





Taxicabs

CHAPTER 1113

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113.01 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

MOTOR VEHICLE

Any motor or self-propelled vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer.

TAXICAB

Any motor vehicle designed or constructed to accommodate or transport passengers, the principal operation of which is confined to the corporate limits and suburban areas of the city, which does not operate over any definite route, and the destination of which is designated by the passenger or passengers at the time of transportation.

113.02 CERTIFICATES REQUIRED

No person shall operate any taxicab on the public streets of the city without having received a certificate to operate a taxicab service in the city from the Clerk-Treasurer. The certificate shall be in full force and effect at the time of the operation of the taxicab.

113.03 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE

Any person desiring to operate a taxicab on the public streets of the city shall make application to the Clerk-Treasurer for a certificate for a taxicab service, giving the name of the person desiring to operate the taxicab service, stating the number of taxicabs to be used, and any other material information as may be required with reference to the application. The Clerk-Treasurer shall refer the application, together with information he may have received relative to the application, to the Board of Public Works and Safety. The Board shall consider the information and if in the opinion of a majority of the members there is a public need for additional taxicab service and it would be for the best interest to have additional taxicab service, the Treasurer shall issue a certificate to that person to operate a taxicab service in the city.

113.04 PERMIT REQUIRED

No person shall operate any taxicab upon the public streets of the city until the driver or owner has made application for and received a permit from the Clerk-Treasurer, and the permit shall be in addition to the certificate. The permit shall authorize the operation of that particular taxicab only, and the permit shall be obtained in the same manner as the certificate. If at any time additional taxicabs are desired to be used, the owner of a valid certificate to operate a taxicab service shall make application for and pay for a permit to operate the additional taxicabs.

113.05 CERTIFICATE AND PERMIT FEES

The fee to be charged for a certificate to operate a taxicab service in the city shall be \$10 annually. In addition, the fee to be charged for each taxicab to be operated within the city shall be \$5 annually. All certificates or permits shall be charged and paid for in an amount proportional to the remaining part of the year ending December 31 of the year in which the certificate or permit is issued. A certificate for a taxicab service or a permit to operate any taxicab shall be sold or assigned only on written petition to and approval of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the city.

113.06 INSURANCE

No driver of any taxicab shall operate it upon the streets of the city until fully covered by insurance by a reliable insurance company to cover all accidents and damages caused from negligent operation of the driver, and the insurance has been approved by the Board of Public Works and Safety of the city. The Board shall determine the kind and the amount of the insurance.

113.99 **PENALTY**

Any person or driver of any taxicab violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$50.