

ORDINANCE NO.: 2011-036

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina,
Chapter 24, Vehicles for Hire, Article II, Taxicabs, Shuttles and Limousines*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 18th day of October, 2011, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 24, Vehicles for Hire, Article II, Taxicabs, Shuttles and Limousines, is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II. TAXICABS, SHUTTLES AND LIMOUSINES

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 24-31. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Cruising means driving on, over and along the streets or public places of the city in search of, or soliciting, prospective passengers for hire.

Driver means any person in actual charge of the operation of a taxicab, van, shuttle or limousine, whether as owner or agent, servant or employee of the owner.

Limousine means a motor-driven vehicle designed to transport a specific passenger or group of passengers for an hourly or daily fee to a specific destination pursuant to a prearranged contract.

Owner means any person who has control, direction, maintenance and benefit of the collection of revenue derived from the operation of taxicabs, shuttles or limousines on or over the streets or public ways of the city, whether as owner, licensee, bailee or otherwise, except as driver.

Route means a course of travel established at the same time as the establishment of a fixed hourly or daily fee. This definition of route does not include driving over, on or along the streets of the city in search of or soliciting prospective passengers for hire.

Shuttle means a motor-driven vehicle originally designed by the manufacturer's specifications without modification to transport eight or more passengers for a prearranged fixed hourly or daily fee to a specific destination along a route.

Taxicab means a motor-driven vehicle originally designed by the manufacturer's specifications without modification to transport not more than seven passengers and used for the transportation of passengers for a metered fee.

Taximeter means an instrument or device attached to a taxicab used to mechanically measure the distance, time or zone unit upon which the fare to be charged to the passenger will be based, and recording by figures on the dial of the device the fare as it accrues.

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Vehicle for hire. All taxicabs, shuttles or limousines shall be designated as vehicles for hire for purposes of this article.

Waiting time means all time when a taxicab is not in motion and is occupied by a passenger, and the time consumed while standing at the direction of a passenger or person who has engaged such taxicab.

Sec. 24-32. Daily trip sheets.

The driver of each and every taxicab or shuttle shall keep a complete and accurate record of each trip upon a daily trip sheet, the form of which shall be approved by the chief of police, showing the time and place of origin and destination of the trip, the number of passengers carried, the mileage and the amount of fare collected. The owner of each and every limousine shall keep a complete and accurate copy of each contract with its customers. These records shall be filed daily and such record shall be kept on file, available for inspection by the chief of police or his designated assistants, for a period of not less than six months.

Sec. 24-33. Maximum number of passengers.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle for hire to transport therein more passengers than specified by the vehicle manufacturer's original specifications without any modification.

Sec. 24-34. Carrying other persons without consent of passenger.

No driver of a vehicle for hire shall carry any other person than the passenger by whom he has been engaged, without the consent of such passenger.

Sec. 24-35. Refusal to transport orderly persons.

No driver of a vehicle for hire shall refuse or neglect to transport any orderly person upon request anywhere in the city, unless previously engaged or unable to do so.

Sec. 24-36. Transporting person for purpose of committing unlawful or immoral act.

No driver of a vehicle for hire shall transport a person for the purpose of committing a crime or for the purpose of committing an immoral act.

Sec. 24-37. Inspection of vehicles.

No vehicle for hire shall be operated on or over the streets or public ways of the city until it has been inspected annually and approved for licensing by the chief of police or his designated assistant.

Sec. 24-38. Failure of vehicle to pass inspection.

If, after the initial inspection, the chief of police or his designated assistant finds that any vehicle for hire does not comply with the provisions of this article, the license therefor may be suspended by him and such vehicle for hire shall not be operated on or over city streets until the vehicle for hire shall have been put in proper condition, pursuant to the terms of this article, and the license reinstated.

Sec. 24-39. Insurance.

Before any license is issued for the operation of a vehicle for hire, the owner shall file with the police department a copy of a policy of liability insurance, issued by a company authorized to do business

in this state, providing for at least the minimum coverage required by state law for other motor vehicles. The city shall be given ten days' notice by the insurer prior to cancellation of any such policy.

Sec. 24-40. Display of information on vehicle.

