

## **9.05.000 TAXICABS.**

**9.05.010 Taxicabs Defined.** The term “taxicab” as used herein shall include all vehicles carrying passengers for hire for which public patronage is solicited, excepting such vehicles as operate on established routes and regulated by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

**9.05.020 Taxicab License.** No taxicab shall be operated upon the streets of this City until a license therefore shall have been obtained from the Common Council.

**9.05.030 Application for License.** Application for license for taxicabs shall be made by the owner thereof upon blank forms to be furnished by the City Clerk. Such application shall contain the full name and address of the owner, the make, model and year of manufacture, the Wisconsin State license number for the current year, engine number, factory number of the motor vehicle.

**9.05.040 Public Convenience and Necessity.** Whenever any applicant for a license shall have complied with all conditions and regulations relative to the filing of the application, the City Clerk shall forward said application to the Common Council for a public hearing thereon to determine the public convenience and necessity. Notice of hearing shall be given to all persons interested, including the owner of the vehicle, at least ten (10) days before the date set for such hearing. The kind of notice, place of hearing and all facts connected with or relating to such hearing shall be regulated by the Common Council.

The Common Council may issue or refuse such license as the public welfare, convenience, or necessity may require, and shall refuse to issue a license when it shall find that transportation facilities already are available and adequate to meet the public need.

**9.05.050 Renewal.** A license issued hereunder shall expire on December 31 of each year but shall be subject to renewal without a further determination of public convenience and necessity.

**9.05.060 License Fees.** The fee for a license hereunder shall be \$10.00 per year or fraction thereof for each licensed vehicle.

**9.05.070 Insurance.** No license to operate a taxicab shall be issued unless the owner shall have filed with the City Clerk an insurance policy issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Wisconsin, providing insurance coverage for such taxicab (which must be specifically described in the policy) with a maximum liability of \$250,000 for the injury or death of any one person and \$500,000 for injury or death of any number of persons in any one accident, and \$10,000 for property damage in any one accident, which policy or policies shall insure said owner against his legal liability for damage to the property of others, including baggage, but excluding property of the assured or property hired or leased by the assured and for the bodily injury or death of others, except to employees of the assured engaged in the course of their employment

resulting from the accident of collision, for which said owner or the operator of said vehicle would be liable on account of the liability imposed upon said owner or upon the operator of said vehicle for any acts of negligence of the said owner or of his agents or servants or of any person operating said vehicle with the permission and consent of said owner.

Said policy shall further provide that it cannot be cancelled until 20 days notice of such cancellation shall have been given by registered mail to the City Clerk. The cancellation or other termination of any insurance policy issued in compliance with this subsection shall automatically revoke and terminate all licenses issued for the taxicab covered by such insurance policy, unless another such policy shall be provided and in effect at the time of such cancellation or termination.

The owner of any such taxicab, at the time of filing with the City Clerk said insurance policy, shall also file a receipted bill from the insurance company issuing said policy showing that the premium for said policy for one year has been paid in full.

**9.05.080 Inspection.** No vehicle shall be licensed until it has been thoroughly and carefully examined by the Chief of Police, or such person as he may designate, and found to be in a thoroughly satisfactory and safe condition for the transportation of passengers, clean, of good appearance, well painted, and that said vehicle complies with all the other provisions of this section. Such examination shall be made and a report filed with the City Clerk before the license is issued. If such examination and inspection shows that such vehicle does not comply with any one or more of the provisions of this section, no license shall be issued.

**9.05.090 Register.** The City Clerk shall keep a register of the name of each person owning or operating any vehicle licensed under this section, together with the license number and description, make, and the name and address of the insurance companies and the date of the expiration of such insurance and furnish the Chief of Police with a copy thereof. The records shall be open to the inspection of the public at all reasonable times.

**9.05.100 Revocation.** Licenses granted under this section may be suspended or revoked at any time by the Common Council for any violations of any of the provisions of this section and also if the vehicle for which said license was issued shall not be of good appearance, clean and safe. Licenses suspended or revoked because the vehicle is not of good appearance, clean or safe shall not be reissued until the vehicle shall be put in good condition for use by the public to the satisfaction of the Common Council.

When a taxicab license is revoked or cancelled as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to immediately notify the owner to cease at once to operate the vehicle for which the license has been revoked as a taxicab.

**9.05.110 Suspension.** All licenses to operate taxicabs issued to any person as provided by this section shall be suspended automatically for a period of 15 days upon said person, his agents, servants or employees being convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this section or section 9.06.

