

Chapter 78 VEHICLES FOR HIRE*

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 78-1. Penalty.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

(Code 1977, § 10.05)

Sec. 78-2. Vehicle inspections.

Whenever requested to do so by the city clerk, every licensee under this chapter shall furnish mechanics' statements, as defined in section 78-37, showing that the licensed vehicles are being properly maintained.

(Code 1977, § 10.02(7))

Secs. 78-3--78-25. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. TAXICABS AND RENTAL CARS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 78-26. Taxicab rates.

A complete schedule of taxicab rates shall be filed with the clerk and posted conspicuously in each licensed vehicle. To become effective, rate changes shall be filed with the clerk at least five days before the effective date of the changes.

(Code 1977, § 10.02(6))

Secs. 78-27--78-35. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. LICENSE

Sec. 78-36. Required.

No person shall, within the city, operate a taxicab business or car rental business without first having received a license from the city to do so.

(Code 1977, § 10.02(1))

Sec. 78-37. Application.

Every application for a taxicab or car rental license shall be in writing and state the place of the proposed business, and the type, make, body style, motor number, serial number, and license number of each vehicle proposed to be operated within the city as a taxicab or rental car. Each application shall be accompanied by a statement from a mechanic acceptable to the council attesting that the vehicles specified in the application have been examined within ten days of the application date, and that their braking and lighting systems, and other systems related to safe operating, are in satisfactory condition. Such application shall also be accompanied by the total required fee for the license sought.

(Code 1977, § 10.02(2))

Sec. 78-38. Fees.

The council may, from time to time, set fees for the licenses in this division. Such amounts shall be specified in chapter 26 of this Code.

(Code 1977, § 10.02(3))

Sec. 78-39. Granting.

The council, in its discretion, may grant any license under this division to any applicant; provided that not more than two taxicabs shall be licensed during any year until such time as the council may, by resolution upon finding public convenience would be served, increase the number of taxicabs licensed; and any applicant granted any taxicab license shall thereafter, upon application for renewal of the license, be given a preference in the granting of such licenses.

(Code 1977, § 10.02(4))

Sec. 78-40. Insurance policies.

Before any license under this division is delivered to any licensee, he shall deposit with the clerk an insurance policy, or certificate of insurance, issued by an insurance company authorized to transact business in this state, covering each vehicle. The limits of coverage shall not be less than \$30,000.00 for bodily injury to or death of one person, \$100,000.00 for any one accident resulting in injury to and/or death of more than one person, and a total of \$10,000.00 liability for damages to property of others, arising out of one accident; or alternatively, for any category as specified above, the minimum amount required by state law, where such amount is more than the amount specified in this section.

(Code 1977, § 10.02(5))

Sec. 78-41. Suspension, revocation.

The council may suspend or revoke any license issued under this division for cause. Cause shall include, but not be limited to, any violation by the licensee or his agent of any local, state or federal law relating to the licensed activity. The licensee shall be granted a hearing upon at least ten days' notice before suspension or revocation is ordered. The notice shall state the time and place of the hearing, and the nature of the cause.

(Code 1977, § 10.03)