Any person obtaining a license to operate a vehicle for hire shall, immediately upon obtaining such license, have painted on the side of each vehicle to be operated the word "taxi," "taxicab" or "shuttle" and also shall have placed on the side or rear of such vehicle the name of the owner or company operating such vehicle. The city license number shall be displayed on each side and on the rear of the vehicle in contrasting colors. Lettering and numbers shall be a minimum of three inches in height and in contrasting colors to the color of the vehicle. Such identification shall be approved by the chief of police and shall be unobstructed by any part of the vehicle.

Sec. 24-41. Display of rate schedule and vehicle information inside vehicle.

All vehicles for hire shall have posted inside the vehicle, in a manner clearly visible to the passengers therein, a current rate schedule. This rate schedule shall be available in printed form to passengers upon request. All vehicles for hire are required to place within the vehicle, visible by all passengers, information regarding regulatory inquiries or where to file a complaint. The information posted shall include the City of Columbia cab registration number, and area code and phone number of the City of Columbia Business License Division.

Sec. 24-42. Adoption of distinctive color or insignia for vehicles.

Any person operating more than one vehicle for hire may, at his discretion, by and with the consent of the chief of police, adopt a distinctive and uniform color or distinguishing logotype or insignia for all vehicles operated by such person. Upon adoption of any such distinctive color, distinguishing logotype or insignia, the owner of the business shall file immediately a copy and description of the logotype or insignia with the city clerk. Other vehicle for hire services may adopt varying shades of the same primary color as long as the such varying shade is distinctive and easily distinguishable from other vehicles.

Sec. 24-43. Taxicab identity lights.

Every taxicab shall be equipped with an identity light attached to the top of the vehicle. The identity light shall be constructed in one unit consisting of an illuminated plate or cylinder upon which is printed the company name and the words "taxi," "taxicab" or "for hire." The overall dimensions of such identity light shall not exceed six inches in height by 20 inches in length. The lights of the identity light shall be connected to a contact switch attached to the taximeter, and such contact switch shall operate automatically to illuminate such identity light when the taximeter is not in operation indicating that the taxicab contains no passengers and to extinguish such identity light when the taximeter is in operation. It shall be unlawful to drive or operate any taxicab with such identity light illuminated while carrying passengers for compensation, and it shall be unlawful to drive, operate or be in charge of any taxicab unless such identity light is illuminated when such taxicab is for hire.

Sec. 24-44. Vehicles to be kept clean and sanitary.

Every vehicle for hire operated in the city shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and shall be swept and dusted at least once a day. At least once every seven days, the interior shall be vacuumed

and the interior woodwork or metal framework, glass and floor shall be cleansed thoroughly with a suitable antiseptic solution.

Sec. 24-45. Maintenance of vehicles.

Every vehicle for hire operated in the city shall be kept in such a state of repair as may be necessary to provide for the safety of the public and for the continuous and satisfactory operation of such vehicle.

Sec. 24-46. Communication device required.

Except for companies operating two or fewer vehicles, every taxicab and shuttle service shall be equipped with a commercial or cellular push to talk (PTT) communication device. All taxi cab drivers are prohibited from using a handheld wireless electronic communication device to compose, send or read a communication while driving or operating a motor vehicle upon the public streets and highways within the City.

For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

Wireless electronic communication device means an electronic device that allows a person to wirelessly communicate with another person, including, but not limited to a mobile, cellular, wireless or digital telephone, a personal digital assistant, a text messaging device or a computer.

Driving or operating a motor vehicle means that the motor vehicle is moving or in motion.

Nothing in this section is intended to conflict with enforcement or applicable restrictions or requirements imposed on commercial motor vehicle operators pursuant to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

Sec. 24-47. Full-time operation and physical office.

(a) Full-time operation is required for vehicles for hire. For purposes of this article, full-time operation is defined as being in service and on call at least 12 hours each day, except Sunday.

(b) Any vehicle for hire company with ten (10) or more operational taxicabs in its fleet after the effective date of this ordinance shall establish and maintain an office in a commercially zoned location within or without the corporate limits of the city. Any vehicle for hire company licensed with ten (10) or more taxicabs in the company's fleet prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall establish and maintain an office in a commercially zoned location within or without the corporate limits of the city within 180 days of the effective date of this ordinance. If within the corporate limits of the city, such office shall be in a commercial zone permitted by the zoning ordinances of the city. The office shall be staffed by a minimum of one (1) person from the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(c) Failure to comply with this section shall result in a revocation of the permit to operate.