**9.05.120 Taxicab Regulations.**

- A. License Non-Transferable. Licenses issued or granted under this section shall be non-assignable and non-transferable.
- B. Identification Required. The serial number of said licenses shall be printed or painted on each side and on the rear of each taxicab, in figures at least 2 inches high and ¼ inch wide, at a point not lower than ½ the height of the taxicab. The name of the owner of each taxicab shall be printed on both sides and rear of each cab in like letters.
- C. Fares to be Posted. Each taxicab shall have a card on which shall be printed in plain legible figures the fares charged, posted in a conspicuous place inside the cab in plain sight of passengers.
- D. No person operating, owning or controlling any vehicle licensed hereunder, except for any shared ride taxi operated by the City of Port Washington or any other political subdivision of the United States or the State of Wisconsin, shall stop to pick up any passenger at any point between the point of original pick up and the destination of the original passenger unless consented to by said passenger. Any shared ride taxi operated by the City of Port Washington or as other political subdivisions of the United States Government, or the State of Wisconsin, may stop to pick up any passenger at any point between the point of original pick up and the destination of the original passenger without the consent or permission of the original passenger.
- E. Inspection by Chief of Police. The Chief of Police shall have the authority at all times to inspect taxicabs, drivers, and the quality of service of taxicab owners and drivers.
- F. Condition of Cars-Report Periodically. The brakes, horn, lights and tires of every motor vehicle used for hire under this section shall be examined and tested as to sufficiency at least once every 90 days by a reliable garage keeper who shall furnish a certificate as to the examination of said motor vehicle, and the sufficiency of its brakes, horn, lights and tires, which certificate shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk.
- G. Drivers to be Licensed. No person licensed hereunder shall employ as a driver of any taxicab any person other than a driver duly licensed under Section 9.06.000.

**9.05.130 Fraud in Obtaining License.** No person shall give any false information or practice any fraud, misrepresentation, or subterfuge, to secure a license hereunder.

**9.05.140 Doctor's Certificate Required.** No person shall be granted an operator's license pursuant to Sec. 66.054 (11), Wis. Stats., or 176.05, Wis. Stats., unless with his original application for such license, and every second year thereafter commencing

January 1, 1974, there is submitted a doctor's certificate certifying freedom from any communicable disease not more than 20 days prior to such application being filed.

### **9.06.000 TAXICAB DRIVER'S LICENSES.**

**9.06.010 Requirements.** Every person driving a taxicab must be licensed as such and each applicant for a driver's license must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Be of sound physique, with good eye-sight, and not subject to epilepsy, vertigo, heart trouble, or any other infirmity of body or mind which might render him unfit for the safe operation of the vehicle.
3. Be able to speak, read, and write the English language plainly.
4. Be clean in dress and person and not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors or habit-forming drugs.
5. Produce on forms to be provided by the City Clerk, through the Chief of Police, affidavits of his good character from two reputable citizens of the City who have known him personally and observed his conduct frequently during one year next preceding the date of his application, and also a further testimonial from his last employer.
6. Fill out upon a blank form to be provided by the City Clerk through the Chief of Police, a statement giving his full name, including his full first name, his residence or places of residence for 3 years previous to his moving to his present address, his age, color, height, color of eyes and hair, place of birth, length of time he has resided in the City, whether a citizen of the United States, place of previous employment, whether married or single, whether he has ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor, whether he has ever been previously licensed as a driver or chauffeur, and if so, when and by what authority, whether his license has ever been revoked or suspended, and if so, for what cause, which statement must be signed and sworn to by the applicant and filed with the City Clerk and kept as a permanent record. Such application must have endorsed upon it the approval or disapproval of the Chief of Police and recommendation of the Common Council.
7. Each applicant for a driver's license under the provisions of this section shall be examined by a person designated by the Chief of Police as to his knowledge of and his compliance with all the provisions of this chapter, and the traffic regulations, and if the result of this examination be unsatisfactory, he shall be refused a license.

**9.06.020 Fee.** The fee for a driver's license shall be \$5.00 for the first year or fraction thereof, to be returned upon the return of the badge. Every driver's license shall expire on December 31. Driver's licenses shall be approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk.

**9.06.030 Record of City Clerk.** There shall be kept by the City Clerk a complete record of each license issued to a driver and of all renewals, suspensions, and revocations thereof, which record shall be kept on file with the original application of the driver for a license.

**9.06.040 Badge.** There shall be delivered to each licensed driver a metal badge of such form and style as the City Council may prescribe, with the license number thereon, which badge must, under penalty of revocation of the license be constantly and conspicuously displayed on the driver's coat or outer garments while he is engaged in his employment. No driver shall loan his badge or permit for another person to use the same.

**9.06.050 Revocation and Suspension.** A driver's license may be suspended or revoked at any time for a violation of any provision of this section, or for any cause deemed sufficient by the Common Council, or the judge of any court in which such driver is convicted of any offense, and the driver thereupon shall be deprived of his badge by the authority suspending or revoking his license. When the license is suspended or revoked by any official other than the Common Council, the driver's badge and a record of such suspension or revocation shall forthwith be forwarded to the Common Council. If the penalty is suspension of license, the badge will be returned to the driver at the expiration of the period for which the suspension was made. A second suspension for the same reason, or a third suspension for any cause shall automatically revoke the driver's license. A driver whose license has once been revoked may again be licensed as a driver in the City, providing a new license is granted by the Common Council. Where a license has been suspended or revoked by the court, or a judge thereof, the approval of such court or judge shall be necessary for the restoration or reissue of such license. Where any driver's license shall be suspended or revoked by the Common Council, the Chief of Police shall immediately be notified thereof.

**9.06.060 Regulations.**

- A. Drivers to Wear Caps. The driver of each taxicab shall wear a cap at all times while operating a taxicab, with the name of the owner of said taxicab legibly printed thereon.
- B. Drivers to Report Accidents. Every driver of a taxicab shall report to the Chief of Police, within 12 hours after the happening thereof, any accident involving any injury to persons or damage to property wherein his vehicle is involved.

**9.06.070 Fraud in Obtaining License.** No person shall give any false information or practice any fraud, misrepresentation, or subterfuge, to secure a license hereunder.