



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55 **PART 7.** City Code Section 13-2-122 (*Certain Drivers Ineligible*) is repealed.

56 **PART 8.** City Code Section 13-2-123 (*Driver's Records*) is repealed.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

