

TAXICABS

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.1 DECLARATION OF POLICY. Every person owning or operating a motor vehicle who secures or accepts passengers for hire on the public street or in public places, shall be deemed to be operating a taxicab and shall be subject to Farmington Town Regulations in accordance with this ordinance.

.2 DEFINITIONS.

"DRIVER" shall mean the person in actual physical control of a taxicab.

"OPERATOR" shall mean any person owning in part or whole, in charge of, or managing a taxicab business or company in the Town.

"TAXICAB" shall mean any rubber-tired motor vehicle having a manufacturer's rated seating capacity of not more than seven persons, used in the call and demand transportation of passengers for compensation to or from points chosen or designated by the passengers and not operated on a fixed schedule between fixed terminal, or any such vehicle leased or rented, or held for leasing or renting, with or without drivers or operators.

"UNENGAGED TAXICAB" shall mean a taxicab in charge of a driver and neither occupied by or standing at the direction of a passenger nor responding to a call of a prospective passenger. A taxicab standing in a taxi stand shall be presumed to be unengaged.

.3 TAXICAB OPERATOR PERMIT AND FEE. Every person engaged in the business of operating taxicabs, automobiles or other vehicles for the transportation of persons for hire shall make an application to the Board of Selectmen for an "Operator's Permit" on forms provided by the Town for this purpose. The fee for such permit shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100) annually which shall be paid to the Tax Collector at the time the application is made, and on or before January 1 of each calendar year thereafter. Only one operator permit shall be required per business.

costs of inspection shall be borne by the owner of the vehicle. Vehicles not meeting the inspection requirements of the State of New Hampshire may be denied permits.

b.) TRANSFER OF PERMITS: Taxicab Permits may be transferred from one vehicle to another by making an application for such transfer in the same manner as is required for original permits and making payment of Five Dollars (\$5.00) to the Town Clerk at the time of making an application for such transfer, together with proper forms as provided by the Board of Selectmen.

.5 TAXICAB DRIVER'S LICENSE AND FEE. Every person engaged in the driving of taxicabs, automobiles, or other vehicles for hire for the purpose of transporting persons shall have attained the age of eighteen (18) years, and hold a valid New Hampshire operator's license, and shall make application to the Town Clerk for a Taxicab Driver's License on forms provided by the Town for this purpose. The fee for such license shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) which shall be paid by applicant at the time of making application, and on or before January First of each calendar year thereafter.

a.) ISSUANCE OF TAXICAB DRIVER'S LICENSE: Before any taxicab driver's license is issued, the Town Clerk shall refer all applications to the Chief of Police who shall conduct an investigation of the applicant and approve or disapprove the issuance of such license within a reasonable time. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded. Any conviction for violation of the laws of the State of New Hampshire, or any other state may be cause for denial.

b.) IDENTIFICATION: It shall be the responsibility of all Taxicab Drivers to display their Taxicab Driver's License in a conspicuous place within any taxicab being operated by them. It shall further be their responsibility, upon request of any passenger, to furnish their name.

.6 GENERAL.

a.) CONDITION OF TAXICABS: It shall be the responsibility of all Taxicab Operators to insure that all taxicabs shall be kept in a safe and sanitary operating condition at all times and shall at all times qualify with the standards for inspection of motor vehicles by the laws of the State of New Hampshire. Any officer observing a violation of this section may obtain the Taxicab Permit of the vehicles involved which shall be temporarily suspended, and returned forthwith upon said violation being properly corrected at the satisfaction of the Chief of Police or his designee.

b.) PERIODIC INSPECTION: A garage licensed by New Hampshire as an Official Inspection Station shall inspect each taxicab operating in Farmington at least every sixty (60) days. The purpose of periodic inspection shall be for the maintenance

Such rates shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each taxicab.

1.) IDENTIFICATION: All taxicabs shall be required to display outside identification.

.7 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION.

a.) Whenever any operator shall be convicted in the Farmington District Court of a violation of any sections of these rules and regulations, shall forthwith return his operator's permit to the Board of Selectmen who shall retain such permit until application is made in the same manner as for an original permit.

b.) Any taxicab driver who shall be convicted of any violation of these rules and regulations, or of any law of the State of New Hampshire shall forthwith return his taxicab driver's license to the Board of Selectmen who shall retain said license until such time as a permit has been filed in the same manner as for an original taxicab license and a determination as to its issuance or denial shall have been made.

c.) The Board of Selectmen may suspend or revoke any operator's permit, taxicab permit, or taxicab driver's license at any time for just cause.

.8 PENALTY: Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and fined not in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), a separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day, or part thereof, during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

.9 LIABILITY: The Town of Farmington in licensing any person, firm, or company under the provisions of this ordinance assumes no liability for any of their activities.

.10 SEVERABILITY: If any part of this Ordinance is invalidated by legislative or administrative action or struck down by the court, it shall not invalidate the rest of the ordinance.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
APPLICATION FOR TAXI CAB PERMIT

Name of Applicant: _____
Date of Birth _____
Legal Address: _____
Local Address: _____
Sex: _____ Age: _____ Weight: _____
Color of Hair: _____ Color of Eyes: _____

Description of nature of business:

Location of business: _____
Requested effective date: _____
Hours of Operation: _____

Vehicle Information:

Make and Model of vehicle to be used: _____
Year of vehicle to be used: _____
License Plate number: _____
Vehicle Identification Number #: _____

The following must be submitted at time of application:

1. Current Vehicle Registration
2. A signed report of a licensed motor vehicle garage stating the vehicle proposed for permit stating the vehicle meets New Hampshire State inspection requirements
3. Application fee: \$30.00 for each vehicle for one year

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct:

Date

Applicants Signature

Approved by the Board of Selectmen:

Approved by the Police Chief:

Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Chief of Police