

36 **§ 13-2-73 - SPONSORING AND HIRING DRIVERS.**

37 (A) A holder may ~~[not]~~ allow an individual to drive a ground transportation service
38 vehicle only if:~~[unless: (1) — the individual possesses a chauffeur's permit or a~~
39 ~~state license, as provided under Section 13— 2-121 (*Exemption From*~~
40 ~~*Chauffeur's Permit Requirement*); and (2)]~~ the individual has not been
41 convicted of a violation that results in a revocation under Section 13-2-108
42 (*Revocation of Chauffeur's Permit*) or a suspension under Section 13-2-109
43 (*Suspension of Chauffeur's Permit*).

44 ~~[(D) For each driver who drives a ground transportation service vehicle for an~~
45 ~~operating authority without — a chauffeur's permit, as authorized in Section 13-~~
46 ~~2-121 (*Exemption From Chauffeur's Permit Requirement*), the holder must~~
47 ~~present a statement that the holder has reviewed the driver's criminal and~~
48 ~~driving record and that the driver satisfies the requirements of Subsection (A).]~~

49 **PART 6.** Subsection (A) of City Code Section 13-2-101 (*Chauffeur's Permit*
50 *Required*) is amended to read:

51 **§ 13-2-101 - CHAUFFEUR'S PERMIT REQUIRED.**

52 (A) A ~~[Except as provided in Section 13-2-121 (*Exemption From Chauffeur's*~~
53 ~~*Permit Requirement*), a]~~ person may not drive a ground transportation service
54 vehicle unless that person has a chauffeur's permit issued by the City.

55 **PART 7.** City Code Section 13-2-122 (*Certain Drivers Ineligible*) is repealed.

56 **PART 8.** City Code Section 13-2-123 (*Driver's Records*) is repealed.

57 **PART 9.** Subsections (B) and (G) of City Code Section 13-2-142 (*Inspection*
58 *Standards*) are amended to read:

59 **§ 13-2-142 – INSPECTION STANDARDS**

60 (A) A vehicle must conform to the following:

- 61 (1) The vehicle must conform to state safety standards.
- 62 (2) The vehicle must be equipped with a chemical fire extinguisher of a
63 capacity of one quart or greater. The extinguisher must be mounted within
64 the driver's reach.
- 65 (3) The vehicle must be equipped with a spare tire, a jack, and a lug nut
66 wrench or the appropriate tire repair kit. The spare tire must be
67 appropriately mounted and meet state safety requirements. This paragraph
68 does not apply to a vehicle modified to operate using alternative fuels or

69 to allow the transport of disabled passengers if the modification prevents
70 compliance with this paragraph.

71 (G) The vehicle exterior must meet the following conditions:

72 (1) The exterior of the vehicle must be reasonably clean.

73 ~~[(2) If a vehicle is equipped with wheel covers, all wheel covers on the~~
74 ~~vehicle must match. If the wheel covers or wheels are painted, they~~
75 ~~must be painted the same color and match the paint scheme of the~~
76 ~~vehicle.]~~

77 (2[3]) Missing or damaged body moldings or trim must be repaired or
78 replaced.

79 (3[4]) Ripped or torn vehicle body parts must be repaired.

80 (4[5]) One or more dents or buckles that collectively cover an area of nine
81 square inches or more of the vehicle body must be repaired.

82 (5[6]) Windshield damage impairing the driver's view or creating a safety
83 hazard must be repaired or replaced immediately. A cracked or
84 damaged side window, rear window, or mirror must be repaired or
85 replaced immediately.

86 (6 [7]) Exterior paint may not be noticeably rusted, flaked, scraped, or faded.
87 Any noticeable exterior paint damage must be repaired in a neat and
88 inconspicuous manner.

89 **PART 10.** Subsection B of City Code Section 13-2-202 (*Limousine Service*
90 *Requirements*) is amended to read:

91 **§ 13-2-202 - LIMOUSINE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.**

92 (A) A holder may provide limousine service using:

93 (1) an remanufactured extended wheelbase luxury sedan with a passenger
94 capacity of five or more or a remanufactured extended wheelbase sport
95 utility vehicle with a passenger capacity of five or more; or

96 (2) four luxury sedans or sport utility vehicles, each having a passenger
97 capacity of four or more.

