

## CHAPTER 6.44

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**6.44.010: License Required:** No automobile or motor vehicle shall be used in the City in carrying passengers for hire or offered therein to the public for hire in the carrying of passengers except upon payment of a license fee at the rate of \$40.00 per year for each such vehicle. (Ord. 5008 Sec. 16, 2003; Ord. 2542 Sec. 4 (part), 1980; Ord. 2419 Sec. 6, 1979)

**6.44.030: Class:** For-Hire Vehicle Licenses are Class III Licenses. (Ord. 2542 Sec. 4 (part), 1980)

**6.44.040: Insurance - Certificate on File:** The owner or operator of every For-Hire Vehicle is to procure liability and property damage insurance covering passengers as well as other persons, from a company licensed to write bodily injury liability and property damage liability insurance in the state, on each motor-propelled vehicle used or to be used in transporting persons for compensation in an amount not less than \$100,000.00 for any recovery for personal injury by one person, and not less than \$300,000.00 for all persons receiving personal injury, by reason of one act of negligence, and, not less than \$50,000.00 for damage to property of any person other than the insured, and maintain such liability and property damage insurance in force on each motor-propelled vehicle while so used under such license. A \$250,000.00 combined single limit policy may be substituted.

A certificate for each policy for liability or property damage insurance required herein, shall be filed with the License Officer, and kept in full force and effect, and failure so to do shall be cause for the revocation of the license. (Ord. 2542 Sec. 4 (part), 1980; Ord. 1296 Sec. 4, 1965)

**6.44.050: Rates:** The licensee shall prominently post rates in each vehicle and charge accordingly. (Ord. 2542 Sec. 4 (part), 1980)

**6.44.070: Records - Operator's License - Card Issuance:**

(1) Every person owning or engaged in the business of operating a for-hire vehicle shall keep a record of all trips made. The record shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by the License Officer.

(2) Every person who operates a for-hire vehicle shall obtain an operator's license from the License Officer. The License Officer may require applicant to supply such

information as is reasonably necessary to determine his suitability to operate a for-hire vehicle which may include, but is not limited to, the securing of such state licenses and permits as may be required. The License Officer may reject an application for a for-hire operator's license, revoke or suspend the same if he finds that an applicant or licensee has committed three or more moving traffic violations within a preceding one-year period, has committed a crime directly relating to his fitness to operate a for-hire vehicle or has committed a crime upon a passenger in a for-hire vehicle. The License Officer shall obtain and retain fingerprints and photographs of each licensee. The License Officer may waive the photograph and fingerprint requirement if he finds that the applicant has complied with comparable regulatory provisions of another governmental agency. The License Officer shall collect a \$75.00 fee per annum for each operator's license.

(3) The License Officer shall cause to be issued a card bearing the name and description of such driver, and it shall be carried on the person of the driver at all times when operating such for-hire vehicle. It is unlawful and a violation of this act to operate or attempt to operate any for-hire vehicle in the City without the operator first providing himself with a city operator's license then in good standing. (Ord. 5008 Sec. 17, 2003: Ord. 3065 Sec. 1 (part), 1987: Ord. 2542 Sec. 4 (part), 1980: Ord. 2419 Sec. 6, 1979: Ord. 1296 Sec. 7, 1965)

**6.44.080: Inspection of Vehicles:** All vehicles operating under authority of this Chapter may be inspected from time to time by the License Officer for the purpose of determining whether the same are clean, properly equipped, of good appearance, and in safe condition for the transportation of passengers. The License Officer may waive such inspection if the vehicle has already been inspected pursuant to comparable regulations of another governmental agency. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate, or engage in the business of operating, any taxicab, for-hire vehicle, unless and until the same has been inspected and approved by the License Officer. (Ord. 3065 Sec. 1 (part), 1987: Ord. 2542 Sec. 4 (part), 1980: Ord. 1296 Sec. 8, 1965)

**6.44.090: Receipt:** Whenever demanded by the passenger, the driver in charge of a taxicab shall deliver to the person paying for the hiring of said taxicab, at the time of such payment, a receipt therefor in legible printing or writing, containing the name of the owner and his address, the name of the driver, and any and all items for which a charge is made, the total amount paid, and the date of payment. (Ord. 2542 Sec. 4 (part), 1980: Ord. 1296 Sec. 9, 1965)

**6.44.120: Baggage Conveyance - Charges:** Every person being served by a taxicab, as herein provided, shall be entitled to have conveyed his personal baggage which can be conveniently carried within the vehicle. Said baggage shall be loaded, conveyed and unloaded without charge. (Ord. 2542 Sec. 4 (part), 1980)

**6.44.130: Revocation, Suspension and Penalties:** The License Officer, or on review the Appeals Commission, may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue a license if the licensee or applicant has violated any of the provisions of this Title. They may also assess a penalty of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00. They may also order that compensatory damages or restitution be paid to anyone injured as the result of a violation. The failure of the licensee to pay an assessment, damages or restitution automatically suspends the license until such time as they are paid. Suspensions, revocations, penalties, damages and restitution are suspended during the course of hearing, appeal and review unless the License Officer or Commission finds that the licensee or applicant's claim is meritless. (Ord. 3589 Sec. 2 (part), 1996: Ord. 3429 Sec. 11, 1992: Ord. 3160 Sec. 11, 1988: Ord. 2542 Sec. 4 (part), 1980)