

TUCSON, AZ

ARTICLE VIII.
TAXICAB REGULATIONS*

* **Cross References:** Transporting for hire, § 19-475; motor vehicles and traffic, provisions re, § 20-212 et seq.

▣ Sec. 20-300. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to promote the safety and general welfare of the public by regulating certain aspects of the taxicab business.

(Ord. No. 8051, § 2, 5-17-93)

▣ Sec. 20-301. Definitions.

In this article, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words shall have the definitions respectively set forth:

Ambulance means any motor vehicle especially designed and constructed or modified and equipped to be used, maintained or operated for the transportation of individuals who are sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or disabled.

Bus means a motor vehicle designed for carrying more than fifteen (15) passengers and used for the transportation of individuals for hire with a driver provided.

Business means engaging in the activity of carrying passengers for profit.

Executive sedan (VIP) service means the providing of the same motor vehicle for use in a dual service capacity. At times the executive sedan (VIP) motor vehicle will be operated and associated with such services as provided by taxicab companies and at other times the same vehicle will be used for such services more commonly associated with those provided by a limousine service. The provisions of this article regulating taxicabs apply equally to executive sedans (VIP's), except that rates need not be posted on the vehicle's exterior nor are dome lights required.

Limousine service means the providing of a motor vehicle designed by its manufacturer and identified by its vehicle registration as a limousine and in which both the limousine and a driver are provided for hire solely by individual agreement and which service is not available for open solicitation by passengers on streets or at taxicab stands.

Meter means any mechanical, electrical or electronic device maintained in a taxicab for the purpose of computing the fare for passenger trips based on distance, time, or a combination of both and on which the charge is plainly displayed.

Motor vehicle means any self-propelled vehicle.

Person means any individual, person, firm, corporation, association, joint venture, partnership or other lawful form of business combination.

Taxicab means a motor vehicle other than a bus, an ambulance, an executive sedan (VIP) or a limousine which is held out to the general public through either private or public solicitation or notice as being available to carry a person or persons along a route, all or a part of which is within the city, from any point to any other point for hire with the driver provided and which is not operated on a schedule.

Taxicab company means a person engaging in the taxicab business.

Vehicle means a device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public street or highway.

(Ord. No. 8051, § 2, 5-17-93)

▣ Sec. 20-302. Taxicab businesses and executive sedan services regulated.

No person shall engage in the taxicab business or executive sedan (VIP) service or operate as a taxicab company or an executive sedan (VIP) service on public rights of way within the city without complying with the requirements of this article.

(Ord. No. 8051, § 2, 5-17-93)

☐ Sec. 20-303. Exterior display of fare and other information.

Except as provided in section 20-303(5), no person, owner, lessee, company or operator of a motor vehicle shall allow, operate or cause to be operated, a motor vehicle as a taxicab on the city streets of the City of Tucson, unless:

(1) The vehicle displays outside in a permanent manner, readily visible to both prospective and actual passengers in letters not less than one (1) inch in height, the schedule of rates to be charged (such as the flag drop rates, additional mile fares, distance rates, hourly rates, waiting time rates charged per hour or other rates used to charge a passenger for services), which rates shall [be] permanently affixed by sign or painted on the exterior door panel but which may not be placed or permanently affixed in any manner to the exterior door glass.

(2) The vehicle displays outside the vehicle in a permanent manner, readily visible to both prospective and actual passengers, in letters not less than two (2) inches in height, the name of the company on each front door of the vehicle in English and in a clear and legible manner. Magnetic signs are not permitted for the requirements under this subsection.

(3) Every vehicle shall be equipped with a dome light not less than four (4) inches in height, permanently affixed to the roof, bearing the word "TAXI" or the company name.

(4) All outside display information shall be of such color as to contrast clearly with its background. The taxicabs or executive sedans (VIP's) may display the company logo or advertising matter if such does not interfere with the visibility of the information required by this section.

(5) The provisions of section 20-303(1) and (3) only, shall not apply to any motor vehicle used in executive sedan (VIP) services.

(Ord. No. 8051, § 2, 5-17-93)

☐ Sec. 20-304. Interior display of fare and other information.

No person, owner, lessee, company or operator of a motor vehicle shall allow, operate or cause to be operated the motor vehicle as a taxicab or as an executive sedan (VIP) on the city streets of the City of Tucson, unless:

(1) The vehicle displays on the dashboard or sunvisor of each vehicle, readily visible to the passenger, a 5 x 8 inch laminated card, with a 3 x 4 inch picture of the driver, the name of the taxicab company or the executive sedan (VIP) service, the number of the vehicle (if more than one) and the address and phone number of the taxicab company or the executive sedan (VIP) service.

(2) The vehicle displays inside at locations readily visible to the passenger, the schedule of rates of charges (such as the flag drop rates, additional mile fares, distance rates, hourly rates, waiting time rates charged per hour or other rates used to charge a passenger for services and a statement that liability insurance is required to be maintained on the vehicle with the Motor Vehicle Division of the Arizona Department of Transportation.

(Ord. No. 8051, § 2, 5-17-93)

☐ Sec. 20-305. Meters, fares, charges.

(a) No taxicab company, executive sedan (VIP) service or operator of a taxicab or an executive sedan (VIP) shall operate or cause to be operated such vehicles on city streets unless such vehicles are equipped with meters maintained in accurate working order and certified by any registered service agency (RSA) which has been approved by the State of Arizona, Department of Weights and Measures.

(b) No taxicab company, executive sedan (VIP) service or operators of such vehicles, shall charge more than the amount shown on the meter unless there is a specific agreement to the contrary with the passenger or passengers prior to the commencement of the fare. In the case of a specific agreement to the contrary, no more than the agreed fare shall be charged.

(Ord. No. 8051, § 2, 5-17-93; Ord. No. 9166, § 1, 11-23-98)

☐ Sec. 20-306. Direct routes required.

No taxicab company or executive sedan (VIP) service or operator of such taxicab or such executive sedan (VIP) shall transport any passenger for hire from any point within the City of Tucson to any other point within the city by any route or method which is other than the most reasonably direct and rapid method available except at the specific direction and request of the passenger.

(Ord. No. 8051, § 2, 5-17-93)

☐ Sec. 20-307. Two-way radios required.

Each taxicab or executive sedan (VIP) shall be equipped with a Federal Communication Commission (FCC) licensed radio/receiver/transmitter (mobile station or two-way radio) which is an integral part of an FCC mobile service system. Said service shall be operational on a 24-hour basis and in compliance with FCC requirements. No taxicab or executive sedan shall be operated unless such radio/receiver or transmitter is maintained in accurate working order.

(Ord. No. 8051, § 2, 5-17-93)

☐ Sec. 20-308. Civil infraction.

(a) Any person, any taxicab company, executive sedan (VIP) service or operator of a taxicab or an executive sedan (VIP) who violates the provisions of this article shall be deemed liable for a civil infraction. Such person or persons shall be subject to the penalties for a civil infraction imposed pursuant to section 8-6.1.

(b) Whenever a taxicab or an executive sedan (VIP) is used in violation of the provisions of this article, the person or persons responsible for the violation shall be jointly and severally liable.

(Ord. No. 8051, § 2, 5-17-93)

☐ Sec. 20-309. Police department and ParkWise enforcement agents authorized to issue citations.

The police department officers and the ParkWise program manager or such traffic agents designated by the program manager as responsible for enforcing article VII (stopping, standing or parking) provisions of this chapter, may issue citations enforcing any provisions concerning taxicabs or executive sedans (VIP's) contained in this article.

(Ord. No. 8051, § 2, 5-17-93; Ord. No. 10918, § 5, 8-9-11)

5.64.030 - Definitions.

The following words and phrases, whenever used in this chapter, shall be construed as defined in this section:

"Alternative fuel vehicles" shall mean vehicles powered by natural gas, propane, ethanol, methanol, gasoline (when used in hybrid electric vehicles only), hydrogen, electricity, fuel cells, or advanced technologies that do not rely on gasoline or diesel fuel or that are powered by a combination of two or more alternate fuels. Alternative fuel vehicles include "hybrid" or "bi-fuel" vehicles powered in part by petroleum gasoline and vehicles converted from one powered by petroleum gasoline.

"Chief of Police" shall mean the Chief of Police or his or her designee.

"City Administrator" means City Administrator or his or her designee.

"Driver" means every person driving a taxicab as defined by this chapter.

"Driver permit" means the annual permit issued by the City Administrator which authorizes the recipient to drive a taxicab for a specified fleet manager within the City.

"Fleet management permit" means the permit issued by the City Administrator which authorizes the overall operation and management of all taxicabs using the same name and vehicle color combinations.

"Fleet manager" means that person designated by the holder of the fleet management permit as the person responsible for all operations under the fleet management permit.

"Operating permit" means the permit, issued by the City Administrator, which evidences that a vehicle designated by the City Administrator to operate for a specific fleet has been inspected and certified to operate as a taxicab.

"Owner" means any person, partnership, cooperative, corporation, firm, or association who is named as the registered owner of a vehicle which is used as a taxicab in the City, including but not limited to, receivers or trustees appointed by any court.

"Public Works Agency" means the Director of Public Works or his or her designee.

"Ramped taxi" means a taxi, defined below, which is a minivan or similar vehicle specially adapted with ramp and/or lift access for wheelchair users, which is also equipped with a taximeter, and which prioritizes requests for service from wheelchair users for purposes of transportation over and along the public streets, not over a defined route but, as to the route and destination, in accordance with and under the direction of the passenger or person hiring such vehicle.

"Taxicab" means every passenger vehicle designed for carrying not more than eight persons, excluding the driver, used to carry passengers for hire, and which is operated at rates per mile or upon a waiting time basis or both.

"Taxicab" does not include ambulance vans ("ambuvans") or limousines.

"Taximeter" means a mechanical or electronic device by which the charge for the hire of a taxicab is automatically calculated, either for distance traveled or for waiting time, or both, and upon which such charge is plainly registered by means of figures indicating dollars and cents and which is visible in the rear passenger compartment.

"Vehicle permit" means the permit issued by the City Administrator to qualified taxicab owners which authorizes them to operate taxicab vehicles meeting established standards within the City.

(Ord. No. 13161, § 4, 5-21-2013)

5.64.040 - Fleet management permit.

