

Chapter 22

VEHICLES FOR HIRE*

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

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ARTICLE II. TAXICABS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 22-16. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them by this section:

Chaffeur shall mean any person whose principal occupation is that of operation of a motor vehicle, or who directly or indirectly receives pay or any compensation whatsoever for any work or services in connection with the operation of a motor vehicle for the transportation of passengers or merchandise for hire.

Taxicab shall mean all motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire, for which public patronage is listed; however, motor buses, vans or other commercial vehicles carrying more than nine (9) passengers and used for charter purposes or for the transportation of school children shall not be considered taxicabs under this article.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 1, 7-2-84)

Cross reference—Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 22-17. License required.

It shall be unlawful for any person, as owner, principal, agent, employee, lessee or licensee, to

operate or permit to be operated any taxicab in the city unless a license has been issued by the city clerk for the operation of the taxicab and the license is in full force and effect during the entire time the taxicab is in operation.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 2, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-18. Application for license.

Application for a license required by this division shall be made in writing to the city clerk and shall state therein the name of the applicant, the intended place of business and the number of taxicabs to be operated. If the applicant is a corporation, the names and addresses of the president and secretary shall be given.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 3, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-19. Character of applicant.

No license required by this division shall be issued to or held by any person who is not a person of good character or has been convicted of a felony. No license shall be issued to or be held by any corporation if any officer thereof would be ineligible for a license under this section.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 3, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-20. Insurance requirements.

No license required by this division shall be issued unless the applicant for the license shall file with the city clerk a certificate of insurance covering each vehicle sought to be licensed in amounts and in such form as is required by state law.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 4, 7-2-84)

*Cross references—Licensing generally, § 12-1 et seq.; motor vehicles and traffic, § 14-1 et seq.; streets and sidewalks, § 18-1 et seq.

State law reference—Authority to regulate, Ill. Rev. Stat. Ch. 24, § 11-42-6.

Sec. 22-21. License fee.

The annual fee, payable in advance, for a license required by this division shall be in an amount established by the city council for each taxicab operated. Whenever the number of taxicabs shall be increased during the license year, the licensee shall notify the city clerk of the change and shall pay the additional fee. The fee shall be in lieu of any other vehicle fee required by this Code or other ordinance.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 5, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-22. Term of license.

The term of a license issued pursuant to this division shall be one (1) year.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 5, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-23. Stickers.

The city clerk shall issue suitable tags and stickers for each taxicab licensed under this division. The tag or sticker shall be displayed in a prominent place on each taxicab while it is in use, and may be transferred to any taxicab put into service to replace one withdrawn from service if owned by the operator and after notice to the city clerk and approval of the chief of police as to the condition of the new taxicab.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 5, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-24. Identification of motor number, state and local license numbers.

Each licensee under this division shall notify the city clerk of the motor number and state license number of each taxicab operated and of the corresponding city tag or sticker number.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 5, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-25. State license required.

No taxicab shall be operated in the city unless it bears a license duly issued by the state.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 6, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-26. Condition of vehicle; inspections.

No taxicab shall be operated unless it is equipped with proper brakes, lights, tires, horn, muffler, rearview mirror, and windshield wipers in good condition. It shall be the duty of the chief of police

to inspect every taxicab so often as it may be necessary to see to the enforcement of the provisions of this section.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 6, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-27. Company name to be affixed to vehicle.

Each taxicab operated under this article shall have on each side in letters readable from a distance of twenty (20) feet, the name of the company operating it.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 6, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-28. Taxicab numbers.

If more than one taxicab is operated by any person, each cab shall be designated by a different number and the number shall appear on each side of each cab.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 6, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-29. Unlawful use of vehicle.

It shall be unlawful to knowingly permit any taxicab to be used in the perpetration of a crime or misdemeanor.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 6, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-30. Nonexclusive nature of licenses.

Any license granted to operators or drivers under this article shall be nonexclusive and nothing contained in this article shall be deemed to grant any person, or operator, a franchise or exclusive right to operate a taxicab within the city.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 10, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-31. Fares.