Sec. 24-48. Taxicab stands.

The city council may designate stands for taxicabs. Consideration will be given to the effect upon traffic and parking and the convenience to the public when establishing such stands. All stands shall be subject to use by any taxicab.

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Sec. 24-49. Surcharge on fares for taxicabs equipped with driver safety devices.

(a) Any taxicab operated in the city limits may be equipped with one or more of the following safety devices:

(1) A securely fastened transparent protective partition with a width equal to the width of the front seat of the vehicle and being of a height such that it extends from the bottom of the front seat to a point three inches below the roof of the taxicab. Such partition shall prevent a passenger in the rear of the taxicab from reaching the driver. The partition shall be made of a material advertised as bullet resistant and capable of withstanding a bullet fired from a handgun; and

(2) Trunk locks with a quick-release feature that allows for the release of the trunk from inside the trunk compartment.

(b) The safety features described in this section shall be installed within 14 days of a driver's request. Notice of this 14-day requirement shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the taxicab company.

(c) Any vehicle that has the safety features described in this section shall be allowed to charge an additional \$0.25 per fare for four months to provide for the costs of the safety features. A taxicab imposing this surcharge will have a sign prominently displayed in the taxicab reading as follows: "Taxicabs equipped with protective partitions and quick-release trunk locks are entitled to charge an additional twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per fare. This surcharge will expire on _____/_____/_____."

Sec. 24-50. Handicapped service requirement.

All taxicab companies owning or operating five or more taxi cabs shall maintain not less than one vehicle capable of providing service to persons confined to wheelchairs. Such vehicle must be designed so as to allow a wheelchair bound customer the ability to enter, ride in and exit the vehicle without the need of moving from the wheelchair.

Sec. 24-51. Smoking prohibited.

All vehicles for hire licensed to operate in the city shall be 100% smoke free at all times.

Sec. 24-52. Dress Code.

Clothing for drivers of a vehicle for hire shall be neat, clean and of a non-revealing nature. Shorts, collared shirts and open toed shoes are permissible. T-shirts, tank tops, flip-flops and hair curlers are prohibited.

Sec. 24-53. Cell phone use.

Drivers of vehicles for hire are prohibited from using cell phones while operating a vehicle for hire unless the driver is utilizing a hands free device. Drivers are permitted to use a commercial or cellular push to talk (PTT) device while operating a vehicle for hire.

Secs. 24-54—24-70. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. DRIVER'S PERMIT

Sec. 24-71. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to act as a driver of a vehicle for hire, or to be in charge of any vehicle for hire, without having a permit therefor issued by the police department.

Sec. 24-72. Investigation of application; persons ineligible for permit.

(a) Before issuing any permit as required by this section, the chief of police or his designee shall investigate the facts set out in such application, and shall not grant such permit to any applicant who:

- (1) Has been or could be classified as a habitual offender as defined in S.C. Code Ann. § 56-1-1020 (2006) and as that section may from time to time be amended;
- (2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4), has been convicted of a violation of any law or ordinances involving moral turpitude within the previous five years;
- (3) Has been convicted, regardless of the length of time since conviction, of an offense involving:
 - a. Assault and/or battery of a high and aggravated nature;
 - b. Assault and/or battery with intent to kill;
 - c. Auto theft;
 - d. Attempted auto theft;
 - e. Bank robbery;
 - f. Accessory to bank robbery;
 - g. Robbery; or
 - h. Manslaughter.

Provided, however, that the chief of police or his designee shall have the authority to issue a permit to any applicant who has been convicted of any offense referenced in this subsection provided that:

1. A period of ten years has passed since the completion of any sentence, period of parole or probation related to such crime; and
 2. The applicant can demonstrate that he has not been convicted of a criminal offense since the plea or conviction was entered; and,
 3. The applicant can demonstrate that he has had no more than six points assessed against his driver's license at any one time since the completion of any sentence, period of parole or probation related to such crime.
- (4) Has been convicted, regardless of the length of time since conviction, of any of the following offenses:
- a. Any sex offense which would cause the applicant to be included on the Sexual Offender Registry as defined in S. C. Code Ann. § 23-3-430 (2006)) and as that section may be amended from time to time;
 - b. Trafficking in a controlled substance;
 - c. Distribution, sale, manufacture or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance;
 - d. Purchase of a controlled substance while in, on, or within a half-mile radius of the grounds of a school, public playground or public park; or
 - e. Murder.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not bar permit renewal for any person who holds a valid permit as of the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived and who may have

been convicted of any of the offenses enumerated in this section prior to the date that permit was issued.