- A. It is unlawful for any person, partnership, cooperative, corporation, firm, or association to engage in the business of operating or managing a taxicab company, fleet, or taxi service in the City without first obtaining a fleet management permit as specified by this section.
- B. Application for a fleet management permit shall be filed with the City Administrator. The form and contents of such application shall be specified by the City Administrator; however, the following shall constitute the minimum requirements to qualify for a fleet management permit:
 1. Proof that the fleet management permit applicant has insurance which satisfies the requirements of Section 5.64.090 and which is adequate to cover all vehicles permitted under the name and vehicle colors for which the applicant is responsible;
 2. Designation of a manager to whom all correspondence and official notices may be directed and who is authorized to and is responsible for the conduct of all business with City officials charged with enforcing the provisions of this chapter. The fleet manager is subject to the approval of the City Administrator and shall be subject to the same requirements as permit holders under Subsections 5.64.080 E. and F.;
 3. Disclosure of the names, residence, and business addresses of the designated manager, all directors, officers, partners, and associates directly or indirectly holding a financial interest in the applicant and the proposed fleet management permit. A copy of the current, valid fictitious business name certificate under which the applicant does, or intends to do, business;
 4. A complete description of the fleet's proposed operations, including, for all fleets consisting of more than five vehicles, a radio-dispatching service provided either by the applicant or another party under contract, including all licenses for the operation of all radios whether directly or by contract. Failure to operate according to the proposed terms shall be considered a violation of this chapter;
 - a. In lieu of a dispatch radio system, the City Administrator's designee may accept an alternative method for dispatching vehicles if a fleet manager can provide a suitable communications system alternative to radios. Such system must be approved for use by the City Administrator's designee before implementation.
 5. Authorization from the City Administrator to use a proposed color scheme for each vehicle in the fleet;
 6. Proof that the fleet's operations are conducted in conformance with zoning laws;
 7. A list of all vehicle permits that the fleet management permittee will manage.
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Fleet management permittees are required to maintain for a period of not less than one year all records pertaining to the fleet manager's operation and management, including but not limited to all waybills completed by drivers or alternative waybill information approved in advance by the City Administrator, all dispatch logs for fleets consisting of more than five vehicles, all vehicle inspection records, driver training records, passenger complaints, citation records, leasing records, and insurance records. Fleet managers shall make available for inspection, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., all such records. Fleet managers shall take reasonable efforts to ensure the completeness and accuracy of all records. Any records which are determined to be inadequate, inaccurate or any request which is not complied with may result in the suspension or revocation of the fleet management permit pursuant to Section 5.64.080

- D. Fleet management permittees shall be responsible for all aspects of the fleet management and day-to-day management operations, including but not limited to drivers and vehicles operated under the fleet management permit. Any violation of any provision of this chapter by a driver or vehicle may be grounds for suspension or revocation of the fleet management permit pursuant to Section 5.64.080, and any violation by a driver or vehicle may also be imputed to the fleet management permittee for the purposes of prosecution of violations pursuant to Section 5.64.135
1. Fleet managers shall provide to drivers receipts for all fees collected from said drivers.
 2. Upon driver request, fleet managers shall provide all information and documentation on insurance claims filed or processed for accidents and/or other vehicle damage in which said driver was involved.
- E. The City Administrator may deny the granting of any fleet management permit if the applicant has been convicted of any crime, taking into consideration the nature and circumstance of the conviction, the age of the applicant at the time of conviction, the time elapsed since the conviction, and any evidence of rehabilitation.
- F. Fleet management permits issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be effective for the calendar year for which the permit is issued only. All fleet management permits shall expire on December 31st of the year for which the permit is issued. Fleet management permits must be renewed annually by the fleet management permittee by submitting a completed application with required documents as set forth in this section no later than November 15th.
- G. Any person, partnership, cooperative, corporation, firm, or association in receipt of a fleet management permit shall designate one person as the fleet manager. The fleet manager shall be jointly and severally liable with the fleet management permittee for all acts and omissions arising from the operation of the fleet.
- H. Fleets consisting of ten or more vehicles shall provide taxi coverage to all parts of the City 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The City Administrator shall divide the City into geographic areas and determine the required level of coverage for each area and time of day. In establishing these requirements the City Administrator, or authorized designee, shall consider the number of vehicle permits managed by each fleet and shall assign the required coverage levels proportionately.

As part of the annual renewal process, fleet managers of fleets consisting of ten or more vehicles shall submit a plan for meeting the required level of coverage, as determined by the City Administrator. Fleet managers shall maintain records demonstrating compliance with the coverage plan including but not limited to daily records for each permitted vehicle in the fleet showing the name

of the driver(s), the time of day and the geographic area serviced by each vehicle. These records shall be maintained by the fleet management company for at least one year and shall be submitted to the City on a quarterly basis in January, April, July and October of each year.

Failure to operate the fleet according to the coverage plan, maintain accurate records of actual operation of each permitted vehicle in the fleet, or submit timely quarterly reports shall be a violation of this chapter and shall constitute a basis for revocation of the fleet management permit and/or any vehicle permits under the ownership, possession or control of the fleet management company.

(Ord. No. 13161, § 4, 5-21-2013)

5.64.055 - Operating permit.

- A. Application for an operating permit shall be filed with the City Administrator. The form and contents of the application shall be specified by the City Administrator; provided, however, the following standards constitute the minimum requirements to qualify for an operating permit:
1. Written acknowledgment by the manager of a fleet management permittee that the vehicle for which the operating permit is issued is authorized to operate using the color scheme and name of the fleet management permittee and that the fleet management permittee assumes responsibility for the operation of the vehicle;
 2. Proof that the vehicle is covered by the insurance of the fleet management permittee;
 3. Presentation of a City business tax certificate which demonstrates that such tax is not delinquent for the current year or any previous year;
 4. Presentation of a valid certificate of registration for the vehicle issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles. The permit applicant must be named as the registered owner of the vehicle;
 5. Proof that a taximeter of a type approved by the City Administrator has been installed in the vehicle and has been certified by the County of Alameda Bureau of Weights and Measures subsequent to its installation in the vehicle;
 6. Unless an alternative method for dispatching has been approved pursuant to OMC Subsection 5.64.040 B.4. proof that the vehicle is equipped with a two-way radio, in good working order, to be used for taxicab service dispatch purposes, and that the applicant has all applicable licenses for the operation thereof;
 7. Disclosure of the names, residence, and business addresses of the owner(s), all partners, and associates directly or indirectly having a financial interest in the ownership of the vehicle or the operation authorized by the operating permit for which application has been made. A certified copy of any fictitious business name certificate, evidence of publication, and an affidavit of publication, under which the applicant does, or intends to do, business;
 8. State of California Certificate of Compliance - Brake Adjustment which is valid at the time of the annual inspection;
 9. State of California Certificate of Compliance - Motor Vehicle Pollution Control which is valid at the time of the annual inspection;
 10. State of California Certificate of Adjustment - Lamp Adjustment which is valid at the time of the annual inspection;
 11. The above certificates must be dated within 60 days of the date of the inspection by the Public Works Agency.
- B. Applicants for an operating permit must demonstrate that the vehicle meets specified safety and equipment standards. The Public Works Agency shall publish safety and equipment standards and/or reference other standards with which each vehicle must comply. Such safety and equipment standards must include the installation of a protective partition of a type approved by the City Administrator in the vehicle. The protective partitions may be of a fixed or roll down design, and their installation applies only to taxicab companies with three or more vehicle permits,

and must be installed in no less than 30 percent of that company's vehicles. Taxicab drivers may request to drive taxicabs that do not have safety shields therein. Employing taxicab companies shall provide taxicabs without safety shields to requesting taxicab drivers if such taxicabs are available.

1. Except for vehicles driven solely by the holder of the vehicle permit, taxicab companies with three or more vehicle permits shall install cameras capable of recording the passenger seating area and the area immediately outside the driver's window in taxicabs without safety shields. Such cameras shall be installed within one year from the adoption of this chapter.

C. The Public Works Agency shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, an inspection of all vehicles for which permits are granted under the provisions of this chapter prior to the issuance of an operating permit and at regular annual intervals thereafter on a schedule to be determined by the City Administrator.

Such inspections shall determine compliance with all applicable laws and standards. Standards for such inspections as set by the City Administrator shall include the following:

1. Any door, window, hood, or trunk which fails to open or close securely;
2. Peeling, defaced, or improperly repaired exterior decals, lettering or numbering;
3. Exterior paint or color schemes which are different from those approved by the City Administrator pursuant to Subsection 5.64.040 B.5. or which are not maintained in the condition originally approved by the City Administrator;
4. Dirt, broken fixtures, or other conditions in the passenger compartments which could soil or tear a patron's clothes;
5. Rust, dents, or tips in the vehicle's exterior which are more than trivial, or missing components, including, but not limited to, chrome, rubber strips, or other component parts which might snag, tear, or injure a driver, pedestrian, or passenger. Any such damage will be considered to be more than trivial when single or multiple areas of damage affect an aggregate area of at least three linear feet of the cab exterior. The measurement of each damaged area will be taken between the two most widely spread points of the affected surface;
6. Dirty luggage compartments or luggage compartments which are maintained in condition which would soil or damage baggage;
7. Driver or passenger compartments which have litter or trash;
8. Torn or improperly repaired upholstery, headliners or floor covering;
9. Re-tread tires;
10. Safety standards as published pursuant to the provisions of Subsection B.

D. All taxicabs operating within the City shall have signs containing the following information permanently affixed to the vehicle:

1. On the exterior sides of the vehicle shall appear the name of the fleet management permittee, the insignia of such permittee, and the telephone number of the fleet management permittee. The size and location of vehicle numbers shall be designated by the City Administrator.
2. On the exterior and interior sides of the vehicle shall appear the vehicle permit number in a size specified by the City Administrator.
3. On the exterior sides of the vehicle, and within the interior of the vehicle in a location readily

visible to the passenger, shall appear a sign which states "Driver carries only \$5.00 in change."

4. Within the interior of the vehicle, and in a location readily visible to the passenger, shall appear a sign which states the name of the fleet management permittee, such permittee's address and telephone number, and the vehicle number. The name of the driver shall be posted on a sign, readily visible to the passenger, following the words, "Your driver is". The fares authorized by this chapter shall be listed and the sign shall state, "Drivers may collect only these posted fares." In addition the sign shall state Oakland City Administrator's Office, Business Permits Unit, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 11th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 777-8527. Such sign shall be no smaller than eight by ten inches in size.
5. Within the interior of the vehicle, and in a location readily visible to the passenger, shall appear a sign titled Passenger's Bill of Rights. It shall include the following:
 - a. You have the right to be treated courteously.
 - b. You have the right to be taken to your destination by the most expeditious route.
 - c. You have the right to be picked up and dropped off at a safe location.
 - d. You have the right to have your baggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, placed in the trunk of the taxi.
 - e. You have the right to pay only the posted fare. Tipping for good service is encouraged.
 - f. Passengers with disabilities have the right, upon request, to be assisted entering and exiting the taxi.
 - g. Passengers with disabilities have the right to be accompanied by qualified service animals.

In addition the sign shall state, "Complaints and comments may be filed with the Oakland City Administrator. Please specify the vehicle number and driver name." The telephone numbers and email address of the City Administrator or designee shall be included on the signs.

6. All vehicles shall carry complete maps of Alameda County.
7. Within the interior of the vehicle shall appear a copy of the operating permit. The form, contents, and location of the operating permit shall be designated by the City Administrator. A vehicle permittee shall be issued a decal for each vehicle upon full completion of the annual vehicle permit renewal and vehicle inspection.

E. Vehicle Age and Alternative Fuel Requirements.

1. Vehicle Age. By December 31, 2017, each vehicle operating within the City shall be not more than seven years old (measured from the date of first manufacture) or less. Operating permit holder may, with the permission of the City Administrator's Office, which permission shall not be unreasonably withheld, temporarily substitute another vehicle; provided that any such temporary substitution shall comply with all other operating permit specification and inspection requirements set forth in Section 5.64.060
2. Alternative Fuel. By January 1, 2015, each operating permit holder operating more than one vehicle shall ensure that no less than 30 percent of all the vehicles for which operating permits have been issued (or if an odd number, 30 percent of one less than the number of such vehicles) shall be alternative fuel vehicles. If a permit holder has 11 vehicles permitted to operate, no less than three of the vehicles shall be alternative fuel vehicles. By January 1, 2017, the percentages shall be increased to 50 percent.