The rates of fares of taxicabs shall be as approved from time to time by the city council by resolution and no fares charged by any operator of a taxicab shall be more or less than the fare set by the council.

(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 12, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-32. Taxicab stands.

(a) Locations in the city streets may be designated as taxicab stands by the city council by resolution.

(b) Each cab stand shall be appropriately marked by signs erected under the supervision of the chief of police. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle, other than a licensed taxicab, in any taxicab stand.

(c) A licensed taxicab may be parked in any taxicab stand while the taxicab is in the control of its driver on duty awaiting a fare.
(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 12, 7-2-84)

Secs. 22-33—22-40. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. DRIVERS

Sec. 22-41. License required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a taxicab in the city without first obtaining a license therefor from the city.

Sec. 22-42. Application for license.

Each applicant for a license required by this division or for a renewal thereof shall make application in writing to the city clerk, giving his full name, places of residence for five (5) years prior to making application, age, height, color of eyes and hair, place of birth, citizenship, whether he has ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, and whether any license previously issued to him as a driver has been revoked. The application shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant and filed with the city clerk.
(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 8, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-43. Issuance of license.

Upon approval by the chief of police to the city clerk that the applicant for a license required by this division is qualified and following payment of the fee for the license, the city clerk shall issue a license.
(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 8, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-44. License fee.

The annual fee for a license required by this division shall be as determined by the city council.
(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 9, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-45. Term of license.

Each license issued pursuant to this division shall be valid for a term of one (1) year following its issuance.
(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 9, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-46. Employment of unlicensed drivers prohibited.

No person licensed to operate a taxicab pursuant to this article shall employ, as a driver of the taxicab, any person not licensed according to the provisions of Illinois state law and the provisions of this division.
(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 7, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-47. Conduct of driver.

It is unlawful for any driver of a taxicab while on duty to drink any intoxicating liquor, or to use any profane or obscene language, to shout or call to prospective passengers, or to disturb the peace in any way.
(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 11, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-48. Obedience to traffic rules, acceptance of passengers.

It shall be the duty of every driver of a taxicab to obey all traffic rules established by this Code, other ordinance or state law, to accept as a passenger any person who seeks to so use the taxicab, provided such person is not intoxicated and conducts himself in an orderly manner. No such person shall be admitted to a taxicab occupied by a passenger without the consent of the passenger.
(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 11, 7-2-84)

Sec. 22-49. Use of shortest route.

The driver of a taxicab shall take his passenger to his destination by the most direct available route from the place where the passenger enters the taxicab.
(Ord. No. 1984-4, § 11, 7-2-84)

Secs. 22-50—22-65. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. DELIVERY TRUCKS

may be necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this article.

Sec. 22-66. License required.

It shall be unlawful to use any vehicle for retail delivery purposes in the city without having first secured a license therefor.

(Code 1978, Ch. 19, Art. II, § 1)

Sec. 22-67. Application for license.

An application for a license required by this article shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 12, article II relating to licensing procedure.

(Code 1978, Ch. 19, Art. II, § 2)

Sec. 22-68. Revocation of license.

Any license issued under the provisions of this article may be revoked by the mayor for any violations of any section of this article, and the revocation shall be in addition to any fine imposed.

(Code 1978, Ch. 19, art. II, § 6)

Sec. 22-69. License fee.

The fee for a license required by this article shall be as established by the city council.

(Code 1978, Ch. 19, Art. II, § 2; Ord. No. 1982-10, 11-15-82)

Sec. 22-70. Cleanliness of vehicles.

(a) All vehicles coming within the terms of this article shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and shall be thoroughly cleaned each day they are used. It shall be unlawful to permit stale food, decaying matter or any other waste material or product to accumulate in or on any such vehicle while it is used.

(b) If unwrapped foodstuffs or other material subject to delay are transported in any such vehicle, such goods shall be carried in a portion or compartment of the vehicle which is screened and protected against dust and insects.

(Code 1978, Ch. 19, Art. II, § 4)

Sec. 22-71. Inspection of vehicles.

It shall be the duty of the chief of police to make or cause to be made such inspections as

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