98 **PART 11.** City Code Section 13-2-406 (*Recordkeeping Requirements*) is amended to
99 read:

100 **§ 13-2-406 - RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS.**

- 101 (A) A franchise holder shall maintain records of its taxicab business, operations,
102 receipts, and other documents required by this chapter, the taxicab franchise
103 agreement, and the department.
- 104 (B) A franchise holder shall maintain a record required by this section and provide
105 the department with any information contained within the record upon request.
106 ~~[at the principal place of business of the franchise for a 90-day period after the~~
107 ~~date of creation of the record. After the 90-day period the records may be~~
108 ~~stored at another location within the city. The franchise holder shall provide~~
109 ~~the department with the address of the records storage location.]~~
- 110 (C) Except as provided in this section, a franchise holder shall keep the records for
111 the term of the franchise. The records used to compile the reports required
112 under Section 13-2-407(B) (*Reports Required*) shall be maintained for 12
113 months after the date of creation of the records.
- 114 (D) The franchise holder shall make all records ~~[maintained at the principal place~~
115 ~~of business for the 90-day retention period]~~ available to the department for
116 examination and inspection without notice. ~~[The franchise holder shall make~~
117 ~~records maintained after the 90-day retention period available to the~~
118 ~~department for examination and inspection on 24 hours notice.]~~

119 **PART 12.** Subsection (C) of City Code Section 13-2-407 (*Reports Required*) is
120 amended to read:

- 121 (C) The department may require additional information at intervals specified by
122 the department, to include reports describing vehicle locations as determined
123 by the vehicle's Global Positioning System or similar navigational method.

124 **PART 13.** City Code Sections 13-2-422 (*Calculation of Necessary Franchise Permits*),
125 13-2-423 (*Additional Franchise Permits*), 13-2-424 (*Allocation of Additional Franchise*
126 *Permits*), 13-2-425 (*Eligibility for Additional Franchise Permits*), 13-2-426 (*Request for*
127 *Additional Franchise Permits*), 13-2-427 (*Distribution of Additional Permits*), 13-2-428
128 (*Evaluation of Calculation of Necessary Franchise Permits*) are repealed.

129 **PART 14.** City Code Section 13-2-441 (*Number of Taxicabs Placed in Service*) is
130 amended to read:

131 **§ 13-2-441 - NUMBER OF TAXICABS PLACED IN SERVICE.**

- 132 ~~[(A) A franchise holder may not operate more taxicabs than the number authorized~~
133 ~~by the taxicab franchise ordinance and by Sections 13-2-431 (*Multiple*~~
134 ~~*Franchises Prohibited*) and 13-2-502 (*Special Franchise Permits*).~~
- 135 (B) A franchise holder may place into service only the number of vehicles for
136 which the franchise holder has paid all charges required by the Code.

137 **PART 15.** City Code Section 13-2-442 (*Owner-Operated Taxicabs*) is amended to read:

138 **§ 13-2-442 - OWNER-OPERATED TAXICABS.**

139 (A) ~~[At least 40 percent of the vehicles placed in service by a franchise holder~~
140 ~~must be owner-operated vehicles.~~

141 (B)] In addition to the requirements for drivers under Article 1 (*General*
142 *Provisions*), Division 6 (*Drivers*), Subparts A (*Chauffeur's Permit*) and C
143 (*Duties and Conduct of Drivers*), a person who owns a vehicle may not drive
144 that vehicle as part of a franchise holder's fleet unless the franchise holder and
145 owner-operator enter into a written contract in accordance with rules
146 prescribed by the department.

147 (B[C]) When an owner-operated vehicle is taken from service, the franchise holder
148 shall notify the department of that fact not later than the 15th day of the month
149 following the month in which the vehicle is taken from service.