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In addition to the annual inspections provided for in Subsection C., and as authorized under the California Vehicle Code, the Chief of Police may cause spot inspections to be made of any taxicab vehicle, provided that at the time of such spot inspection the vehicle is in service and not transporting a paying customer. If the taxi vehicle fails to pass the spot inspection, the vehicle permit and operating permit may be suspended pursuant to Subsection 5.64.080 F.

- G. Any individual who affixes or removes an operating permit without the permission of the City Administrator shall be in violation of this chapter. It is unlawful for any person to operate or permit to be operated a taxicab within the City without having an operating permit affixed to the vehicle. Any taxi driver permittee or fleet management permittee found in violation of this paragraph may have their permit suspended or revoked pursuant to Section 5.64.080
- H. All citations issued for violations of Subsections C.1. through C.9., inclusive, shall require the person to whom the notice to appear is issued to produce evidence which is satisfactory to the Chief of Police that the vehicle has been made to conform with the requirements of this chapter within 30 days.
- I. Operating permits shall be renewed annually on a date to be set for each permit by the City Administrator; provided, however, that the renewal date so set shall be within 90 days from the calendar anniversary of the date on which the vehicle was last inspected and passed. Such renewal date shall also be within 30 days of the date the registration for that vehicle is renewed with the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

(Ord. No. 13161, § 4, 5-21-2013)

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**SEC. 1125. TAXICAB COLOR SCHEMES; ADOPTION;
PERMITS; CHANGES.**

(a) **Color Scheme Required.** Upon the issuance of a taxicab permit, every taxicab permittee shall adopt a distinguishing taxicab color scheme that has been approved by the Taxi Commission pursuant to Subsection (b) of this Section. The taxicab permittee's choice of color scheme shall be subject to the approval of the Taxi Commission, which approval shall be given except when it clearly would not be in the public interest to do so.

(b) **Color Scheme Permits.** Any holder of a taxicab permit or a taxicab dispatch service permit under this Article may apply to the Taxi Commission for taxicab color scheme permit pursuant to Section 1080 of this Article. That permit shall entitle the holder to the exclusive rights to the use of that taxicab color scheme for taxicabs licensed pursuant to this Article; provided, however, that the permittee under this Subsection may authorize taxicab permit holders to adopt the licensed taxicab color scheme, as set forth in Subsection (a). Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1083 of this Article (nontransferability of permits), the permits issued pursuant to this Section are transferable, subject to the approval of the Taxi Commission, who shall determine that the proposed transferee meets the criteria set forth in Section 1081 of this Article. The permittee shall give notice to the Taxi Commission of any intended transfer at least 14 days prior to any such transfer. Applicants for permits authorized by this Section, as well as for color scheme changes and renewal of permits, shall pay to the City and County of San Francisco a sum set by ordinance to cover the costs of advertising, investigating, and processing the application for each permit.

(c) **Existing Color Scheme.** All persons and entities who, prior to the effective date of Ordinance 562-88, have obtained permission from the Chief of Police to use a taxicab color scheme are hereby deemed to be permittees under this Section; provided, however, that such persons or entities shall hereafter pay to the Chief of Police the taxicab color scheme permit fee as established by the Chief of Police.

(d) **Change of Color Scheme.** It shall be unlawful for any taxicab permittee or operator to make or cause to be made any change whatsoever in the distinguishing color scheme of any taxicab without the prior written approval of the Taxi Commission, which approval shall be given except when it clearly would not be in the public interest to do so. No change in distinguishing taxicab color scheme shall be allowed if such change will result in the discontinuance, interruption or reduction of radio-dispatched taxicab service, and the Taxi Commission shall consider the impact of a proposed change of distinguishing taxicab color scheme upon the quantity and quality of radio-dispatched taxicab service or paratransit service available to the public before allowing any such change.

(Added by Ord. 562-88, App. 12/27/88; amended by Ord. 88-99, File No. 981443, App. 4/30/99; Ord. 100-04, File No. 040301, App. 6/4/2004)

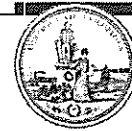
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Sec. 55-26. Rules and regulations.

- (a) The director of excise and licenses shall have the power, and is hereby authorized and directed to adopt and publish such reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this article, as the director may deem necessary, advisable or expedient to carry out or enforce the provisions hereof.
- (b) Copies of such rules and regulations, when adopted, shall be available for distribution at the office of the director of excise and licenses.
- (c) It shall be the duty of every operator and every driver licensed under the provisions of this article to observe all such rules and regulations.
- (d) Any violation of any such rule or regulation duly adopted by the director of excise and licenses shall be deemed a violation of this article and shall be punishable as such.

(Code 1950. § 424.21)

Cross reference— Rules and regulations generally. § 2-91 et seq.



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503 TAXICAB COLORINGS AND MARKINGS

503.1 Uniform color scheme. Effective October 1, 2013, each vehicle in the District intended for use as a taxicab shall comply with the uniform color scheme in § 503.3 if;

- (a) It is entering service as a new vehicle; or
- (b) For any reason it is repainted in whole or in part, or is required to be repainted in whole or in part by any provision of this title or by any other District of Columbia law or regulation; or
- (c) It is a replacement vehicle, including a vehicle entering service according to the gradual removal schedule of § 609 of this title.

503.2 A taxicab that fails to comply with this section shall not be operated. Each taxicab operated in violation of this section shall subject the owner and operator to the civil penalties set forth in this chapter, including impoundment of the vehicle.

503.3 The uniform color scheme for District taxicabs is established as provided in this subsection. Each vehicle shall:

- (a) Be painted red in color to match the D.C. Circulator: 3M Controltac Graphic Film color Geranium 180C-63;
- (b) Bear a vehicle model specific stripe decal on both sides that: aligns with the bottom of the taxicab tail light at the rear of the vehicle, is made of 3M Controltac Plus Film (or equivalent), and matches Pantone Warm Gray 2 in color;
- (c) Bear decal letters of the name of the taxicab company, association, or fleet name, or the name of the owner for an independently operated taxicab, and a customer service telephone number on both front side doors (driver and passenger). The decal letters shall be the color black, in Calibri font, using capital letters that are two and fifteen sixteenths inches (2-15/16") in height measured from the X height and manufactured of 3M Controltac Plus Film (or equivalent);
- (d) Bear decal letters of the taxicab company, association, or fleet name and fleet vehicle number, if applicable, or the name of the owner and independent taxicab number, if applicable, which shall be on the rear of the body so as to be clearly visible from the rear, on either side of and in alignment with the center of the vehicle manufacturer placed logo. The decal letters shall be the color black, in Calibri font, using capital letters that are one and one half (1-1/2) inches in height measured from the X height and manufactured of 3M Controltac Plus Film (or equivalent);
- (e) Display a DCTC Certification Decal, of a size and shape determined by the Office, which shall be affixed in the lower left hand corner of the rear passenger window; and

(f) If the owner has received express written approval from the Office, an insignia, logo, term, or symbol may be placed on the vehicle, consistent with the requirements of § 503.7, as follows —

(1) If the owner is a taxicab company, or the vehicle is associated with a taxicab association or fleet, the insignia or logo of such company, association, or fleet may be centered on both rear passenger doors, which shall be no more than seventeen inches (17") in width and shall be two inches (2") from the closest gray edge/field; and

(2) Based on specifications set forth in one or more Office orders, where the vehicle is an alternative fuel vehicle, a term or symbol commonly used in the motor vehicle or taxicab industry to mark such vehicle may be placed on the vehicle.

503.4 Additional information about the specifications for the uniform color scheme shall be maintained on the Commission's website.

503.5 It shall be the responsibility of each taxicab company, association, or fleet to ensure that any taxicab bearing its name, insignia, or logo is on the insurance list filed with the Office for that company, association, or fleet.

503.6 The operation of a taxicab bearing a name, insignia, or logo in violation of this section shall be presumptive evidence that the operator and the owner are in violation of § 816 (fraud).

503.7 Review process for proposed display of insignia, logo, term, or symbol.

(a) An owner interested in displaying an insignia, logo, term, or symbol on its vehicle pursuant to § 503.3(f) shall submit an application under oath, in a form acceptable to the Office, accompanied by the appropriate fee, and —

(1) Either —

(A) If the application seeks approval of a taxicab company, association, or fleet insignia or logo, pursuant to § 503.3(f)(1): an electronic rendering of the design accurately depicting the insignia or logo and its proposed location(s) on the vehicle; or

(B) If the application is for a term or symbol for an alternative fuel vehicle, pursuant to § 503.3(f)(2), then a website URL for a trade or industry association or vehicle manufacturer website where the term or symbol may be found and reflects that the term or symbol is commonly used in the motor vehicle or taxicab industry to mark such vehicle, and an electronic rendering

accurately depicting the term or symbol and its proposed location(s) on the vehicle; and

- (2) Such additional information and documentation that the Office may require to evaluate the request.
- (b) The Office shall deny an application where the proposed insignia, logo, term or symbol would be offensive, in poor taste, confuse or mislead consumers, undermine the uniform color scheme, or violate any provision of this title or other applicable law.
- (c) The Office shall render its decision to grant or deny an application in writing within thirty (30) days, which, if denied, may be appealed to the Chairman, whose decision shall be a final, appealable order of the Office.
- (d) If the Office grants its approval, the owner shall complete placement of the insignia, logo, term, or symbol on all of its vehicles within sixty (60) days of the issuance of the approval.

503.8 Prohibitions.

- (a) No paint, graphic, vehicle wrap or decal, paint color, design, insignia, logo, term, symbol, advertisement, signage, display, label, sticker, or lettering shall be placed on any taxicab unless it complies with this section or the owner has obtained the express written approval of the Office.
- (b) There shall not be placed on or in any taxicab, paint, graphic, vehicle wrap or decal, paint color, design, insignia, logo, term, symbol, advertisement, signage, display, label, sticker, lettering or other exterior object which has, tends to have, or may have the effect of confusing, misleading, or deceiving the public.

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Sec. 220.205. - Issuance of permit and medallion; fee.

When the permit has been granted and upon determination by the Director that:

- (a) Except for limousines, the color scheme, business name or commercial identification is sufficiently distinctive as not to cause confusion with other for-hire businesses already operating in the City,
- (b) The necessary insurance has been provided as required by Section 220.215, and
- (c) The vehicle for hire meets the equipment and safety requirements of Section 220.212

The Department shall issue a permit, in duplicate and in a form approved by the Office of General Counsel, reciting the fact of the filing and approval of the application and that the owner is authorized to operate the vehicles for hire described in the permit. The Department shall issue as many permits as are approved. One of the duplicates of the permit shall be forthwith filed by the owner in his records at his place of business and the other duplicate shall be securely attached to each vehicle for hire in such a manner as to be plainly visible from within the vehicle. The Department shall also issue for each vehicle for hire a numbered medallion to be fixed to the outside left rear portion of the vehicle for which the permit is granted, in plain view from the rear of the vehicle. A fee of \$100 shall be paid before the medallion is issued. The fee shall be paid with respect to each medallion to be issued. The Department shall advise the Tax Collector of the name and address of the owner and the number of permits issued to him under each approved application. If the permits and medallions are not paid for and the medallions attached to the vehicles within 60 days after the permit is granted and the applicant notified, the permits and medallions shall be deemed abandoned by the applicant and shall thereupon be available for reissuance as if they had not been approved for issuance.

