. To correct these issues and make it possible for gig workers to thrive in Chicago, the Rideshare Living Wage and Safety Ordinance will establish safety standards, a living wage, and decent working conditions for rideshare drivers.

This ordinance would:

- Raise driver pay from $.60/mile and $.20/minute to $1.85/mile and $.65/minute for any regular Uber, Lyft, or Via ride.
- Increase per mile and per minute pay with the Consumer Pricing Index each year.
- Establish a $7 trip minimum, guaranteeing each ride is worth a driver's time
- Cap the cut that rideshare companies can take from each fare at 20%. Currently, there is no cap: drivers report that rideshare companies often take cuts of 60% or more.
- Require that TNP companies provide transparent fare breakdowns to both passengers and drivers. Currently, passengers have no way to know how much of their fare is actually paid to their driver.
- Require that TNP companies notify drivers 14 days in advance of any suspension and that they have the right to appeal; currently drivers can be indefinitely suspended with no notice.
- Require Uber and Lyft to verify the identity of passenger accounts and the identity of the person taking the ride.
- Require Uber and Lyft to disclose the details of driver deactivations, both to the city and to the drivers themselves.
- Require Uber and Lyft to adopt policies to discourage passengers from making false complaints against drivers.
- Establish the option to use civil action to recoup money from rideshare companies if they violate this ordinance.
- Create standard procedures that Uber and Lyft must follow in order to remove drivers from their platforms.
- Create requirements around the public reporting of driver pay.

Chicago's rideshare drivers love their work. For many, rideshare was a way to make a steady income that was flexible enough to accomodate a drivers' health or family needs. But rideshare companies have made it so difficult for drivers to stay safe while earning a predictable income that many now find it difficult to stay in the industry.

The City Council can create regulation that will lower fares for passengers, protect drivers, and stimulate the local economy by putting money in worker's pockets rather than continuing to enrich the Uber and Lyft corporations. Chicago drivers need your support.

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The following allies believe that all workers deserve fair wages and good working conditions, and so support the passage of the Rideshare Living Wage and Safety Ordinance:

