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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.

(A) **DRIVER.** The person driving and having physical control over a taxicab whether the driver is the licensee or in the employ of the licensee.

(B) **LICENSEE.** A person owning or otherwise having control of one or more taxicabs.

(C) **TAXICAB.** Any passenger conveyance being driven, on call or traversing a scheduled or unscheduled route, for public use or hire upon payment of a fare or at regular fare rates, but not including ambulances and such conveyances as are designed for mass transportation as buses, trains, or streetcars.

§ 113.02 LICENSE REQUIRED.

It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate a taxicab without a license therefor from the City.

§ 113.03 APPLICATION.

Licenses shall be issued by the City Administrator upon approval by the Council after the applicant has filed an application and has shown that operation of the service will comply with all applicable laws and ordinances.

§ 113.04 LICENSE FEES.

The annual license fee for the licensee's first conveyance and the annual license fee for each additional conveyance operated under the license shall be established by the Council by resolution which may be changed from time to time. However, if a licensed vehicle is disabled through mechanical failure or for needed repairs, the license may be temporarily transferred to another conveyance for a seven day period upon approval by the City.

§ 113.05 LICENSE ISSUANCE AND DISPLAY AND VEHICLE MARKING.

All licenses shall be issued for specific conveyances, except as otherwise herein provided. License tags, including number and year for which issued, shall be plainly visible from the front of the conveyance. Both sides of every licensed taxicab, when in use, shall be plainly and permanently marked as such with a painted sign or appurtenances showing the full or abbreviated name of the licensee. Additionally, each driver shall have in force a valid driver's license issued by the State of Minnesota.

§ 113.06 INSURANCE REQUIRED.

Before a taxicab license is issued by the Council, and at all times effective during the licensed period, the licensee shall have and maintain for each vehicle public liability and bodily injury insurance in the amount of \$100,000 for any one person and \$300,000 for two or more persons injured in any one accident, as well as \$50,000 property damage insurance. The insurance shall cover all passengers carried by the insured licensee and shall be for public taxicab purposes. All such policies shall contain a clause providing for ten days written notice to the City Administrator before cancellation and a memorandum of the insurance shall be furnished to the City before a license is issued.

§ 113.07 RATES.

Each applicant shall file with the City Administrator, before a taxicab license is issued or renewed, a schedule of proposed maximum rates to be charged by licensee during the licensed period for which the application is made. The schedule of proposed maximum rates, or a compromise schedule thereof, shall be approved by the Council before granting the license. The schedule shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the taxicab in full view of passengers riding therein. Nothing herein shall prevent a taxicab licensee from petitioning the Council for review of the rates during the licensed period, and

the Council may likewise consider the petition and make new rates effective at any time. No taxicab licensee shall charge rates in excess of maximum rates approved by the Council.

§ 113.08 MECHANICAL CONDITION.

Before issuing a taxicab license, the applicant shall present to the Council a certificate signed by a competent and experienced mechanic showing that the taxicab conveyance is in good mechanical condition, that it is thoroughly safe for transportation of passengers and that it is in neat and clean condition. Such similar certificate may be required from time to time during the license period. In lieu of the certificate, the Council may accept the report of the Chief of Police relative thereof. Before putting on any different or additional vehicles during the license year, the licensee shall submit a complete description of the vehicle to the City Administrator, pay the additional fee and have the vehicle inspected in accordance with this Section. The operation of any vehicle which fails to meet the standards of safety established by law shall be discontinued until such time as the deficiency is eliminated.

§ 113.09 NONTRANSFERABILITY.

A license or any rights or privileges thereunder may not be sold, transferred, leased, or assigned.

§ 113.10 REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.

(A) The City Administrator is given authority to suspend the license issued under this Section for cause for a period of not more than 30 days.

(B) The City Administrator is given authority to revoke any license issued under this Section for cause after hearing upon five days notice to the licensee. The licensee may, within 30 days after mailing of the notice, appeal the revocation through the City Council, which shall give the licensee an opportunity to be heard at its next regular meeting following the appeal. The Council may, at such meeting, affirm, modify, or revoke the decision of the City Administrator.

(C) Sufficient cause for suspension or revocation shall include, but not be limited to: violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter by the licensee, licensee's employees or any other person operating under the licensee's license; violation of any other ordinance of the City or any state or federal law, violation of which reflects unfavorably upon the licensee's fitness to offer public transportation by the licensee, the licensee's employees or any other person operating under the licensee's license.

(D) Any licensee's license may be revoked or suspended for the actions of any driver driving a taxicab which is operated pursuant to the licensee's license.

§ 113.11 RADIO REQUIREMENTS.

All taxicabs shall be controlled from a base station by means of a two-way radio equipment.

§ 113.12 REFUSAL TO PAY.

It is unlawful for any person hiring a taxicab to refuse to pay the fare for such service and no person shall hire a taxicab with intent to defraud the licensee or the driver of the value of such service.