(Ord. 82-1121-571, § 2; Ord. 83-591-400, § 1; Ord. 85-1561-830, § 3; Ord. 2002-1214-E, § 1)

Note—Former § 426.205.

Sec. 31-85. - Rules for operation.

- (a) Each operator shall adopt and use, after approval by the CSD a uniform and decorative color scheme for all taxicabs licensed pursuant to this article which shall be yellow. The CSD shall refuse to approve any proposed color scheme which is not school bus yellow. License holders shall comply with the uniform color scheme at the time a new vehicle is placed into service. Failure to comply with this section shall be grounds for suspension of all for-hire licenses issued to the operator.
- (b) Taxicabs using any designated public stand shall be faced in accordance with applicable traffic regulations. The chauffeur of the taxicab at the head of such file shall accept as a passenger any orderly person who agrees to pay the proper fare; provided, however, that any person shall have the right to select any taxicab regardless of its position in the file. Upon the departure of any taxicab from said file, all vehicles entitled to use the stand shall move forward. No number of taxicabs greater than the maximum allowed shall attempt to use any public vehicle stand. Each waiting taxicab must take a position to the rear of taxicabs already at the stand. All taxicabs parked at any designated public vehicle stand shall be considered to be waiting employment.
- (c) Reserved.
- (d) Every operator shall fully comply with all ordinances, rules and regulations of the County and all statutes of the State of Florida applicable to the operation of for-hire motor vehicles.
- (e) Unless otherwise provided in this article, every operator shall collect and file on a daily basis all manifests and trip sheets for each for-hire motor vehicle. The operator shall furnish the forms for each manifest to the chauffeur, which forms shall be approved by the County. Operators shall not destroy, mutilate, alter or otherwise deface any daily manifests without CSD approval. All manifests shall be available for inspection and copying by the CSD or any police agency during regular business hours and shall be retained for one (1) year.
- (f) Reserved.
- (g) Each operator shall maintain accurate records of all revenues, all associated expenses, capital expenditures, and other financial and operating information as may be required by the CSD. The CSD shall be granted access to these records for the purpose of inspection and copying same upon five (5) days' prior notice. All such records and information shall be confidential except that they will become public records for the purpose of rate hearings, revocation or suspension hearings, or, if required by the Board of County Commissioners, for the purpose of approving or disapproving applications for new for-hire licenses or transfers of for-hire licenses. Each operator shall annually furnish financial and operating information to the CSD on forms and in the manner prescribed by the CSD.
- (h) Reserved.
- (i) Any for-hire motor vehicle not waiting employment or actually transporting paying passengers shall prominently display an out-of-service or off-duty sign.
- (j) (1) No passenger service company, for-hire license holder, chauffeur or any other person shall directly or indirectly provide compensation in any form to any individual or entity or engage in any activity in connection with the payment of compensation for the right to pick up passengers or provide taxicab service from any hotel, motel, apartment, restaurant, nightclub,

bar, or any other business establishment, or public facility. The license or registration of any passenger service company, for-hire license holder or chauffeur violating this provision shall be subject to suspension for up to twelve (12) months for the first violation and shall be subject to revocation for repeat violations in accordance with the provisions of Section 31-91 or other appropriate enforcement action as provided in this article.

- (2) It shall be a violation of this article for any individual or entity to accept compensation in any form, either directly or indirectly, from any passenger service company, for-hire license holder, chauffeur or any other person for the right to pick up passengers or provide taxicab service from any hotel, motel, apartment, restaurant, nightclub, bar, or any other business establishment or public facility.

(k) Reserved.

(Ord. No. 81-85, § 3, 7-21-81; Ord. No. 81-29, § 2, 11-17-81; Ord. No. 81-130, § 1, 12-1-81; Ord. No. 87-12, § 2, 3-17-87; Ord. No. 98-105, § 1, 7-9-98; Ord. No. 00-139, § 1, 11-14-00; Ord. No. 07-149, § 1, 10-2-07)

Sec. 162-36. - Information to be displayed on taxicabs.

- (a) *Required.* All taxicabs shall have affixed to the exterior the following:
- (1) *CPNC number*, affixed by means of permanent, nonmagnetic decals to the front left hood, the rear right trunk lid and each front fender, at least five inches in height, news gothic bold in style, with a width of at least three-eighths of an inch and black or white in color, whichever is most prominent against the background color.
 - (2) *Name of company*, painted or affixed by decal, according to specifications provided by the police chief, to the right and left front doors.
 - (3) *Schedule of rates*, painted or affixed by decal to the left and right rear doors.
- (b) *Monthly insurance sticker.* Each taxicab for hire shall have affixed to the upper right corner of the front windshield a current monthly insurance sticker issued by the bureau.
- (c) *Schedule of rates; identifying information.* Each taxicab shall have a schedule of passenger rights, which shall include the right to an air-conditioned cab, the right to direct the driver to use a certain route to a destination, except in a flat rate zone and an explanation of all rates and charges including flat rate fares, its CPNC number and the company's name and telephone number in addition to the bureau's telephone number for complaints and comments on the rear passenger window. The driver permit shall be three and one-half inches by five inches in size, placed in a bracket or receptacle of a type approved by the bureau and shall be located on the right half of the dash.
- (d) *Logo and identification scheme.* Each company shall submit to the police chief a company logo and identification scheme which shall not be the same or similar to any other and which within ten days shall be approved or rejected. Upon approval, the company logo and identification scheme shall be affixed to each vehicle for hire in the company's fleet. The logo and identification scheme shall be affixed to the left and right front doors and any other part of the vehicle, if applicable, and shall not be less than 12 inches in height, but not greater than 24 inches in height.
- (e) *Dome light on roof.* All taxicabs shall be equipped with a dome light not less than six inches in height, permanently affixed to the roof, bearing the term "taxi" or the company name.
- (f) *Advertising inside vehicle.* Any advertising material to be displayed inside the taxicab must be approved by the bureau; such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (g) *Responsibility for compliance.* CPNC holders and companies shall be responsible for compliance with this section, except that drivers shall be responsible for compliance with requirements relating to display of driver permits.

(Code 1977, § 14-8010; Ord. No. 1995-37, § 13, 7-11-95; Ord. No. 2005-68, § 4, 10-25-05)

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Municipal Code of Chicago

9-112-360 Taxicab vehicle color schemes.

- (a) All taxicab vehicles belonging to a single taxicab affiliation must display that affiliation's uniform color scheme and logo.
- (b) Non-affiliated (independent) taxicab vehicles must display a color scheme and logo that are not duplicative of, or substantially similar to, an existing affiliation's color scheme and logo.
- (c) All color schemes and logos must be approved by the commissioner before being painted and displayed on the vehicles.

(Added Coun. J. 1-18-12, p. 19118, § 1)

Sec. 996-71. - Taxicab licensure and certification.

No person shall transport or offer to transport a passenger for a fare, which fare is determined, in whole or in part, by measurement, made during the trip, of the distance over which the passenger is transported, in any public vehicle for hire which is not licensed as a taxicab, or which does not have a current monthly taxicab certificate.

(G.O. 76, 1994, § 1)

Sec. 996-72. - Eligibility.

To be eligible for a taxicab license, a public vehicle for hire must:

- (1) Meet the general licensure requirements for public vehicles for hire;
- (2) Be either:
 - a. Of the current or past six (6) model years; or
 - b. Beyond the past six (6) years but not more than ten (10) model years and inspected and approved annually by the city garage and the license administrator as remaining fit for quality service both mechanically and aesthetically;
- (3) Be equipped with a certified taximeter;
- (4) Have a permanently affixed top light clearly identifying the vehicle as a taxicab;
- (5) Have a color scheme that is the same for all taxicabs owned by the same person, and that is either:
 - a. Not similar to that in use by any taxicab licensed to another licensee; or
 - b. Similar to that of a taxicab licensed to a licensee who has consented to such use of the color scheme; and
- (6) Have affixed to both sides and the rear of the vehicle the license administrator's license number for the taxicab in a format prescribed by the license administrator, designed to be readable by potential customers.

(G.O. 76, 1994, § 1; G.O. 117, 2001, § 2; G.O. 72, 2002, § 9; G.O. 63, 2009, § 180)

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§ 115.259 DESIGNATION OF VEHICLES FOR HIRE.

(A) All vehicles for hire, except limousines, operated by the same company or under the same registered trade name shall:

(1) Be painted with the color scheme and identifying design that has been approved by the Director or the Director's designee. No company will be permitted to use a color, or numbering scheme or design which, in the judgment of the Director or Director's designee, is so similar to that of an existing company that such similarity is likely to mislead or confuse the public; and

(2) Bear on the outside of each side and the rear of the vehicle, in painted letters of at least three inches in height, the name of the certificate holder or the registered trade name, if any. In addition, each vehicle for hire may bear an identifying design approved by the Director.

(B) Each taxicab shall bear on the outside of each side and the front and rear, in painted letters at least three inches in height a number issued by the certificate holder. However, no two vehicles having the same color schemes shall possess the same number.

(C) Each taxicab shall clearly display on both passenger doors the rates of fares so as to be clearly visible and readable from the exterior of the taxicab in a manner approved by the Director.

(D) The provisions of subsections (A)(1), (A)(2), (B) and (C) above shall only apply to taxicabs.

(E) Each airport shuttle vehicle shall display its state and Department approved and designated route on the curbside of the vehicle, in a manner approved by the Department, which is visible from the exterior of the vehicle.

(F) It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle marked with the identifying design of a ground transportation service carrier when there is no affiliation between the driver or certificate holder and such carrier. Vehicles formerly operated in affiliation with a ground transportation service carrier must be unmarked within three days of the date of the termination of the affiliation. Unmarked is to mean that the ground transportation service carrier name and/or telephone number may not be further displayed on the vehicle. Further, the top light and vehicle body markings indicating "TAXI", "CAB", or "TAXICAB", "AIRPORT SHUTTLE", "CHARTER BUS" may not be displayed after termination of affiliation with a ground transportation service carrier.

(G) No vehicle shall be operated on any Louisville Metro streets while being marked as a vehicle for hire without first having been issued the Department license and inspection sticker, or having notified the Department that such an operation of a vehicle is going to occur in furtherance of preparing the vehicle for inspection by the Department for the required issuance of the license and inspection sticker.