150 **PART 16.** City Code Section 13-2-444 (Prompt Response Required) is amended to
151 repeal Subsection (A) and to delete the lettering for Subsection (B) to read:

152 **§ 13-2-444 - PROMPT RESPONSE REQUIRED.**

153 ~~[(A) A franchise holder shall maintain a dispatch terminal within the city or within~~
154 ~~5,000 feet of the city limits that is operational 24 hours each day for the purpose of~~
155 ~~receiving calls and dispatching taxicabs.~~

156 (B)] A franchise holder shall respond to each call received for service inside the city as
157 soon as practicable. If the service cannot be rendered within a reasonable time, the
158 franchise holder shall inform the caller of the reason for the delay and the approximate
159 time required to answer the call.

160 **PART 17.** Subsections (A) and (B) of City Code Section 13-2-449 (*Limitations on*
161 *Solicitations*) are repealed and Subsection (C) is amended to delete the lettering and to
162 read:

163 **§ 13-2-449 - LIMITATIONS ON SOLICITATIONS.**

164 ~~[(A) A driver may not solicit business for a taxicab except from the driver~~
165 ~~compartment of the taxicab or the curb immediately adjacent to the taxicab.~~

166 ~~(B) A driver may not solicit business in a loud or annoying tone of voice, or~~
167 ~~obstruct the movement of any person. A driver may not solicit business at the~~
168 ~~terminal of another common carrier or at points of loading and unloading~~
169 ~~along any established route of another common carrier.~~

170 ~~(C) When a taxicab is at a rail, air, or bus depot within the city, the] A taxicab~~
171 ~~driver or person in charge of a [the] taxicab may not leave the taxicab and~~
172 ~~enter a [the] depot, terminal, [the sidewalk,] or private property of a railroad~~

173 company, airline, or bus company to solicit the transportation of arriving
174 passengers.

175 **PART 18.** Subsection (A) of City Code Section 13-2-450 (*Taxicab Use Restricted*) is
176 amended to read:

177 **§ 13-2-450 - TAXICAB USE RESTRICTED.**

178 (A) Except as provided by this section, the owner or driver of a taxicab may not use
179 the taxicab for any purpose other than to transport passengers, run errands,
180 deliver packages, or perform other services customary in the taxicab business
181 while the vehicle is in service as a taxicab.

182 **PART 19.** Subsections (A) and (B) of City Code Section 13-2-451 (*Number of*
183 *Passengers*) are amended to delete the lettering and to read:

184 **§ 13-2-451 - NUMBER OF PASSENGERS.**

185 [(A)] The number of passengers a driver may transport during a single trip is limited
186 to the number of seatbelts available in the taxicab.

187 [~~(B)~~] ~~A franchise holder shall provide a decal not to exceed three square inches to~~
188 ~~be affixed to each rear side window of a taxicab that contains the maximum~~
189 ~~number of passengers allowed in that taxicab.]~~

190 **PART 20.** City Code Section 13-2-452 (*Additional Passengers*) is amended to delete
191 Subsection (B) and delete the lettering to read:

192 **§ 13-2-452 - ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS.**

193 [(A)] Unless the passenger employing a taxicab consents, a driver may not admit
194 additional passengers to the taxicab on that trip.

195 [~~(B)~~] ~~This section applies only to taxicab service in which a taximeter is used to~~
196 ~~calculate the rate of fare.]~~

197 **PART 21.** City Code Section 13-2-453 (*Use of Taxi Zones*) is amended to read:

198 **§ 13-2-453 - USE OF TAXI ZONES.**

199 (A) To enter a taxi zone, a taxicab driver shall drive the taxicab into the taxi zone
200 from the rear of the zone and proceed to the front of the zone in an orderly
201 manner.

202 (B) A taxicab driver must not leave a taxicab parked in a taxi zone unattended.

203 (C)[~~B~~] The driver of a taxicab may not admit passengers in a taxi zone unless:

- 204 (1) each taxicab ahead of the driver's taxicab, if any, in the taxi zone has
205 loaded passengers; or

- 206 (2) the passenger to be loaded has rejected service from each taxicab ahead
207 of the driver's taxicab in the taxi zone.

