

Chapter 20

**VEHICLES FOR HIRE**

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**Cross references:** *Licenses and Business Regulations*, Chapter. 12; *Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places*, Chapter 16; *Traffic*, Chapter 18.

## **Section 20.1 Stands on streets—Permit required**

No person operating any automobile or motor propelled vehicle for hire in or through the city shall be permitted to have or maintain any stand on any street, alley or avenue for the purpose of parking, loading or discharging passengers or property on any street, alley or avenue within the City unless a permit has been granted therefore by the Chief of Police.

(Code 1958, Section 24-1)

Cross references: *Streets, sidewalks and other public places*, Chapter 16; *Payment of costs of permit*, Section 2-21.

## **Section 20.2 Owners, operators—Requirements, prohibitions**

No person shall be permitted to solicit business by any sign or any word, as a taxicab, or be allowed to call a vehicle a taxicab for the purpose of solicitation of business within the City unless the owner or operator thereof complies with the following, to wit:

(a) ***Permanent location.*** Every operator of a taxicab within the City shall maintain a place or garage other than a place upon the public thoroughfares of the City, within which to maintain such vehicle.

(b) ***Marking and identification of vehicles.*** Every operator of a taxicab shall have a sign or printed or painted upon the vehicle with either the words “Taxicab” or “For Hire.”

(c) ***Compliance with provisions before advertising.*** No taxicab operator shall be permitted to advertise his vehicle as a taxicab, or in any manner lead the public into believing that such vehicle is a taxicab, without complying with the regulations of this Chapter.

(d) ***Misleading advertisement.*** No operator of a taxicab shall advertise or solicit business in such a manner as to confuse the public either by imitating the name of any competitor, or to, in any manner, mislead the public by advertising or doing business while using a name at that time being used by a competitor.

(e) ***Drivers sleeping or lounging in vehicle.*** No driver or operator of any taxicab shall be permitted to sleep within the passenger compartment of such taxicab, nor shall such driver or operator at any time be permitted to sit or lounge within the passenger compartment of such taxicab. This provision does not apply to the occupying by the operator or driver of such taxicab of the seat or compartment provided for his use.

(Code 1958, Section 24-2)

## **Section 20.3 Buses, chapter inapplicable to**

The terms and provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to transportation of passengers by buses or to the business of operating buses.

(Code 1958, Section 24-3)

#### **Section 20.4 Parking in front of residences limited to five [5] minutes**

No person owning, driving or otherwise having in charge any automobile, taxicab or other vehicle for hire, shall for more than five [5] minutes occupy with such automobile, taxicab or other vehicle, the street next to the sidewalk in front of any residence without the express or implied consent of an occupant of such residence.

(Code 1958, Section 24-4)

#### **Section 20.5 Same—Not prohibitive to property owners, persons engaged in loading, unloading freight**

This Chapter shall not be construed to prohibit abutting owners of property fronting or bordering upon any streets, alleys or avenues or employees from having reasonable means of ingress and egress between their property or places of business upon the public streets, for the purpose of loading or unloading property or carrying of freight thereto or therefrom.

(Code 1958, Section 24-5)

#### **Section 20.6 Rates—Posting required**

Every person operating or driving a taxicab, or other public vehicle for the carriage of passengers for hire within the cit shall have printed upon a suitable card the rate of fares charged and shall have such cards conspicuously posted in any taxicab or other vehicle for hire.

(Code 1958, Section 24-6)

#### **Section 20.7 Right to demand payment in advance**

Every driver of any such public taxicab or motor vehicle shall have the right to demand payment of the legal fare in advance, and may refuse employment unless so prepaid. No driver of any such taxicab shall carry any other person than the passenger first employing same without the consent of the passenger.

(Code 1958, Section 24-7)

#### **Section 20.8 Refusal to convey prohibited**

No driver or operator of any taxicab shall refuse or neglect to convey any orderly person or persons upon request anywhere within the City for and in consideration of the rates of compensation herein set forth. Provided, however, that such taxicab shall not have been previously engaged at the time of such request, or such taxicab is not disabled in such manner that it is unable so to convey the person requesting such transportation.

(Code 1958, Section 24-8)

#### **Section 20.9 Liability insurance**

Before a license is issued to any owners of taxicabs, or automobiles for hire, the legislative body of the City shall require them to place in the hands of the City Clerk a public liability and property damage policy with some recognized insurance company, which is

satisfactory to the legislative body of the city with the minimum personal liability of \$5,000.00 for any one person and \$20,000.00 for any one accident and the minimum property damage allowed of \$10,000.00 for any one accident.  
(Code 1958, Section 24-9)