(1999 Lou. Code, § 111.570) (Lou. Ord. No. 115-1979, approved 8-17-1979; Lou. Am. Ord. No. 218-1983, approved 8-30-1983; Lou. Am. Ord. No. 370-1987, approved 12-28-1987; Lou. Am. Ord. No. 172-1996, approved 8-28-1996; Lou. Am. Ord. No. 0045-2002, § 1, approved 3-29-2002; Lou. Metro Am. Ord. No. 223-2005, approved 12-27-2005) Penalty, see § 115.999

16-15.5 Vehicles for Hire.

a. In the City of Boston, no person, firm, or corporation driving or having charge of a taxicab or other private vehicle shall offer the vehicle for hire for the purpose of transporting, soliciting and/or picking up a passenger or passengers unless said person is licensed as a hackney driver and said vehicle is licensed as a hackney carriage by the Police Commissioner of said City. In addition, no person, firm, or corporation driving or having charge of a taxicab or other private vehicle shall operate identifiable taxi top lights for the purpose of transporting, soliciting and/or picking up a passenger or passengers unless said person is licensed as a hackney driver and said vehicle is licensed as a hackney carriage by the Police Commissioner of said City.

b. Any Police Officer witnessing a violation of paragraph a. of this subsection may arrest the driver of the vehicle and seize evidence of said violation. Such evidence shall include but is not limited to, meters, whether mechanical or electrical, for the computation of fares based on mileage or predetermined periods of time. Any Officer who seizes such items as evidence of a violation of paragraph a. of this subsection shall take them to a place of safety until they are produced or used as evidence in any trial or other Court proceedings. All such property seized shall be disposed of as the Court Orders, and may be forfeited, sold or destroyed in the discretion of the Court.

c. No owner or association of owners, whose principal place of business is located in the City of Boston, and who owns a taxicab or taxicabs licensed by the City of Boston, shall be allowed to dispatch taxicabs within the City of Boston unless said taxicabs are licensed by the Boston Police Commissioner and the operators of said taxicabs possess valid hackney carriage driver licenses issued by the Boston Police Department. However, nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting a driver of a taxicab licensed outside the City of Boston from driving through said City, or from accepting within the City of Boston, a passenger, passengers, packages or other merchandise if summoned by or at the request of said passenger or client by telephone, or by radio dispatch from the owner or operator's principal place of business outside the City of Boston provided that the name, pick-up address, and destination of said passenger or client are immediately supplied by the driver to any inquiring Police Officer.

d. Anyone found in violation of this subsection shall be punished by fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for each violation.

(CBC 1975 Ord. T14 § 323; Ord. 1986 c. 13 § 2-5; Ord. 2002 c. 8)



Inspector of Carriages Notice

Number: IOC-09-11
Date: December 11, 2009
Post/Mention: Indefinite

SUBJECT: Vehicle Standards

Inspector of Carriages Notice 09-10 is hereby rescinded and replaced with the following:

In accordance with Boston Police Department Rule 403, the following minimum standards for interior dimensions will be utilized by the Inspector of Carriages when evaluating vehicles for use as Boston Licensed Hackney Carriages. These standards are minimum standards and shall not prohibit the Inspector of Carriages from denying approval to a vehicle which he feels is unsuitable for use as a Boston licensed hackney carriage for other reasons.

- Rear Legroom:* 35"
- Rear Headroom:* 36"
- Rear Hip Room:* 49"
- Rear Shoulder Room:* 55"
- Luggage Volume:* 10 cu. ft.

The following vehicles have been pre-approved as meeting the above standards:

- 2009, 2010 Dodge Caravan
- 2009, 2010 Honda Odyssey
- 2009, 2010 Lincoln Town Car
- 2009, 2010 Mercury Grand Marquis
- 2009, 2010 Saturn Vue
- 2009, 2010 Ford Escape
- 2009, 2010 Toyota Highlander
- 2009, 2010 Toyota Sienna
- 2009, 2010 Ford Crown Victoria
- 2010 Ford Flex
- 2009, 2010 Nissan Altima
- 2009, 2010 Toyota Camry
- 2010 Ford Fusion

Both Hybrid and Non-Hybrid versions of the vehicles listed are authorized

Other Standards:

Vehicles must be NEW defined by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Vehicles must be WHITE as originally manufactured.

No sunroofs.

Rear seats must be leather or vinyl.

Rear seat floor covering must be black automotive vinyl.

Passenger windows may not be tinted any darker than the driver's window as originally manufactured.

NOTE:

The above list of vehicles is issued as a convenience to the industry. It is not intended to be, nor can it ever be, a final list. The ever changing and evolving needs of the industry coupled with the ever changing array of vehicles offered by the automotive industry require that this list will be constantly re-examined.

Any person who would like to submit for approval a vehicle which is not on the list should submit a request in writing, along with documentation of the interior specifications. The Inspector of Carriages will then review the vehicle in accordance with the general specifications outlined above and, if approved, will add the vehicle to the list.

Captain Robert W. Ciccolo Jr.
Inspector of Carriages

HACKNEY CARRIAGE RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

I. Definitions

- a. Boston Police Officer: An individual appointed by the Police Commissioner to carry out the functions of the Boston Police Department, including but not limited to, the preservation of the public peace, the protection of life and property, the prevention of crime, the arrest and prosecution of violators of the law, the proper enforcement of all laws and ordinances and the effective delivery of police services.
- b. Hackney Carriage: A vehicle used or designed to be used for the conveyance of persons for hire from place to place within the city of Boston, except a street or elevated railway car or a trackless trolley vehicle, within the meaning of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 163 section 2, or a motor vehicle, known as a jitney, operated in the manner and for the purposes set forth in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 159 A, or a sight-seeing automobile licensed under Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1931. Also known as a taxicab or taxi.
- c. Inspector of Carriages: A superior officer of the Boston Police Department assigned by the Police Commissioner to command the Hackney Carriage Unit.
- d. Licensed Hackney Driver: An individual, also referred to as a "Driver," granted a license to operate a Hackney Carriage by the Police Commissioner.
- e. Medallion Owner: An individual, also referred to as an "Owner," who has been deemed a suitable individual by the Police Commissioner to own a Hackney Carriage Medallion and who has purchased one or more such Medallions.
- f. Police Commissioner: An individual appointed by the Mayor of the City of Boston who commands the Boston Police Department and has powers over licensees of such Department as per Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1906 and Chapter 322 of the Acts of 1962, as well as powers regarding the Hackney Carriage industry as per Chapter 392 of the Acts of 1930.

- j. Set Up Card: A document issued by the Inspector of Carriages containing the name of the Medallion Owner or Lessee and such other information as the Inspector of Carriages may from time to time determine.
- k. Taximeter: A mechanical or electrical instrument or device by which the charge for hire is calculated for distance traveled, waiting time, or toll fees, and upon which such charges shall be indicated by means of illuminated figures, as approved by the Inspector of Carriages.
- l. Trade Name: The company name selected by the Owner of the Medallion to serve as the nomenclature of the Corporation.
- m. Wheel Chair Accessible Vehicle (“WAV”): A licensed Hackney Carriage that meets the Americans with Disabilities Act specifications for Wheelchair accessibility as listed in Appendix II.

II. Clean Vehicle Transition and Implementation

- a. Date of Implementation: Every vehicle put into service as a taxi as of August 29, 2008 shall be a new Clean Taxi vehicle or must have been purchased before August 29, 2008.
- b. WAV Medallion Implementation: As of August 29, 2008, all WAV Medallion vehicles put into service as a taxi must be new WAVs.
- c. Extension for Fall Inspection in 2008: Any vehicle that would have been removed from service under the model-age rule (see Section III(c)(xvii) below) at the Fall 2008 inspection shall be allowed to remain in service as a taxi until January 1, 2009. Further extensions will be granted after that date only if the Medallion Owner or Lessee can show a signed purchase and sale agreement for a new Clean Taxi or for a new WAV vehicle (if a WAV Medallion).
- d. Waiver: Single owner-operators or Lessees may petition for waiver of the Clean Taxi requirement at the discretion of the Inspector of Carriages for a vehicle owned as of August 29, 2008. Such waivers shall be granted by the Inspector of Carriages only for suitable hackney carriages and to owner-operators or Lessees upon proven financial hardship. All non-WAV vehicles used as Hackney Carriages in the City of Boston must be new, Clean Taxis by January 1, 2015, and all WAV vehicles must be new, approved vehicles by January 1, 2015.

III. Vehicle Requirements

The following section describes the requirements to register a specific vehicle as a Hackney Carriage in the City of Boston.

- a. Presentation of Vehicle: The Medallion Owner or Lessee must present the vehicle to the Inspector of Carriages for approval. The vehicle shall be thoroughly inspected in regard to mechanical condition and general appearance, as per written guidelines provided by the Inspector of Carriages.
- b. Title for New Clean Taxi: The Medallion Owner or Lessee must present a copy of a motor vehicle title for a new vehicle (as defined by the Registry of Motor Vehicles) of a class of Clean Taxis as approved by the Inspector of Carriages.
- c. The vehicle must also:
 - i. Be registered to an address in the City Of Boston.
 - 1. A post office box is acceptable.
 - 2. Proof is established by submitting a copy of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Registration to the Inspector of Carriages.
 - ii. Have a current Commonwealth of Massachusetts Inspection Sticker.
 - iii. Be outfitted with an approved Protective Partition dividing the driver's and passenger's seats as defined in writing by the Inspector of Carriages. Any such approval shall be in writing and shall be stored in the Medallion File. The Protective Partition must meet the following requirements:
 - 1. The top portion of the Partition shall be enclosed in an adequate frame and constructed of minimum thickness of 3/8" Lexan® (or equivalent as approved by the Inspector of Carriages) and shall be approved by the Inspector of Carriages before the vehicle is approved for use as a Hackney Carriage.
 - 2. The top portion of the Partition may be either stationary or may slide horizontally or vertically. If a sliding Partition is utilized, it shall be capable of being fastened in a fully closed position by the Driver and when so fastened, shall not be capable of being opened from the rear seat. The Partition may contain an appropriate opening for the payment of fares on the right half thereof.
 - 3. The Partition shall be designed so as to prevent any object from being inserted into the front of the vehicle.
 - 4. The Partition cannot obstruct either the Driver's rear vision or the passenger's view of the Driver, taximeter, or rate card.
 - 5. The bottom section of the Partition shall constitute metal covering over the entire portion of the back of the front seat.

6. When the vehicle is first placed in service as a licensed Hackney Carriage, the Partition must be new or remanufactured, and cannot be re-used from an old vehicle.
- iv. Be outfitted with an approved taximeter as defined in writing by the Inspector of Carriages. Any such approval shall be in writing and shall be stored in the Medallion File. If a Hackney Carriage does not have a fully functioning taximeter, it shall be deemed unfit for service as a Hackney Carriage. The taximeter must meet the following requirements:
 1. The taximeter must be officially sealed by the City of Boston Department of Weights and Measures.
 2. All taxicabs must have taximeters that dispense printed receipts containing the following information:
 - a. Boston license taxi number;
 - b. Date-Trip number;
 - c. Times (start and stop);
 - d. Mileage traveled (distance per trip);
 - e. Extras;
 - f. Totals;
 - g. Hackney Carriage Unit Taxi Hot Line: (617) 536-TAXI; and
 - h. Hackney Carriage Unit E-mail: Taxi.bpd@cityofboston.gov
 3. All taxicabs must have a taximeter capable of gathering, storing and retrieving the following information:
 - a. Medallion number; and
 - b. Summary of service for a one (1) year period that includes:
 - i. Total trips;
 - ii. Total fare miles; and
 - iii. Total number of fares.
- v. Be enrolled in a Radio Association and painted with the approved Radio Association colors and markings, unless otherwise exempted pursuant to Rule 403. All Hackney Carriages must:
 1. Have a Radio:
 2. Have the approved Radio Association equipment.
 3. Only those Owner/Operator taxis exempt pursuant to the 1998 Inspector of Carriages agreement are released from this provision of Rule 403.