(c) For purposes of this section, "conviction" is defined as entering a plea of guilty, entering a plea of nolo contendere, being found guilty by a judge or jury, or forfeiting bail or bond on a charge.

Sec. 24-73. Expiration.

Every driver's permit as required by this division issued on or after October 18, 2011 shall thereafter expire three (3) years from the date of issuance; provided, however, that no permit issued under this provision shall expire within 90 days after being issued. Any permit which would expire within 90 days after issue shall expire three (3) years from the date of issuance following such 90-day period.

Sec. 24-74. Issuance of permit card and permit fee.

(a) On issuance of any driver's permit required by this division by the chief of police or his designated assistant, he shall issue a card which shall bear on its face a photograph of the permittee, the number of his permit, the expiration date thereof, and such other information as the chief of police may direct.

(b) A fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the issuance of each driver's permit.

(c) A new application for a driver's permit will be required for the operator of any vehicle for hire when the operator of the vehicle for hire changes from one vehicle for hire company to another. A new application fee and permit fee will be required.

Sec. 24-75. Display of permit card.

The vehicle for hire driver's permit card shall at all times be kept on display in the vehicle for hire operated by such driver, easily visible by the passenger, while such permittee is in control of such vehicle for hire.

Sec. 24-76. Physical examination of applicants; certification as to physical condition.

No person shall be issued a new or renewal of a vehicle for hire driver's permit under the provisions of this division until he has been examined and it has been certified by a physician licensed to practice in South Carolina that the applicant is not disabled by reason of defects of sight, hearing, body or limbs from safely operating a motor vehicle in and upon the streets of the city. The city reserves the right to have any applicant examined by a physician appointed by the city before issuing a new or renewal of a permit to such applicant to drive a vehicle for hire within the city.

Sec. 24-77. Contents of application; application fee.

(a) Each new and renewal permit required by the provisions of this division shall be applied for in writing, on such application form as the chief of police may prescribe, which shall show that the applicant has:

(i) obtained a driver's license from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles after satisfactorily completing a driver's examination which shall show the experience of the applicant in driving motor vehicles, and whether such applicant has been convicted of a violation of a motor vehicle, traffic or criminal law, giving particulars of each offense charged, and such other information as the chief of police may prescribe; and,

(ii) South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) criminal history report; and,

(iii) Negative five panel drug test certified by a laboratory which is certified by the National Laboratory Certification Program.

(b) Such application shall be accompanied by at least two recent photographs of the applicant, the size of which shall be determined by the chief of police, and the certification of at least two reputable citizens of the city personally acquainted with the applicant showing him to be a person of good moral character.

(c) An application fee of \$20.00 to cover the cost of investigation and other expenses related to filing and processing shall be paid by the person applying for a driver's permit before such permit shall be issued.

(d) Each new and first time renewal applicant shall participate in the Famously Hot Hospitality Class.

(e) Any application for a new permit or for the renewal of a permit shall be denied if the application is incomplete or contains a misrepresentation, false or misleading statement or a material fact. If it is discovered that any application for a new permit or for the renewal of a permit was incomplete or contained a misrepresentation, false or misleading statement or a material fact after a permit has been issued, then the permit shall be immediately revoked.

Sec. 24-78. Minimum age of applicant.

Every applicant for a permit under the provisions of this division shall be at least 18 years of age.

Sec. 24-79. Revocation.

Any driver's permit granted under the terms of this division may be revoked by the chief of police for violation of provisions of this article after notice to the permittee in writing citing him to appear before the chief of police and to show cause why his permit should not be revoked. That the driver's license has been revoked by the state, that he has willfully or persistently violated the provisions of the ordinances of the city, or that he is unfit physically or morally to operate a vehicle for hire in the city shall be deemed sufficient reason for revocation of the permit.

