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Greetings,

Ride Sharing is a fairly new concept for the City of Eugene. As we navigate through the implementation, it is important that we disseminate information that will help make it a smooth transition.

The purpose of this letter is to inform drivers of some of the common violations we have witnessed since Ride Sharing has begun. Members of the Eugene Police Department have had conversations with several drivers, either in person or on the phone, specifically regarding lighting equipment being used.

Most importantly, the illuminated dash or window mounted lights for both Uber and Lyft are not legal in Oregon. It falls into the category of prohibited lighting. Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 816.350 specifically addresses what types of lights are allowed under Oregon Law. ORS 816.360 is the violation of "Use of prohibited lighting equipment." It is subject to a \$200.00 base fine through Eugene Municipal Court.

Another violation witnessed on a regular basis, especially at large events at Autzen Stadium is making "Illegal U-turns." When these occur, the drivers are actually committing two separate violations. The "Illegal U-Turn" ORS 811.365 and "Fail to obey a traffic control device" ORS 811.265. Both violations are subject to a \$300.00 base fine through the Eugene Municipal Court.

Our hope is the information is disseminated to all drivers for the Ride Share program. Compliance with the law is important for the safety and ultimately longevity of the program. The Ride Share program is a wonderful option for a lot of people and ultimately can make the roadways a safer place by potentially reducing the number of intoxicated drivers on the streets.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at the numbers listed below.

Sincerely,

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