- vi. Display Vehicle Color:
 - 1. All taxis must be painted white as originally manufactured, including all doors, door jambs, trunk lid interiors and any other portion of the vehicle visible to the public.
 - 2. All taxis must be painted in approved Radio Association markings and colors except those Owner/Operator taxis included in the 1998 Inspector of Carriages agreement.
- vii. Obtain a Hackney Carriage Set Up Card from the Hackney Carriage Unit as per the form provided by the Hackney Carriage Unit.
- viii. Be inspected by the Hackney Carriage Unit to obtain a current Hackney Carriage Inspection Sticker.
- ix. Display a Police Medallion License “Tin”:
 - 1. Every licensed Hackney Carriage shall have affixed on the rear thereof, plainly visible to the public, a single metal plate of a style approved by the Police Commissioner, bearing the Medallion number associated with said Hackney Carriage.
 - 2. This Medallion shall be firmly fastened to the body of the vehicle using Phillips head screws in such a manner that it will not easily become detached, and under no conditions will the Medallion be attached to the Massachusetts registration plate or to the bumper of the taxicab.
- x. Be Equipped for Credit Card Processing:
 - 1. Effective January 1, 2009 all taxicabs shall be equipped with an electronic credit card processing capability. Such equipment shall allow the passenger to swipe the card in the rear compartment of the taxicab without handing the card to the Driver. Such equipment shall list fare, tolls, fees, and tips separately for processing purposes. Such equipment shall have the ability to electronically authorize the transaction in a timely manner. Such equipment will provide a printed receipt that includes:
 - a. Boston Licensed Taxi Number,
 - b. Date,
 - c. Time,
 - d. Charge Amount,
 - e. Hackney Carriage Unit Taxi Hot Line: (617) 536-TAXI, and

341.580. - Requirements for license.

Each applicant for a taxicab license must comply with the following to the satisfaction of the licensing official:

- (a) Be a citizen of the State of Minnesota or Wisconsin.
- (b) Be of the age of eighteen (18) years or over in the case of an individual person or copartners or, in the case of a corporation, must be authorized to operate taxicabs and carry on business in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.
- (c) Must be a United States citizen, or an alien admitted for permanent residence, or who has otherwise obtained work authorization from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- (d) Must fill out upon a blank form to be provided by the licensing official giving such information as required by the licensing official regarding the applicant and the vehicle to verify that the terms and conditions of this chapter have been met.
- (e) Said application shall also include an accurate and detailed description of the color scheme of the taxicabs, including inscriptions or monograms thereon, proposed to be operated by the applicant, which shall be distinctly different from that of the taxicabs of any other licensed taxicab owner or operator, and from that of the taxicabs of the same owner or operator licensed in another jurisdiction, so that the ownership and identity may be readily ascertained by the police department and patrons of any taxicab, except that one (1) or more of the applicants who are members of the same taxicab organization or who subscribe for services to the same service company and who are authorized to use the color scheme of taxicabs, including the inscription or monograms thereon, of such organization or service company, may be licensed to do so when proper evidence of their right from such organization or service company to use such color scheme and inscriptions or monograms shall be filed with their application. The owner of any color right shall appoint the service company to be responsible for compliance and administration of the chapter with respect to licensees using the color scheme and shall notify the licensing official of that appointment. No owner of any taxicab or the operator or driver thereof, licensed under the terms of this article, shall make any change whatever in the color scheme of the taxicabs or the inscriptions or monograms thereon without first obtaining the approval of the licensing official.
- (f) The applicant applying for a taxicab license shall, before being issued a license, pay into the city treasury an annual license fee as specified in Appendix J, License Fee Schedule, for each and every vehicle to be licensed; except that when application shall be made after the commencement of any license year, licenses shall be issued for the period from the day of application thereof to the beginning of the next license year, upon payment by the applicant of a proportionate amount of the annual license fee.
- (g) The applicant(s) shall be the true beneficial owner(s) of the taxicab business to be licensed. The full legal names and addresses of all persons holding a beneficial interest in the business shall be provided on the application.
- (h)

The applicant shall hold legal title to the vehicle. In the case of a partnership, the title shall be in the name of the partnership or one (1) of the partners. In the case of a corporation, the title shall be in the name of the corporation. Exceptions to this provision may be granted for a vehicle held under a long-term lease from a reputable dealership or leasing company, in which case the applicant shall appear in the Minnesota or Wisconsin vehicle registration as lessee. Exceptions may also be granted for vehicles in which title is held for financing purposes by a financial institution.

- (i) The applicant(s) shall have no felony convictions in the last five (5) years, nor any nontraffic gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor convictions in the last three (3) years involving the use of force, possession or sale of a controlled substance, prostitution, or indecent conduct. The licensing official may grant an exception to this provision upon evidence that the offense is not related to the taxicab business.
- (j) [Reserved.] (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 86-Or-041, § 1, 3-14-86; 88-Or-004, § 20, 1-15-88; 88-Or-064, § 3, 4-15-88; 90-Or-014, § 1, 1-26-90; 95-Or-128, § 7, 8-25-95; 2000-Or-010, § 9, 3-3-00; 2005-Or-093, § 4, 10-7-05; 2005-Or-129, § 7, 11-18-05; 2007-Or-022, § 7, 3-30-07; 2013-Or-213, § 21, 12-6-13; 2014-Or-036, § 25, 7-18-14)

341.590. - Condition of vehicle.

No taxicab shall be licensed, nor shall any person licensed under Article III of this chapter operate such vehicle, until it has been thoroughly and carefully examined and found to comply with the following:

- (a) Every taxicab shall be in thoroughly safe condition for the transportation of passengers. Every taxicab shall be in full compliance with all state and federal regulations relating to vehicle equipment, maintenance and safety.
- (b) To be well painted, and no taxicab shall be operated under its license until it has been painted in accordance with its authorized color scheme.
- (c) Every taxicab shall have doors that can be easily opened from both the inside and outside, and the licensing official shall make or have made by competent inspectors such examination or inspection before a license is issued. No license shall be granted to any vehicle found to be unfit or unsuited for public patronage.
- (d) Every taxicab shall be equipped with a taximeter in good working order, equipped with a light so placed as to enable the passenger at all times to see the fare registered when operating on the meter basis.
- (e) All windows and windshields in each taxicab, whether in doors or side or rear windows, shall be of shatterproof or nonshatterable glass. Each taxicab shall be equipped with four-wheel brakes.
- (f) The taxicab shall have windows in the rear and side of the taxicab sufficient in number and of such size, dimensions and clarity that passengers may be readily seen and identified through the windows.
- (g) Every taxicab shall be equipped with at least three (3) doors in addition to the driver's door which open into the passenger compartment.
- (h) Every taxicab shall be maintained in a clean condition both inside and outside at all times. Each vehicle exterior and interior shall be thoroughly cleaned at least once every seven (7) days. The licensing official may order a taxicab out of service at any time until such time as the vehicle has been cleaned.

- (i) All hood and trunk latches shall be in proper working order.
- (j) Each taxicab shall be substantially free from damage. The vehicle shall have no loose hanging metal, body molding or chrome stripping. The complete exhaust system shall be intact and in good working order. The taxicab shall not operate with large dents or major body damage, nor shall the taxicab operate with large areas of unpainted or rusted metal. Taxicabs shall have all required fenders, bumpers, doors, door handles and lights, all of which shall be in good working order. No taxicab shall operate with tires considered unsafe according to the standard set forth in Minnesota Statute 169.723. Failure to meet all of the requirements of this chapter shall cause the taxicab to be found unfit or unsuited for public use, and such vehicle may be ordered off the streets of the City of Minneapolis.
- (k) All licensed taxicabs shall be equipped with seat belts openly displayed, readily available, and installed for use in the left front, right front, left rear, and right rear seats.
- (l) Every taxicab shall have a speedometer, odometer, gas gauge, oil pressure indicator, and gearshift indicator in good working order.
- (m) All mechanical systems and components, including the exhaust system, shall be intact, functional, and in good working condition.
- (n) Each taxicab shall be equipped with a top light on the roof of the cab that shall be lighted when the cab is in service and available to receive passengers. Such light shall be visible from all directions.
- (o) Every taxicab licensee shall permanently affix to either the back of the front seat passenger side headrest, or the back of the front seat passenger side, beginning no lower than three (3) inches from the top of the front seat of the taxicab, an information card made of a laminated material at least three (3) inches by five (5) inches in size in Braille. This information card will contain the name of the taxicab company, the cab number and the telephone number of the licensing official or other city telephone number as directed by the licensing official. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 84-Or-003, § 1, 1-13-84; 88-Or-004, §§ 21—25, 1-15-88; 2000-Or-010, § 10, 3-3-00; 2004-Or-090, § 1, 8-20-04; 2008-Or-060, § 1, 8-8-08; 2013-Or-213, § 22, 12-6-13; 2014-Or-036, § 26, 7-18-14)

State law reference— Motor vehicle safety standards generally, M.S. § 169.467 et seq.

341.940. - One service company license for each color scheme.

There shall be only one service company license issued for each common color scheme of taxicabs. A licensed service company may hold taxicab vehicle licenses if otherwise qualified under this chapter.

341.950. - Service company office; agent for service of notices, orders, and correspondence.

(a) Every licensed service company shall maintain an office, with regular business hours, within twelve (12) miles of the Minneapolis City Hall, where trip sheets shall be filed and available for inspection pursuant to section 341.240 of this chapter.

(b) Every licensed service company shall be deemed the agent for service of all notices, orders, and other correspondence from the City of Minneapolis to taxicab owners and drivers operating under the common color scheme, including but not limited to notices of license hearings, inspection notices, orders to remove vehicles from service, and repair orders. Notice to a licensed taxicab owner or driver shall be considered effective if mailed or delivered to the registered office of his or her licensed service company. It shall be the responsibility of every licensed service company to forward all notices, orders and other correspondence from the City of Minneapolis to the taxicab owners and drivers to whom they are addressed. (88-Or-004, § 38, 1-15-88)

Sec. 76-210. - Designation of taxicabs.

Each taxicab shall be equipped with a top light on the roof of the cab that shall be lighted when the cab is in service. Such light shall be visible from all directions. Each taxicab shall bear on the outside of each side, in letters not less than two inches or more than six inches in height, the name of the company or association under which the taxicab is being operated, the company or association fleet number, the business telephone number of the company or association and the taximeter rates as required in section 76-192(b)(1). Any other name, legend or design proposed for use on the taxicab shall be submitted to, and approved by, the director before being so used. Taxicabs owned by a person or company other than the holder of the permits under which such taxicabs operate must be designated by the identifying color scheme, legend or design approved by the director for the holder of the permits. The taxicab owner must notify the director of any change of company or association affiliation at the time of such change.

(Ord. No. 000655, § A, 6-15-00)

RALEIGH, NC

Sec. 12-2030. IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES.