Sec. 24-80. Operating vehicle without valid permit.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle for hire after the revocation of the driver's permit, after the expiration of any driver's license or permit issued by the chief of police, or while such permit is not in full force and effect in accordance with the provisions of this division.

Sec. 24-81. Appeals.

(a) Any person dissatisfied with the decision of the chief of police or his designee denying a permit or revoking a permit under this division shall have the right of appeal as set out below. Notice of intention to appeal, fully setting forth the grounds of the appeal, must be given in writing and served on the city clerk within ten days after the mailing of written notice of the denial or revocation of a permit by United States mail, postage pre-paid, to the appellant at the address contained in the application or the appeal is waived.

(b) The appeal hearing shall be conducted by a three-person panel. The city manager shall appoint the members of the panel and shall designate one of the appointees to act as chairperson. The chairperson shall convene the panel for the hearing within fifteen working days of the filing of the appeal. At the hearing, the panel shall accept any relevant documents or statements from the appellant and from the police chief or his designee. The panel shall make a written recommendation within fifteen working days to the city manager to uphold or reverse the decision of the police chief based on its interpretation of the facts and applicable sections of this division. The recommendation of the panel shall be approved by a majority of the panel members. The chairperson of the panel

shall immediately notify the appellant in writing of the panel's recommendation. Proceedings before the panel shall be recorded by the city clerk. Either party may have the proceedings recorded by additional means at their own expense. The city manager may uphold or reverse the recommendation of the panel subject to the provisions of this section. The city manager will make his determination within ten working days of the panel's decision.

(c) Any party dissatisfied with the decision of the city manager shall have the right of appeal to the circuit court. A petition, fully setting forth the grounds of appeal, must be given in writing and served on the city clerk and filed with the clerk of court for the circuit court within ten days after the decision of the city manager is announced. There shall be no trial de novo on any appeal. The circuit court will review the record of the proceedings before the city manager or his designee for errors of law only.

Secs. 24-82—24-100. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Sec. 24-101. Required.

No vehicle for hire shall be licensed to do business in or use the streets of the city unless there shall first have been obtained from the city council a certificate of public convenience and necessity therefor. For purposes of this section, doing business on the streets of the city is defined as entering the city for the purpose of picking up a fare or delivering a fare to the designated destination a minimum of six times during the course of a calendar year.

Sec. 24-102. Issuance; revocation.

(a) The city council may, when in its judgment the public interest and safety require it, issue or refuse to issue to any applicant a certificate of public convenience and necessity, or, upon notice and after hearing, may for like cause revoke any such certificate theretofore issued. In case such certificate is revoked, the business license administrator may remit to the holder of such revoked certificate the unearned portion of any license tax paid to the city by such certificate holder.

(b) In determining whether public convenience and necessity require the licensing of such vehicles for hire for which application may be made, the city council may take into consideration whether the demands of the public require such proposed or additional vehicle for hire service within the city, there is a need for new or additional service which is not adequately being provided by existing vehicles for hire, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the number, kind and type of equipment, the increased traffic congestion and demand for increased parking space upon the streets of the city which may result and whether the safe use of the streets by the public, both vehicular and pedestrian, will be preserved by the granting of such additional licenses, and such other relevant facts as the city council may deem advisable or necessary. The burden of showing public convenience and necessity shall rest upon the applicant by providing clear and convincing evidence.

Secs. 24-103—24-120. Reserved.

DIVISION 4. LICENSE

Sec. 24-121. Applicants to agree to terms of article.

Any person applying for a license to operate a vehicle for hire shall be required to agree to all terms of this division as well as the terms and conditions contained in division 1 of this article and any amendments thereto which may be enacted by the city council in the public welfare.

Sec. 24-122. Issuance.

A vehicle for hire license shall be issued to the holder of a certificate of public convenience and necessity for each vehicle to be operated under the supervision of the holder up to the maximum number specified in the certificate. A copy of the certificate of title or other evidence of title (which shall include the title of a lessor of the vehicle) shall be filed with the city clerk, together with a copy of any lease documents affecting the operation of the vehicle.

Sec. 24-123. Supervision of operation of vehicles; leasing vehicles.

