

Chapter 625

TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE

Cross References — As to licenses and business regulations generally, ch. 605; as to motor vehicles and traffic generally, Title III.

ARTICLE I In General

Section 625.010. Taxicab Defined. [R.O. 2012 §630.010]

The term "*taxicab*" as used in this Chapter shall mean any motor vehicle performing a bona fide for hire taxicab service having a capacity of not more than five (5) passengers, exclusive of the driver, and not operated on a regular route or between fixed termini.

ARTICLE II Licensing and Insurance Requirements ¹

Section 625.020. License — Required. [R.O. 2012 §630.020; CC 1979 §29-2; Ord. No. A-1363 §1, 1-5-1954]

No person shall engage in or carry on the business of transporting persons for hire by taxicab without obtaining a license therefor and without maintaining such license in full force and effect.

Section 625.030. License — Fee. [R.O. 2012 §630.030; CC 1979 §29-3; Ord. No. A-1363 §3, 1-5-1954]

Every person owning or operating a taxicab within the City for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire, shall pay a license tax of ten dollars (\$10.00) per annum on each vehicle so operated.

Section 625.040. License — Term. [R.O. 2012 §630.040; CC 1979 §29-5; Ord. No. A-1363 §7, 1-5-1954]

All licenses issued under this Article shall be for a period of one (1) year subsequent to the date of issuance.

Section 625.050. License — Revocation of License For Failure To Maintain Efficient Daily Service. [R.O. 2012 §630.050; CC 1979 §29-6; Ord. No. A-2045 §1, 9-6-1963; Ord. No. A-2466 §1, 11-10-1967; Ord. No. A-7049, 7-13-2001]

The City shall not issue occupational licenses for the operation of motor vehicles as taxicabs in the City; provided, that in the event the holder of an occupational license for the operation of motor vehicles as taxicabs fails to maintain efficient daily taxicab service in the City, the occupational

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license issued to such licensee shall be revoked.

Section 625.060. Liability Insurance Policy. [R.O. 2012 §630.060; CC 1979 §29-7; Ord. No. A-1363 §4, 1-5-1954; Ord. No. A-3072 §1, 8-19-1971]

No license as provided in this Article shall be issued to any person, unless such person shall deliver to the City Clerk a liability insurance policy, covering all vehicles so used, with a company approved by the City Council and with the premium paid thereon, covering property damage to the extent of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and personal injuries to the extent of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for each person injured in any accident and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for each accident. Such policy shall be kept in force by such operator or owner and shall remain in the custody of the City Clerk during the term for which the license is issued; provided, that if such policy lapses, is terminated or in any other manner is not in full force and effect, such license shall be suspended during the period such policy is not in force.

Section 625.070. Inspection of Vehicle. [R.O. 2012 §630.070; CC 1979 §29-8; Ord. No. A-1363 §5, 1-5-1954; Ord. No. 8618, 11-20-2018]

Each vehicle licensed under this Chapter shall, at the expense of the owner or operator, be inspected every six (6) months by a mechanic employed at a garage regularly doing business within the City. Such inspection shall include steering gear, brakes, lights, tires, horn and visibility. Any defect shown upon such inspection shall be corrected prior to the further operation of such vehicle, and proof of such inspection shall be furnished by the operator of such vehicle to the City Clerk immediately following such inspection. Upon failure to comply with the provision of this Section, the license shall be revoked as to such vehicle.