- (a) Subject to the approval of the *taxicab* inspector, each *owner* of a *taxicab* business shall adopt a color scheme for painting his cabs distinct from that of any other *owner*, and may adopt an identifying design, monogram or other insignia. All *taxicabs* of each *owner* shall be the same color scheme. The *owner* of a cab may adopt the color scheme of another cab *owner*, if (1) both *owners'* cabs are operating under the same business name and (2) both *owners* agree to the adoption of the color scheme, and that the *owners* must present a *written* agreement to the Police Chief or his designee specifying who owns the company name and colors, that permission is being given to use the name and colors, and that the permission to use the name and colors may be revoked upon *written* notice to the borrowing *owner* and the Police Chief or his designee. A name identifying the *owner* (i.e., *taxicab* company), *taxicab* number, and telephone *number(s)* shall be painted with permanent paint on both sides and rear of each cab with letters and numbers at least four (4) inches high or greater on sides, and with a cab number at rear of at least four (4) inches high at a location to be designated by the *taxicab* inspector. If a *taxicab* is used for providing both *premium taxi service* and *shared taxi service*, separate telephone numbers for the two (2) services shall be painted on it, and the telephone number associated with the *shared taxi service* shall be identified by the label "shared taxi."
- (b) Colors of paint to be used for lettering and number shall be of sharp contrast with color of surface paint to which this is applied, so as to be evenly visible at a reasonable distance, especially at nighttime with streetlights. No lettering or numbers shall be acceptable which have been painted upon a sheet of metal or other material which in turn can be removed or detached to conceal the identification of such cab company and cab number, provided that an *owner* who operates under the name of another *owner* may use the same color scheme as such other *owner*.
- (c) No vehicle covered by the terms of this chapter shall be licensed nor shall a *permit* be issued for any vehicle whose color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia to be used thereon shall conflict with or imitate any color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia used on a vehicle or vehicles already operating under a *permit* issued pursuant to this article, in such a manner as to be misleading or tending to deceive the public; provided, after a license or *permit* has been issued for a *taxicab* hereunder, if the color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia thereof is changed so as to be in conflict with or imitate any existing approved color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia used by any other *owner* in such a manner as to be misleading or tending to deceive the public, the license of or *permit* covering such *taxicab* or *taxicabs* shall be suspended or revoked.
- (d) It is a violation of this article for any *owner* to engage in false or misleading marketing or advertising included but not limited to the use of the name or color scheme of a competing *taxi* company licensed under the provisions of this article.
- (e) In lieu of paint, any material required by this section to be painted on a *taxicab* may be placed on the cab through the use of an adhesive decal containing the required information and name. This authorization does not include or permit the use of magnetic signs or devices to convey the required information.

(Code 1959, §22-10; Ord. No. 1980-487, §12, 10-7-80; Ord. No. 1988-220, §1, 7-19-88; Ord. No. 1999-691, §§4, 5, 11-16-99; Ord. No. 2003-390, §2, 2-18-03)

Sec. 38-42. - Application.

Written application for a permit required by the provisions of this division shall be made by the owner, upon blanks furnished for that purpose, and shall be addressed to the chief of police and filed with the permits and inspections division. Such application shall be verified by the affidavit of the applicant or his duly authorized agent and state the following facts:

- (a) The full name and address of the owner, and, if a partnership, the name and address of all the partners, and, if a corporation, the name and address of the officers and directors thereof.
- (b) The address of the principal place of business and the telephone number.
- (c) The trade name or designation under which such taxicab or taxicabs will be operated.
- (d) Previous experience in such business.
- (e) The number of taxicabs proposed to be operated.
- (f) The seating capacity of each taxicab, according to the manufacturer's rating.
- (g) The color or distinctive design thereof.
- (h) The type of motor vehicle to be used.
- (i) The name of the manufacturer.
- (j) The engine number and serial number.
- (k) The horsepower of the motor therein.
- (l) The state license number.
- (m) The age of the motor vehicle.
- (n) Such other relevant facts as will assist the chief of police in the inspection or investigations herein provided.

(Code 1980, § 38-42; Ord. No. 33760, § 3, 12-19-95)

CHAPTER 706 - MOTOR CARRIERS

NAC 706.3742 Cruising lights; unit designation numbers; certificate numbers; insignia; color scheme; enforcement. (NRS 706.171)

1. With respect to each taxicab that a certificate holder is authorized to operate, the certificate holder shall:

(a) Equip the taxicab with a cruising light which has been approved by the Authority, and which must be attached to the roof of the taxicab and illuminated during the hours of darkness. The cruising light is different than the emergency light described in NAC 706.3744.

(b) Display the unit number of the taxicab on the sides of both front fenders and on the left side of the trunk lid of the taxicab. The unit numbers in these three locations must be displayed in plain view in:

- (1) Bold block letters not less than 3 inches in height; and
- (2) A color that contrasts with the color of the taxicab.

(c) Display within the taxicab in a location that is visible plainly to each passenger within the taxicab:

- (1) The telephone number of the certificate holder; and
- (2) The unit number of the taxicab.

(d) Display the number of the certificate of the certificate holder on both of the rear fenders of the taxicab, at a point that is midway between the top and bottom of the fender and closest to the rear of the taxicab. The number of the certificate must be displayed as "CPCN," followed immediately by the number.

2. With respect to a taxicab or fleet of taxicabs that a certificate holder is authorized to operate, the certificate holder shall obtain approval from the Chair or a person designated by the Chair for:

- (a) The color scheme of the taxicab or fleet;
- (b) The insigne displayed on the taxicab or fleet;
- (c) The design of the cruising light on the taxicab or fleet; and
- (d) The assignment of a unit designation number to each taxicab,

→ to ensure that those items do not conflict with those of another certificate holder.

3. If the Authority determines that a certificate holder has violated any provision of this section, the Authority will cause the taxicab in regard to which the violation occurred to be withdrawn from service. A taxicab withdrawn from service pursuant to this subsection must not be placed back in service until the Authority inspects the taxicab and verifies that the violation has been corrected.

(Added to NAC by Transportation Serv. Auth. by R078-98, 1-28-99, eff. 8-1-99)

591.03 - Identification of taxicabs.

Every person owning or operating a licensed taxicab may adopt any business name, design, color scheme or method of painting or lettering that is approved by the Director. Every taxicab shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) The identification number assigned by the Director to each taxicab shall be painted on each side and on the rear of the taxicab in letters not less than four (4) inches and not more than eight (8) inches in height, and with each line a minimum of one-half ½ inch wide;
- (b) The name of the owner, or the trade name under which he or she does business, shall be painted on each side and the rear of the taxicab. The side letters will not be less than four (4) inches and not more than eight (8) inches in height, with each line a minimum of one-half ½ inch wide;
- (c) All mandatory lettering, identification numbers and wording shall be clearly identifiable and contrast distinctly with the color of the body of the taxicab and shall be applied with non-water soluble paint, decals or adhesive-backed lettering; and
- (d) Every taxicab must be equipped with an operating cruise light on the roof.

(Ord. No. 1548-2013, § 4, 7-1-2013)

§ 56-45. - Vehicle color scheme, trademarks, etc.

- (a) All motor vehicles for hire regulated by this article shall be of a color scheme and bear the licensee's trade name, monogram or insignia which are distinguishable from the color scheme, licensee's trademark, monogram or insignia used on the vehicles of any other licensee already operating pursuant to this article. It is not a violation of this provision for a limousine company to utilize both black and white limousines in its business, so long as the company name, monogram and/or insignia is located on the vehicles.
- (b) It is unlawful for any person soliciting patronage from any vehicle described in this article to represent by mark, sign or insignia that the vehicle for which said person is soliciting such patronage is a vehicle operated by someone other than the actual licensee.

(Ord. No. 24120, § 3, 8-17-10)

PORTLAND, OR

16.40.330 Identification of Taxicab Vehicles.

A. Every taxicab must prominently display on both sides of the vehicle the following information:

1. the full name of the taxicab company;
2. the company-assigned taxi number;
3. the telephone number of that company where service can be requested; and
4. the word "taxi", "cab" or "taxicab".

B. Every taxicab must be painted in the colors of its company. No two taxicab companies may have the same colors.

C. Only vehicles with City-issued taxiplates may be equipped with a top light or taximeter, and only those vehicles may use the words "taxi", "cab" or "taxicab" anywhere on the vehicle, unless the company's legally registered name at the time this ordinance passes contains the word "cab".

6.72.200 - Vehicle to display company name, color scheme insignia and numbering—Restrictions.

- A. Each taxicab shall bear on the outside of each front door, in painted letters not less than three inches in height, the name of the company and may, in addition, bear an identifying design which has been approved by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission.
- B. No vehicle covered by the terms of this chapter shall be licensed which bears a color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia which, in the opinion of the metropolitan transportation licensing commission, conflicts with or imitates any color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia used by a vehicle or company in such manner as to be misleading or such that it tends to deceive or defraud the public.
- C. If, after a certificate of public convenience and necessity has been issued for a taxicab under this chapter, the color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia thereof is changed so as to be, in the opinion of the metropolitan transportation licensing commission, in conflict with or imitate any color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia used by any other person, owner or operator, in such manner as to be misleading or such that it tends to deceive the public, the certificate of or certificate covering such taxicab shall be suspended or revoked.
- D. Each taxicab shall bear on the rear and on each side, in painted numbers not less than three inches in height, an identifying serial number assigned by the metropolitan transportation licensing commission.

(Ord. BL2000-325 § 1 (part), 2000)

Sec. 6-80-8. - Application for certificate.

- A. Any person, partnership or corporation desiring to secure a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall make application to the permit office and pay a \$200.00 application fee. The notarized application shall be filed with and dated by the Memphis Police Department.
- B. The application for a certificate shall be upon a form provided by the Memphis Police Department. An applicant for a certificate, including any partner or limited partner of the partnership applicant, and any officer or director of the corporate applicant and any stockholder holding more than five percent of the stock of a corporate applicant, or any other person who is interested directly in the ownership or operation of the business, shall furnish the following information:
1. Name and address, including all aliases;
 2. Written proof that the individual is at least 21 years of age;
 3. All residential addresses of the applicant for the past five years;
 4. The trade name under which the applicant proposes to do business;
 5. The business, occupation or employment of the applicant for five years immediately preceding the date of the application;
 6. The financial status of the applicant, including the amounts of all unpaid judgments against the applicant or if a corporation, against any officer, director or shareholder as listed above or, if a partnership, any partner or limited partner, or any other person who is interested directly in the ownership or operation of the business;
 7. All criminal statutes, whether federal or state, or city ordinance violations for which conviction, forfeiture of bond or pleading of nolo contendere has occurred, except minor traffic violations;
 8. Fingerprints and two color portrait photographs at least two inches by two inches of the applicant;
 9. The address of the premises from which the vehicle for hire business is to be conducted and the address wherein the vehicles are to be stored and/or serviced;
 10. If the applicant is a corporation, the name of the corporation and the date and state of incorporation, the name and address of the registered agent, and the names and addresses of all shareholders, as required above, officers and directors of the corporation;
 11. The experience and/or the qualifications of the applicant to operate a transportation of passenger service;
 12. A showing that the public convenience and necessity requires the granting of the certificate;
 13. The number of vehicles to be put into service at the time of application, the location of proposed stands and terminals, and the class and seating capacity of each vehicle;
 14. The color scheme and insignia to be used to design the vehicle or vehicles of the applicant;
 15. Whether applicant operates any other vehicles under this chapter;
 16. A statement by the applicant that he or she is familiar with the provisions of this chapter and is in compliance with them;
 17. A statement by applicant that he or she will be obligated to serve all sections of Memphis;

18. A business plan shall be included in the application package.
- C. Within ten days, or a reasonable time thereafter of receiving the results of the investigation conducted by the division of police services, the director of police services shall fix a time and a place for a public hearing on the application and notice shall be given as provided in section 6-80-5 (B). All documents relative to the public hearing shall be available for inspection prior to the hearing. Any interested person may file a statement in support of or in opposition to the issuance of a certificate, and/or may offer testimony at the hearing.
- D. Failure or refusal of the applicant to give any information relevant to the investigation of the application or the applicant's refusal or failure to appear at any reasonable time and place for examination under oath regarding the application or the applicant's refusal to submit to or cooperate with any investigation required by this chapter, shall constitute an admission by the applicant that the applicant is ineligible for such license and shall be grounds for denial thereof by the director.
- E. In addition to other requirements provided in this chapter, a new applicant for a certificate also making application for a hire vehicle driver permit, to operate a for hire vehicle, must have a certificate that the applicant has satisfactorily completed a training course approved by the city police department relative to the operation of the for hire vehicle in the city. This certificate is to be submitted with application for a for hire vehicle driver's permit.

