

## SECTION 925 TAXICABS

### 925.01 DEFINITIONS.

Unless otherwise expressly stated, whenever used in this Section, the following words shall have the meaning given to them by this Subsection.

- Subd. 1. "Taxicab" shall mean and include any motor vehicle engaged in the carrying of persons for hire, whether over a fixed route or not, and whether the same be operated from a street stand or subject to calls from a garage, or otherwise operated for hire; but the term shall not include vehicles subject to control and regulation by the Public Service Commission or vehicles regularly used by undertakers in carrying on their business.
- Subd. 2. "Street" shall mean and include any street, alley, avenue, court, bridge, lane or public place in the City of Wabasha.
- Subd. 3. "Taxicab driver" shall mean and include any person who drives a taxicab, whether such person be the owner of such taxicab or be employed by a taxicab owner or operator.
- Subd. 4. "Operator" shall mean and include any person owning or having control of the use of one or more taxicabs used for hire upon the streets or engaged in the business of operating a taxicab within the City.
- Subd. 5. "Person" shall mean and include one or more persons of either sex, natural persons, corporations, partnerships and associations.

### 925.03 LICENSE REQUIRED.

No operator shall operate a taxicab within the City limits without first having obtained a taxicab license therefor under the provisions of this Section. Each applicant for a taxicab license shall apply to the City Clerk for such license upon a form to be provided by the City, and must comply with the following provisions to the satisfaction of the City Council:

- Subd. 1. Be a citizen of the United States.
- Subd. 2. Be of age of 18 years or over if a natural person and in the case of any co-partnership, firm or corporation, must be authorized to operate taxicabs and carry on business in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Subd. 3. Must fill out upon the blank form provided by the City a statement covering each vehicle to be so licensed, giving the full name and address of the owner; the class and passenger-carrying capacity of each vehicle for which a license is desired; the length of time the vehicle has been in use; the make of car; the engine number; the serial number; and the state license number; whether the same is mortgaged the name of the mortgagee and the amount of said mortgage.

925.05 CERTIFIED SIGNATURE.

If said application is made by an individual owner, it shall be signed and sworn to by such owner; if it is by a partnership, then it shall be signed and sworn to by one of the partners; and if by a corporation, then by one of the duly elected officials of said corporation.

925.07 TAXICAB FEE.

The fee for such license is set out in Chapter VIII.

925.09 EXAMINATION OF TAXICABS.

The Council may cause the Chief of Police or some other employee on behalf of the City, thoroughly and carefully to examine each taxicab before a license is granted to operate the same.

Subd. 1. No taxicab shall be licensed which does not comply with the following:

- A. It must be in a thoroughly safe condition for the transportation of passengers.
- B. It must be clean and of good appearance and well painted and varnished.

Subd. 2. Such examinations and tests of licensed taxicabs may be ordered by the Council from time to time as it may deem advisable and the Council shall maintain a constant vigilance to see that all taxicabs are kept in fitness for public service.

925.11 GRANTING LICENSE.

If the City Council is satisfied that the public convenience and good order will be served thereby, it may grant a license to any such applicant. Each license granted shall be given a number and shall give the number and an adequate description of the taxicab licensed thereunder.

925.13 TAXICAB CARDS.

The operator of any taxicab shall cause to be printed in plain, legible letters displayed inside the taxicab a card giving the number of the license, the maximum rates of fare to be charged, and a statement that any package or article left in the taxicab must be returned by the taxicab driver to the City Clerk's office where it may be identified and claimed.

925.15 INSURANCE POLICIES.

Before a license shall be delivered to any operator he/she shall deposit with the City Clerk a policy or policies of an insurance company or companies duly licensed to transact such business in this state, insuring the operator of any taxicab to be licensed against loss from the liability imposed by law for damages on account of bodily injuries or death, or for damage to property resulting from the ownership, maintenance or use of any taxicab to be owned or operated under such license, and agreeing to pay to any judgement creditor to the extent of the amounts specified in such policy any final judgement rendered against the assured by reason of such liability. The policy or policies shall be approved by the City Attorney as to form any compliance with this Section. The limit in any such insurance policy of such liability of the insurer on account of the ownership, maintenance and use of taxicab shall not be less than \$300,000 for bodily injuries to or death of one person and \$100,000 on account of any one accident resulting in injuries to and/or death of more than one person, and a total of \$25,000 liability for damage to property of others, arising out of any one accident.