

CHAPTER 124

TAXICABS

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124.01 DEFINITION. For the purpose of this chapter, “taxicab” means any motor-driven vehicle used for the transportation, for hire or reward, of passengers upon the streets of the City.

124.02 LICENSE REQUIRED. No person shall engage in the business of operating any taxicab upon the streets of the City without first having obtained a taxicab license therefor.

124.03 APPLICATION. Any person desiring a taxicab license, as provided in Section 124.02 shall make application therefor to the Council. The application shall contain such information as the Council may require.

124.04 INVESTIGATION AND REPORT. Before the Council’s determination relative to the issuance of a license, the Clerk shall cause the character of the applicant to be investigated and shall inspect the taxis to be licensed for possible violations of the State motor vehicle law and shall report on these matters to the Council.

124.05 ISSUANCE OF LICENSE. The Council shall review each application promptly and shall issue a license if it finds that issuance will be consistent with public convenience, health, safety and welfare.

124.06 RATE FIXING. As one of the conditions to the granting of a taxicab license under this chapter, the Council shall have, and does hereby reserve, the right to fix reasonable rates, upon which the licensee shall operate, and shall cause all vehicles to be kept at all times in first-class condition.

124.07 LIABILITY INSURANCE. Any person engaged in the business of operating taxicabs in the City pursuant to a taxicab license issued under the provisions of this chapter shall keep in effect at all times a policy of public liability insurance in such amounts as the Council may by resolution require. If any such policy of insurance is cancelled, the licensee shall not operate or cause to be operated any vehicle covered by the policy until other insurance is obtained. If judgment is rendered against the owner or driver, or both, in any court of competent jurisdiction by reason of any accident for which the insurance policy is herein provided, the licensee shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after the rendition of the judgment, whether appealed from or not, increase the total amount of insurance so that there shall be kept in effect insurance upon which there has been no recovery, of not less than the required minimum. A copy of or certificate of any policy of insurance contemplated hereunder shall be filed with the Clerk immediately upon the issuance of the policy.