Every vehicle for hire shall be operated by or under the supervision of the person to whom the license is issued; provided, however, that the holder of a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the purpose of operation of a taxicab and who owns and operates a central radio system and has a telephone number listed under a trade name identical to or similar to the name in which the taxi license is issued may enter into a lease arrangement for a minimum term of 90 days for the operation of a vehicle either as lessor or lessee upon such terms as may be agreed to by the parties, provided that the holder of the license shall be responsible for compliance with the provisions of this division.

Sec. 24-124. Transfer.

No license shall be transferred to a new owner or lessee of a vehicle for hire. A certificate of convenience and necessity may be transferred upon approval of the city council to a corporation in which the original holder owns a majority of the outstanding stock. No license shall be issued unless there is a vehicle owned or leased by the certificate holder which has met the requirements of this article to which the license can be affixed. A license shall be surrendered and cancelled when the holder no longer has a qualified vehicle for it. No certificate of convenience and necessity or taxi license shall be leased by the holder to another party or entity, or in any manner transferred with or without value.

Secs. 24-125—24-140. Reserved.

DIVISION 5. RATES FOR TAXI SERVICE; TAXIMETERS

Sec. 24-141. Rates established.

(a) Effective November 7, 2011, the maximum rates to be charged for taxi service are established as follows:

- (1) First 1/10 mile \$2.25
- (2) Each additional 1/10 mile .25
- (3) Each additional passenger over two 0.50
- (4) Trunk space 2.00
- (5) Waiting time, per hour 18.00
- (6) Traffic delay charge: The clock on the meter will take over after the cab's speed goes below five miles per hour, during which time the meter will register at the rate of \$18.00 per hour.

(7) In response to oil price increases and commensurate increases in fuel costs, the following sliding scale fuel surcharges may be collected:

Average Cost of Fuel Per Gallon	Amount of Fuel Surcharge
\$4.00 - \$4.50	\$1.00
\$4.51 - \$5.00	\$1.50
\$5.00 - \$5.50	\$2.00
\$5.51 - \$6.00	\$2.50
\$6.00 - \$6.50	\$3.00
\$6.51 - \$7.00	\$3.50

The fuel surcharge shall be based upon the American Automobile Association's average regular gasoline per gallon fuel rate for Columbia, South Carolina as of January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st of each calendar year. Each taxi shall post a placard in plain sight of the passengers informing them of the applicable American Automobile Association's average regular gasoline per gallon fuel rate for Columbia, South Carolina and the amount of the surcharge that will be charged.

(b) Senior citizens (60 years of age and over) are to be given a ten percent discount off the rates outlined in (a)(1) and (2) above. Other charges apply as are outlined in (a)(3) through (8) above.

Sec. 24-142. Display of rate schedule; calibration of taximeters.

Each taxicab shall keep a schedule of the rates established in this division, such schedule to be posted in the taxicab so as to be clearly visible to all passengers. Each taximeter shall be calibrated to conform to the rates established in this division.

Sec. 24-143. Overcharging.

No person owning, controlling or operating any taxicab shall let the taxicab for hire and receive a fee or charge in excess of the rates established by the city council.

Sec. 24-144. Failure to pay for taxi service.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage or use a taxicab in the city not intending to pay for the service at the time such vehicle is engaged and with the intent to defraud the owner or driver of such vehicle of the value of the use thereof.

Sec. 24-145. Taximeter required.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or driver operating any taxicab under the provisions of this article to operate or cause to be operated on the streets or public ways of the city any such taxicab unless the taxicab is equipped with a taximeter approved by the chief of police.

Sec. 24-146. Taximeters to be kept accurate.

It shall be the duty of every owner using any taximeter at all times to keep the taximeter accurate.

Sec. 24-147. Inspection of taximeters.

Taximeters shall be subject to inspection from time to time by the chief of police or by his designated assistant.

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Sec. 24-148. Visibility of dial on taximeter.

All taximeters shall be placed so that the reading dial showing the amount to be charged shall be well lighted and readily visible to passengers riding in such taxicabs.

Secs. 24-149—24-170. Reserved.

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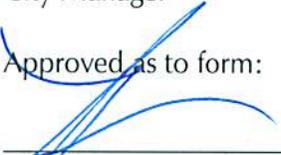
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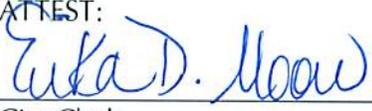

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