208 **PART 22.** City Code Section 13-2-461 (*Rates of Fare*) is amended to delete the
209 requirement for city approval of rates of fare and to authorize taxicab franchise holders
210 to set rates of fare, and to read as follows:

211 **§ 13-2-461 - RATES OF FARE.**

- 212 (A) A ~~holder or~~ driver may not charge a taxicab rate of fare in the city that is
213 inconsistent with the rates of fare established by the franchise holder
214 ~~[council]~~.
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- 216 (B) A taxicab franchise holder shall determine the rate of fare for its taxicab fleet.
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- 218 (C) Each franchise holder shall conspicuously post the current rates of fare on the
219 franchise holder's website and rate card.
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- 221 (D) Franchise holders shall provide the department with a schedule of rates prior
222 to the rates going into effect.
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- 224 (E) A taxicab driver shall not begin any trip until the rider has agreed to the rate of
225 fare.
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- 227 (F) Rates of fare and charges incurred shall be displayed within the taxicab in a
228 conspicuous location and in view of the passenger.
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- 230 (G) A taxicab driver must transmit to the passenger a receipt documenting the
231 origin and destination of each taxicab trip and the total amount paid upon
232 completion of each trip.
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234 **PART 23.** Subsections (A) and (D) of City Code Section 13-2-463 (*Taximeter*
235 *Required*) are amended to read:

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237 **§ 13-2-463 - TAXIMETER REQUIRED.**

- 238 (A) A person may not drive or allow another person to drive a taxicab unless the
239 taxicab is equipped with an operational taximeter approved ~~[that displays an~~
240 ~~accuracy seal, certifying its accuracy in accordance with procedures~~
241 ~~determined]~~ by the department.
- 242 (D) Taximeter rates of fare do not apply to:

- 243 (1) a trip to a destination outside the corporate city limits if the taximeter is
244 kept in operation while the taxicab has a passenger within the corporate
245 limits of the city;
- 246 (2) on written approval of the department, a trip under a contract with a
247 governmental agency, a nonprofit organization, or as otherwise
248 reasonably necessary to provide a public service; or
- 249 (3) fleet-wide flat rate charges set by the franchise holder [~~a rate change~~
250 ~~approved under Section 13-2-470 (Decision on Rate Application)~~].

251 **PART 24.** City Code Section 13-2-464 (*Setting Taximeter*) is amended to read:

252 **§ 13-2-464 - SETTING TAXIMETER.**

- 253 (A) When using a taximeter to compute a fare, a driver shall place the taximeter in
254 a ~~[the]~~ revenue-earning mode [~~position~~] when a passenger enters a taxicab, or
255 at the pre-arranged time, if any, after the customer is informed of the taxicab's
256 presence.
- 257 (B) When using a taximeter to compute a fare, a driver shall call the attention of
258 passengers to the amount registered on the taximeter before resetting the
259 taximeter. The taximeter may not be reset or turned off [~~to the "vacant"~~
260 ~~position~~] until after the fare is paid.

261 **PART 25.** Subsection (C) of City Code Section 13-2-466 (*Taximeter Standards*) is
262 amended to read:

263 **§ 13-2-466 - TAXIMETER STANDARDS.**

- 264 (C) Taximeters must conform to the following specifications:
- 265 (1) The size and design of a taximeter must be approved by the department.
- 266 (2) A taximeter must register the following items on visual counters:
- 267 (a) total miles;
- 268 (b) paid miles;
- 269 (c) number of trips; and
- 270 (d) units of fare.
- 271 [~~(3) Each taximeter must be equipped with a tamper-proof switch and system~~
272 ~~of electrical distribution that meets the following requirements:~~
- 273 [~~(a) The electric identification sign affixed to the roof of the taxicab~~
274 ~~must be lit when the taximeter is in a non-revenue earning or "off"~~
275 ~~position.~~

276 ~~(b) The two amber lights affixed to the roof of the taxicab must be lit~~
277 ~~and visible from all directions when the taximeter is in a revenue-~~
278 ~~earning or "on" position. The amber lights are not required to be~~
279 ~~visible from the rear of the vehicle if the vehicle roof has been~~
280 ~~modified to allow the transport of disabled passengers.~~

281 ~~(4) A mechanical taximeter must be connected directly to the taxicab~~
282 ~~transmission and sealed to prevent tampering.~~

283 ~~(5) The rate change unit of an electronically operated taximeter must be~~
284 ~~sealed to prevent tampering.]~~

285 **PART 26.** City Code Section 13-2-467 (*Taximeter Inspections*) is repealed and replaced
286 to read as follows:

287 **§ 13-2-467 - TAXIMETER INSPECTIONS.**

288 During the inspection of a taxicab under Section 13-2-141 (*Inspection Required*) the
289 taximeter shall be inspected for accuracy.

