

TAXI'S (PUBLIC VEHICLES)
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SECTION A. Definition

“Taxicab” means every motor vehicle other than a bus or a limousine designed and used for the transportation of persons for compensation/

SECTION B. License Required

No person shall own and use or operate any taxicab in the town without a license for such purposes from the municipal officers, except that the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to a motor vehicle licensed by another municipality to operate as a taxicab. (State law Title 30-A M.R.S.A. 3009 (1) (F)).

SECTION C. License Fee's

(A) Fees for such license shall be as follows: for owner's license, the sum of \$25,00 per year or part of a year. for operator's license, the sum of \$5.00 per year or part of a year. Fee's must be paid in full to the town before a license is issued. No portion of such fee is to be refunded.

SECTION D. Issuance, Renewal of owners' operator's licenses

(A) The municipal officers may grant a license to own or operate a vehicle for hire within the town after the applicant has filed a written application with the town clerk on forms provided by the town, and paid the required fee. The forms shall provide the town officers with the trade name or proposed to do business and such other information as the Town Council may require. Applications so made are to be acted upon within 30 days of the next regular council meeting following their receipt.

The owner and or operator must meet the following conditions:

- (1) Has a valid Maine driver's license;
- (2) Is at least 18 Y.O.A.;
- (3) For any owner, has the required vehicle registration;
- (4) Has a minimum of 1 years driving experience;
- (5) For the owner, has current liability insurance in the minimum amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$125,000) single limit liability per accident, the policy must contain a clause requiring notification to the town if the policy is canceled or not renewed;
- (6) Has not been convicted of any of the following:

- A. Operating under the influence of either drugs or alcohol within previous 3 years;
- B. A felony of any class within last 10 years;
- C. Of a class E or D crime within the last 5 years;
- D. More then two motor vehicle violations within the past 18 months

(B) The municipal officers may renew a license to operate or own a taxicab on or before the expiration of one year from date of issue if the applicant still meets all the licensing requirements, has paid the license renewal fee, and has shown proof of insurance to the Town Clerk.

SECTION E. Identification Tag; Guidelines

(A) Each taxicab operator is required to display an identification tag in a conspicuous manner in any taxicab the licensee operates. The tag must contain the licensee's name, address, photograph and license number.

(B) Every taxicab owner licensed to operate within the town shall keep a copy of guidelines set forth in this ordinance posted at his place of business.

SECTION F. Temporary Permit

Any person holding an owner's license may obtain a temporary permit for each person in his employ if such person files an application with the Town Clerk, pays the \$10.00 fee, and meets all the requirements and conditions pertaining to operators as set forth in Section C. of this chapter. There shall be a three business day waiting period prior to issuance of a temporary taxicab operator's permit in order to allow for a record check by the police department. Such temporary permit shall be issued by the Town Clerk if all conditions are met as approved by the chief of police. Any temporary permit shall expired whenever a final license is granted or denied by the municipal officers or the expiration of 60 days, whichever comes first.

SECTION G. Required Inspections; Certificate

Each taxicab used in this town shall be required to furnish proof of inspection from the town or city where based in the months of January and July of each year, and at the request of the owner or operator thereof, or at any other time deemed necessary by the Chief of Police. No certificate of inspection shall be in force longer than the last day of January or July as the case may be, next following the date thereof. Such inspection shall be made by a full-time officer of the Oakland Police Department under the direction of the Chief of Police who shall issue his certificate of inspection if he finds the taxicab to be safe, clean and otherwise suitable. Such certificate shall be carried in the taxicab and readily available for inspection. No taxicab shall be operated without such certificate.

SECTION H. Revocation

The municipal officers may revoke or suspend the license of any owner or operator who violates the conditions of the license, makes a material misstatement on the application for the license, used abusive or profane language in the presence of a passenger, keeps his taxicab in an unsafe, unclean or unsatisfactory condition, or operates his taxicab in an unsafe manner. The municipal officers may revoke or suspend the certificate of inspection of any taxicab, if any part of it is found by the Chief of Police to be in an unsafe, unclean or unsanitary condition.

SECTION I. Taxi Stands

The municipal officers may designate certain areas as taxicab stands for the exclusive use of taxicabs duly licensed to operate in the town. The Chief of Police may cause such areas to be marked as such.

The driver of a taxicab shall not stand or park the same in any parking space other than a taxicab stand when the same had been so designated and marked as such, except the driver of such a vehicle may stop temporarily at any proper place for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading, unloading, or waiting for bona fide passengers.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle other than a taxicab duly licensed to operate as such in the town in any taxicab stand when the same has been marked.

SECTION J. Number of Passengers Permitted

The number of passengers carried by a taxicab at any time shall not exceed the seating capacity of the vehicle.

SECTION K. Penalties

Any person, firm, partnership, or corporation on violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be punished upon conviction by a fine of not more than \$50.00 for any one offense. Each day on which any offense occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION L.

By acceptance of this ordinance all previously enacted taxicab ordinances are repealed except that presently existing taxicab licenses shall continue in full force until they have expired or been revoked by the Town Council.