(Code 1985, § 39-8; Ord. No. 4227, § 1, 11-2-1993; Ord. No. 4941, 5-7-2002)

Sec. 6-80-9. - Standards for issuance of certificate.

The director of police services may issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity if an applicant meets the following standards:

- A. The applicant's financial status shall be such that the applicant shall be capable of operating the taxicab or passenger vehicle for hire service during the time the certificate shall remain in effect.
- B. The applicant has demonstrated clear and convincing evidence that the public convenience and necessity requires the granting of a certificate. Among the factors to be considered are:
1. The support of potential customers of the service;
 2. The uniqueness of the services offered, if possible;
 3. The service would not disrupt local traffic conditions.
- C. The applicant shall present a distinct color scheme and an insignia to designate the vehicle(s) of the applicant.
- D. If the applicant is an individual:
1. The applicant shall be at least 21 years of age.
 2. The applicant shall not have outstanding unpaid final judgments.
 3. The applicant shall not have been convicted of, forfeited bond or pleaded nolo contendere to a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude as defined in T.C.A. § 57-4-203(h)(2), a controlled substance, prostitution, assignation, obscenity, or any crime of a sexual nature in any jurisdiction within five years immediately preceding the date of application.
 4. The applicant shall not have been found to have violated this chapter within five years immediately preceding the date of application.

- E. If the applicant is a corporation:
1. All officers and directors shall be at least 21 years of age.
 2. No officer, director or stockholder required to be named under section 6-80-8 shall have outstanding unpaid final judgments.
 3. No officer, director or stockholder required to be named under section 6-80-8 shall have been convicted of, forfeited bond or pleaded nolo contendere to a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude as defined in T.C.A. § 57-4-203(h)(2), a controlled substance, assignation, prostitution, obscenity, or any crime of a sexual nature in any jurisdiction within five years immediately preceding the date of application.
 4. No officer, director or stockholder required to be named under section 6-80-8 shall have been found to have violated this chapter within five years immediately preceding the date of application.
- F. If the applicant is a partnership, joint venture or any other type of organization where two or more persons have a financial interest:
1. All persons having a financial interest in the partnership, joint venture or other type of organization shall be at least 21 years of age.
 2. The managing partner or manager shall have experience in the operation of a transportation business or in related endeavors.
 3. No person having a financial interest in the partnership, joint venture or other type of organization shall have outstanding unpaid final judgments.
 4. No persons having a financial interest in the partnership, joint venture or other type of organization shall have been convicted of, forfeited bond or pleaded nolo contendere to a felony or any crime of moral turpitude as defined in T.C.A. § 57-4-203(h)(2), a controlled substance, prostitution, assignation, obscenity or any crime of a sexual nature in any jurisdiction within five years immediately preceding the date of the application.
 5. No person having a financial interest in the partnership, joint venture or other type of organization shall have been found to have violated this chapter within five years immediately preceding the date of the application.

(Code 1985, § 39-9; Ord. No. 4227, § 1, 11-2-1993)

Sec. 33-007. - Application for operating permit.

To obtain an operating permit, a person shall submit an application to the director in the manner prescribed by this section. The applicant must be the person who will own or operate the proposed ground transportation service or the chief officer. An applicant shall file with the director a written, sworn application containing the following:

- (a) The form of business of the applicant; if the business is a corporation or association, a copy of the documents establishing the business and the name, address and citizenship of each person with a direct interest in the business. Notice of any change in an applicant's form of business shall be provided to the department director, within ten (10) business days of the change;
- (b) The name, street address, phone number and verified signature of the applicant and of the applicant's proposed business; an applicant shall notify the director, in writing, of any change in the foregoing within ten (10) business days of the change;
- (c) A representation of whether the applicant is a citizen of the United States of America by birth or naturalization, or, if alien, evidence of the applicant's legal residence in the United States and of the applicant's legal right to engage in employment therein;
- (d) An actual or pro forma income statement and balance sheet showing the assets, liabilities and equity of the business;
- (e) A description of any past business experience of the applicant, particularly in providing ground transportation services including:
 - (1) An estimated annual income and expenses for the preceding calendar or fiscal year;
 - (2) A credit record issued no later than ninety (90) days prior to the date of application; and
 - (3) Letters from two (2) credit references, including at least one (1) bank or financial institution where the applicant has maintained an active account for at least one (1) year or the longest time for which the applicant has maintained an active account in a financial institution if less than one (1) year.
- (f) An identification and description of any revocation or suspension of an operating permit held by the applicant or the applicant's business which occurred prior to the date of filing the application.
- (g) The number of vehicles to be used by the applicant in the operation of the proposed ground transportation service well as documentation evidencing each vehicle's ownership, identification number and registration. Notice of any change in the foregoing shall be provided to the director, in writing and with supporting documentation as required by the director, within five (5) business days of the change;
- (h) A description of each of the vehicles the applicant proposes to use in providing ground transportation services including, but not limited to, each vehicle's year, make, model, type, and seating capacity;
- (i) A description of the operations of the proposed ground transportation service and the location of the fixed facilities to be used in the operation;
- (j) A management plan including:

- (1) A maintenance plan which the applicant shall utilize for the upkeep and replacement of vehicles to be permitted. Such plan may include a maintenance contract with an outside contractor;
- (2) A procedure outlining the handling of complaints; and
- (3) A drivers training program submitted to the director for approval. The drivers training program must contain;
 - a. Customer service;
 - b. Company orientation;
 - c. Chapter 33 overview (including rules and regulations);
 - d. Airport operations;
 - e. Local sights and location orientation; and
 - f. Dispatching, to include (if required) meter and radio training.
- (k) A description of the proposed insignia and color scheme for the applicant's vehicles and a description of the distinctive item of apparel to be worn by the applicant's drivers;
- (l) Documentation from an insurance company authorized by this chapter evidencing a willingness to provide, prior to commencement of the proposed service, the insurance required by this chapter;
- (m) Documentation evidencing timely payment of all city, state, and federal taxes, fees and assessments which have been levied on the business and property to be used in connection with the proposed service;
- (n) Written documentation authorizing the release to the city of any and all information which an organization or entity may have concerning the applicant and a release to said organization or entity from all liability which may result from the furnishing of such to the city; and
- (o) Such additional information as the applicant desires to include to aid in the determination of whether the requested operating authority should be granted.

(Ord. No. 2013-08-01-0501, § 1(Exh. A), 8-1-13)

6.310.200 - Taxicab association license application

- A. Any business or individual desiring to operate as a taxicab association within The City of Seattle shall file with the Director a signed and notarized taxicab association application, on forms approved by the Director. The application shall include the following information:
1. The applicant taxicab association's name, business street address and Post Office box address (if any), business facsimile number, business phone number where the taxicab association representative can generally be reached between nine a.m. (9:00 a.m.) and five p.m. (5:00 p.m.) on all nonholiday weekdays, and FCC-licensed frequencies used for dispatch or response;
 2. The form of business entity under which the association will operate (e.g. corporation, partnership, cooperative association);
 - a. If the applicant taxicab association is individually owned, the name, business address (or home address if no business address), telephone number and date of birth of the owner, or
 - b. If the applicant taxicab association is a corporation, partnership or other business entity, the names, home and business addresses, telephone numbers, and date of birth of all officers, directors, general and managing partners, registered agents, and of all other persons vested with authority to manage or direct the affairs of the legal entity or to bind the legal entity in dealings with third parties, and the entity's true legal name, state of incorporation or registration with the Secretary of State of the State of Washington (if any) and State of Washington business license number, and any other information that the Director may reasonably require;
 3. The color scheme the applicant taxicab association proposes to require for each affiliated taxicab, and two (2) two-inch (2") by two-inch (2") sample color chips;
 4. The name, address, phone number and date of birth of the taxicab association representative;
 5. The taxicab number (assigned by the City/County) and the name of each taxicab vehicle owner that will be affiliated with the taxicab association;
 6. The special and/or contract rates that will be charged by taxicabs affiliated with the taxicab association; and
 7. Any other information required by regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.
 8. The above application and information must be completed for each annual license renewal.
- B. All applications submitted to the Director must be accompanied by the license fee set forth in SMC [Section 6.310.150](#)
- C. The taxicab association applicant or licensee must inform the Director in writing within seven (7) days if any of the information provided pursuant to subsection A of this section changes, ceases to be true or is superseded in any way by new information.

(Ord. 124524, § 10, 2014; Ord. 118341 § 2(part), 1996.)

6.310.210 - Taxicab association—Standards for license denial.

- A.

The operation of a taxicab association is a privilege, not a right. The taxicab association's ability to satisfy stated criteria for a taxicab association license does not create a right to a taxicab association license.

- B. The Director shall deny any taxicab association license application if the Director determines that:
1. The applicant does not represent at least fifteen (15) affiliated taxicabs;
 2. The application has a material misstatement or omission;
 3. The application is incomplete; and/or
 4. Within three (3) years of the date of application, the applicant, or any owner, officer, director, managing partner, general partner or principal of the applicant, has had a bail forfeiture, conviction or other final adverse finding for crimes of fraud, theft, larceny, extortion, embezzlement, racketeering, Uniform Controlled Substances Act, prostitution, alcohol and/or narcotics where the commission of such crime(s) involved a taxicab association, taxicab or for-hire vehicle company, taxicab, for-hire vehicle or limousine.
- C. The Director may deny any taxicab association license application if the Director determines that, within five (5) years of the date of application, the taxicab association applicant, or if the taxicab association applicant is a business entity, any officer, director, managing partner, general partner, registered agent or principal of the taxicab association:
1. Within five (5) years of the date of application, has had a bail forfeiture, conviction or other final adverse finding involving crimes directly related to the applicant's ability to operate a taxicab association, including but not limited to prostitution, gambling, fraud, larceny, extortion, income tax evasion; and/or
 2. Has exhibited past conduct, as evidenced by a criminal conviction, bail forfeiture or other final adverse finding (including in a civil suit or administrative proceeding) in operating a taxicab association, business or vehicle that would lead the Director to reasonably conclude that the applicant will not fulfill the taxicab association responsibilities and requirements set forth in this chapter.

(Ord. 118341 § 2(part), 1996.)

6.310.220 - Taxicab association—Approval of color scheme and uniform.

The Director shall have final approval over the taxicab association's color scheme and uniform, in order to ensure that there is no risk of confusion between the colors of different taxicab associations, and to ensure that the uniform meets the standards of SMC [Section 6.310.200](#) A3 and 4.

(Ord. 118341 § 2(part), 1996.)