290 **PART 27:** City Code Section 13-2-468 (*Equipment Alterations Prohibited*) is amended
291 to read:

292 **§ 13-2-468 - EQUIPMENT ALTERATIONS PROHIBITED.**

293 (A) A person may not drive or allow another person to drive a taxicab in which
294 the taximeter or other equipment has been altered in a manner that causes the
295 taximeter to calculate an incorrect rate.

296 (B) A person may not drive or allow another person to drive a taxicab equipped
297 with a taximeter that has been tampered with [~~since the last inspection~~].

298 ~~[(C) A person may not drive or allow another person to drive a taxicab that displays~~
299 ~~the electric roof identification sign and amber roof lights in a manner~~
300 ~~indicating that the vehicle is available for hire when the taxicab is occupied by~~
301 ~~a passenger.]~~

302 **PART 28.** City Code Sections 13-2-469 (*Application for Rate Change*) is repealed and
303 replaced and retitled as follows:

304 **§ 13-2-469 – PAYMENT METHOD**

305 (A) All taxicabs must be equipped with a properly functioning credit and debit card
306 payment device.

307 (B) A taxicab driver shall not collect a fare from a passenger unless the driver's credit or
308 debit card payment systems are properly functioning.

309 (C) A driver shall accept fare payment in the form of credit or debit if tendered by a
310 passenger.

312 **PART 29.** City Code Sections 13-2-470 (*Decision on Rate Application*), and 13-2-471
313 (*Taxicab Fuel Surcharge*) are repealed.

314 **PART 30.** City Code Section 13-2-481 (*Additional Taxicab Standards*) is repealed.

315 **PART 31.** City Code Section 13-2-482 (*Numbering of Taxicabs*) is amended to read:

316 **§ 13-2-482 - NUMBERING OF TAXICABS.**

317 (A) The department shall designate consecutive numbers for each vehicle in the
318 franchise holder's taxicab fleet and issue a number plate for each vehicle.

319 (B) A franchise holder shall assign one of the designated numbers to each taxicab
320 and shall securely apply a numbered decal issued by the department [~~fasten~~
321 ~~the number plate for each taxicab~~] to the interior of the taxicab in the manner
322 prescribed by the department. A franchise holder shall purchase a replacement
323 number [~~plate~~] decal for any lost, destroyed, or damaged [~~plate~~] decal from
324 the department.

325 **PART 32.** City Code Section 13-2-484 (*Electric Signs Required*) is repealed.

326 **PART 33.** Subsection (A) of City Code Section 13-2-487 (*Uniform Lettering and*
327 *Design, Materials*) is amended to read:

328 **§ 13-2-486 - UNIFORM LETTERING AND DESIGN; MATERIALS.**

329 (B) For each vehicle used in the franchise holder's service, the lettering and
330 designs must be approved by the department and must be [~~either~~] an applied
331 adhesive material, magnetic sign, or painted.

333 **PART 34.** City Code Section 13-2-487 (*Color Scheme*) is repealed.

334 **PART 35.** City Code Section 13-2-502 (*Special Franchise Permits*) is amended to read:

335 (A) The department may issue an equal number of special franchise permits to
336 each franchise holder for modified ground transportation service vehicles. The
337 total number of special franchise permits issued by the department may not be
338 less than six percent [~~or more than six and one half percent of the total~~
339 ~~number of franchise permits issued by the department.~~] If the department
340 distributes additional franchise permits under Division 2 (*Franchise Permit*),
341 the department shall allocate additional special permits in the number
342 necessary to maintain the ratio of franchise permits to special permits.

343 (B) A special franchise permit is valid for three months from the date of issuance.
344 A franchise holder shall pay a fee for each special franchise permit issued by
345 the department. The fee for a special permit may not exceed half that of a non-
346 special-franchise permit. If the franchise holder provides at least five percent

