

CHAPTER 110: TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 110.01 OPERATION BY CERTAIN PERSONS PROHIBITED.

It is unlawful for any person under the age of 21 years to drive or operate any vehicle as described in [§ 110.20](#) or for any owner or licensee to cause or permit any person under such age to drive or operate the vehicle, so licensed, for the purposes provided and contemplated by this chapter.

(Prior Code, § 20-1) (Ord. 323, § 5) Penalty, see [§ 10.99](#)

§ 110.02 SOLICITING BY NOISE PROHIBITED.

It is unlawful for any driver, operator or person in charge of any vehicle regulated by this chapter to make a loud noise, by voice or otherwise, for the purpose of soliciting and obtaining passengers for the vehicle.

(Prior Code, §20-2) (Ord. 323, §6; Ord. 2020-36, §4) Penalty, see §10.99

§ 110.03 PLACEMENT OF PASSENGERS.

(A) It is unlawful for any person having obtained the license required by [§ 110.20](#) to permit more than 1 person in the front seat with the driver of the vehicle.

(B) No passenger shall be permitted to ride on the fenders, foot board, top doors or hood of the vehicle or any other place outside the vehicle.
(Prior Code, § 20-3) (Ord. 323, § 3) Penalty, see [§ 10.99](#)

LICENSES

§ 110.20 REQUIRED; EXCEPTIONS.

It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate or cause to be driven or operated upon any of the streets, alleys or public places of the city, any motor vehicle for the solicitation, carriage and transportation of passengers for hire, unless the owner, manager or operator of the motor vehicle shall first have been duly licensed to do so by the city; provided that, motor vehicles used exclusively as hearses, ambulances and sightseeing buses, operated from a garage or office expressly upon call by telephone or otherwise, shall not be construed to be included within the purpose of this chapter.

(Prior Code, § 20-4) (Ord. 323, § 1) Penalty, see [§ 10.99](#)

§ 110.21 FEES.

Any person desiring to obtain a license to drive, operate or to engage in the operation of any motor vehicle referred to in [§ 110.20](#) shall first pay to the city's Clerk-Treasurer, for each vehicle to be so driven or operated, an annual license fee as set out in the Fee Schedule of this code.

(Prior Code, § 20-5) (Ord. 323, § 2)

§ 110.22 APPLICATION; AFFIDAVIT.

The licensee or applicant, at the time of presenting a receipt showing the payment of the license fee required by [§ 110.21](#), shall also execute an affidavit alleging his or her ownership or control of the vehicle required to be licensed by [§ 110.20](#), the maker's or remodeler's rated seating capacity, the number of years the vehicle has been driven and the number of the license issued to the applicant by the state.

(Prior Code, § 20-6) (Ord. 323, § 2)

§ 110.23 LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRED.

(A) No person shall be issued a license pursuant to this subchapter until he or she shall first file with the city's Clerk-Treasurer evidence of a policy of liability insurance providing for indemnity in the case of death or injury to persons or damage to property by the licensee or any of his or her agents. The insurance shall cover each vehicle owned or operated by the licensee in the

following minimum amounts:

- (1) One hundred thousand dollars per person for bodily injury or death;
- (2) Three hundred thousand dollars per accident for bodily injury or death; and
- (3) Ten thousand dollars for property damage.

(B) The policy shall be kept in full force and effect so long as the licensee holds a license from the city under this subchapter. If the insurance shall cease to be effective at any time, the license issued pursuant to this subchapter shall automatically be revoked.

(Prior Code, § 20-7)

§ 110.24 ISSUANCE; AGE REQUIREMENTS.

No license required by this subchapter shall be issued to any person under the age of 21 years.

(Prior Code, § 20-8) (Ord. 323, § 5)

§ 110.25 ISSUANCE; FILING OF RATE SCHEDULES.

(A) Before any license required by this subchapter shall be issued, the applicant shall file a schedule of rates which the applicant intends to charge for taxicab services, which schedule of rates shall first be approved by the Mayor and the Common Council.

(B) The rates shall be binding upon the licensee and the schedule, when filed and approved, shall become a part of this chapter, and a violation thereof shall be cause for revocation of the licensee's license; provided that, nothing herein contained shall limit or prevent the licensee from charging a lesser amount than provided for in the schedule.

(Prior Code, § 20-9) (Ord. 323, § 8)

§ 110.26 ISSUING AUTHORITY.

When an applicant for a license under this subchapter has complied with the requirements of this subchapter, the city's Clerk-Treasurer shall issue to the applicant the license applied for, on a form to be prescribed by the city's Clerk-Treasurer.

(Prior Code, § 20-10) (Ord. 323, § 2)

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The license issued pursuant to this subchapter, among other things, shall include the date of the issuance of the license, the name and address of the licensee, a description of the vehicle so licensed, its seating capacity, the number of the state license thereof and the date of the expiration of the license issued by the city.

(Prior Code, § 20-11) (Ord. 323, § 4)

§ 110.28 EXPIRATION.

The expiration date of the license required by [§ 110.20](#) shall be December 31 next following the date of its issuance.

(Prior Code, § 20-12) (Ord. 323, § 4)

§ 110.29 TRANSFER PROHIBITED; PRORATION OF FEE.

The license required by [§ 110.20](#) shall not be transferable. The vehicle so licensed shall be operated only for the purposes set out in [§ 110.20](#) by the licensee, his or her agent or servant. In the event that the license is taken out subsequent to January 1 of any year, the license fee shall be prorated for the remaining months of the year.

(Prior Code, § 20-13) (Ord. 323, § 4)

§ 110.30 REVOCATION.

The Mayor may revoke the licensee's license for a violation of any provision of this subchapter, the power of revocation being supplemental and in addition to any other penalty imposed for the violation.

(Prior Code, § 20-14) (Ord. 323, § 10)