

CHAPTER 36

TAXICABS

36.01 JURISDICTION

The licensing and inspecting of taxicabs, the examining of applicants for licenses to drive such taxicabs, and the licensing of drivers shall be under the control of the Chief of Police.

36.02 LICENSE FOR VEHICLES

No taxicab shall pick up passengers from any place within the city without a taxi license. Such license shall be issued as of the calendar year and shall be effective for such period of time unless sooner suspended or revoked. Applications for licenses for the taxicabs shall be made to the City Clerk by the owner or operator thereof upon blank forms to be furnished by the City Clerk, and such application shall contain the full name and address of the owner or operator, the class of the vehicle for which the license is desired, the length of time the vehicle has been in use, the number of persons it is capable of carrying, and the motor power thereof. Such application shall there upon be referred by the City Clerk to the Chief of Police.

36.03 INSURANCE OR BOND

No person shall be licensed to operate a taxicab until the owner or operator thereof has complied with this chapter, and with the state law pertaining to a surety bond or the insurance policy issued for the benefit of any person or persons who might suffer damage by reason of the operation of such vehicle or vehicles.

36.04 LICENSE CARD OR PLATE

The license to be issued by the City Clerk as hereinabove provided shall be in the form of a card or plate which shall contain the official license number of the taxicab, together with the date of the inspection. Such card shall be signed by the City Clerk and shall contain blank space upon which an entry shall be made of the date of inspection of the taxicab by the Chief of Police or any Inspector appointed by him. License cards shall be of a distinctly different color each year, and in the case of taxicabs the license number assigned thereto shall in each case be the same as that issued to the vehicle for that year pursuant to law. Such cards shall be affixed to a conspicuous and indispensable part of each taxicab. The design of such plates should be changed annually.

36.05 FEES FOR LICENSING VEHICLES

The annual license fee shall be paid for all taxicabs which shall operate upon the streets of the city and shall be \$25 for each taxicab.

36.06 INSPECTION OF TAXICABS

The Chief of Police shall maintain constant vigilance over all taxicabs, see that they are kept in a condition of continued fitness for public use and to this end the Chief of Police or his inspectors shall inspect all taxicabs from time to time, or on the complaint of any person, or as often as may be necessary.

36.07 SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSES

Licenses granted under this chapter are subject to revocation at any time by the Mayor for good cause shown or if it shall have been determined that the taxicab is not in good condition for operation. Licenses when so revoked or suspended shall not be reissued until the cause for such revocation shall have been removed to the satisfaction of the Mayor.

36.08 TAXI STANDS

No person shall make use of any public Street for a taxi stand without first obtaining permission so to do from the City Council, covering the location or locations, the manner of using such space and the time. Such permission shall be revocable at any time.