



Taxi Cab Business License Application

Dallas City Code 7.700-7.800

<i>Official Use Only</i>	
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Application Fee - For the operation of one taxicab, \$50; and For the operation of each additional taxicab, \$25.

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Residence Address

Business Name

Complete Business Address

Phone

Driver License # and State

Social Security Number

Date of Birth

List any previous taxi cab business experience:

Provide the following information for each vehicle to be used (attach additional sheets as needed).

Vehicle Year, Make, and Model

Seating capacity

Proposed fee schedule

Proposed hours of service

Please provide an Application for Taxi Cab Driver for each driver on the separate application form.

Has the applicant, principals, or officers been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or other offenses?

Yes

No

If yes, please list charge of which convicted and penalty:

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have read this application and that this application contains no misrepresentations or falsifications and that the information given is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I authorize the City of Dallas to make any necessary and appropriate investigations to verify the information I have provided in my application and to review my personal, financial, and professional background, including any criminal records and past employment records. I release the City of Dallas and any persons, companies, or corporations supplying the above information from all liability pertaining to information concerning my background.

Applicant's Signature

Date

<u>Step 1</u>	
<i>Please submit payment in the amount of \$50.00 for the operation of one taxicab and \$25.00 for the operation of each additional taxicab.</i>	Finance Department 187 SE Court Street Dallas, OR 97338 503-831-3508



<u>Step 2</u>	
<i>Please return completed form to:</i>	City Manager's Office 187 SE Court Street Dallas, OR 97338 503-831-3502 sam.kaufmann@dallasor.gov

TAXICABS

7.700 Purpose. It is the purpose of sections 7.700 to 7.800 to require that those persons, firms, or corporations operating taxicabs in the city do so in a safe, fair, and efficient manner. In the accomplishment of this purpose, the council considers it necessary to impose some regulations on the operation of taxicabs in the city to insure that the public safety and convenience is promoted.

[Section 7.700 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.705 Definitions. As used in sections 7.700 to 7.800, the following mean:

Driver. A person who operates a taxicab as an agent, employee, or otherwise, of the owner; as owner; or, under the direction of the owner.

Owner. The person licensed to conduct a taxicab business pursuant to sections 7.700 to 7.800.

Taxicab. A motor vehicle that is designed or constructed to accommodate and transport not less than three nor more than five passengers, exclusive of the driver, and which is used to transport persons for hire.

[Section 7.705 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.710 License. No person shall engage in the taxicab business within the city without having first obtained a license from the city manager.

[Section 7.710 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.715 Application, Information, Requirement. An application for a license to conduct a taxicab business within the city shall be filed with the city manager and shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee in an amount established by resolution of the city council. The application shall contain or be accompanied by the following information and documentation:

- (1) The name, business address, residence address, and telephone number of the applicant;
- (2) Previous experience, if any, of the applicant in conducting a taxicab business;
- (3) The make, type, year of manufacture, and seating capacity of each vehicle the applicant intends to use in the taxicab business, together with proof of the safe operating condition of each such vehicle from a source acceptable to the chief of police;
- (4) A statement as to whether the applicant, its principals (if a partnership or firm) or its officers (if a corporation) have been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or offense constituting a violation of municipal ordinance, code provision, or state law (other than minor traffic and parking offenses); the charge of which convicted; and the punishment or penalty assessed;
- (5) A proposed schedule of charges for taxicab service; and
- (6) Such other information the council may consider necessary for the proper protection of the public.

[Section 7.715 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.720 Action on Application. The city manager shall refer each application to the council for its approval or rejection. However, before submitting the application to the council, the manager shall direct the chief of police to investigate the applicant's background and the matters contained in the application form. The chief of police shall complete the investigation and make a report of his findings to the city manager within 60 days of the date he is requested to investigate.

[Section 7.720 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.725 Licensing Fees.

- (1) If the council approves the application for a taxicab business license, the city manager shall issue a license to the applicant for a term of one year from its date of issue, after first collecting from the applicant a license fee as follows:
 - (a) For the operation of one taxicab, \$50; and

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- (b) For the operation of each additional taxicab, \$25.
- (c) Future fees may be determined by council resolution.
- (2) The license shall be subject to renewal annually upon payment of the license fee. The license fee shall not be prorated for any fraction of a year, except that if a second taxicab is placed in operation by the licensee after the current license is issued and within 60 days of the expiration date, the license fee for the second taxicab shall entitle the licensee to operate the second taxicab for the balance of the current year and the next succeeding year.

[Section 7.725 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.730 Transfer, Suspension, or Revocation of License.

- (1) No taxicab license may be sold, assigned, or otherwise transferred without the consent of the council.
- (2) A taxicab license may be suspended or revoked by the council after a hearing at which the certificate holder is given an opportunity to appear if any one or more of the following conditions exist:
 - (a) A false statement is made on an application.
 - (b) The owner ceases to operate a taxicab for a period of 15 consecutive days without obtaining permission for the cessation of operation from the council.
 - (c) The owner fails to operate the taxicab business in accordance with the provisions of sections 7.700 to 7.800.
 - (d) The taxicabs are operated at a rate of fare other than that filed with the city manager.
 - (e) The owner fails to pay the fees or payments required to be paid by him by the provisions of sections 7.700 to 7.800.
 - (f) The licensee is convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or offense constituting a violation of a municipal ordinance, code provision, or state law, other than minor traffic and parking offenses, relating to the operation of a vehicle.
- (3) The license may be summarily revoked by the city manager when, in the city manager's opinion, the continued operation poses a risk of immediate threat or hazard to the public safety. The revocation may be appealed as provided in section 7.735.

[Section 7.730 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.735 Hearing on Rejection.

- (1) If the application for a taxicab business license is rejected or a license is suspended or revoked, notice shall be given promptly to the applicant and the applicant shall be furnished with a statement of the reasons for the rejection, revocation, or suspension.
- (2) The applicant may request a hearing before the council for the purpose of rebutting the council's reason for the rejection if a request for a hearing is made by the applicant within 15 days after the date of the notice of rejection.
- (3) If a hearing is held, the council may affirm its rejection of the application or may grant the application.

[Section 7.735 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.740 Display of License. The current license or a photocopy of it shall be displayed in the interior of each taxicab in a place which is readily visible to each passenger.

[Section 7.740 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.745 Insurance.

- (1) No taxicab license shall be issued until the applicant has filed with the city manager evidence that the applicant has obtained public liability insurance covering the operation of the applicant's taxicab or taxicabs with limits in an amount the city manager reasonably deems appropriate, and with the city named as an additional insured thereunder, and provided the city with a certificate of such insurance. Said insurance coverage shall be

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maintained for so long as the permit remains in effect. The insurance policy and certificate of insurance shall contain a provision that, for the period of time covered by the permit, it cannot lapse or be canceled or amended without at least ten days advance notice to the city.

- (2) The applicant shall also file with the city manager evidence that the insurance carrier shall give the city not less than 30 days' notice of any change in the insurance coverage or of any cancellation of coverage.

[Section 7.745 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.750 Approval of Drivers.

- (1) No person shall drive a taxicab in the city until the person has received a permit from the chief of police.
- (2) The application for a permit shall contain the following information:
 - (a) The name, address, age, social security number, and Oregon motor vehicle operator's license number of the applicant.
 - (b) The number of motor vehicle accidents in which the applicant has been involved as a driver that resulted in injury to one or more persons, or property damage in excess of \$500.
 - (c) A statement as to whether the applicant has ever been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or offense constituting a violation of a municipal ordinance, code provision, or state law; the charge of which he was convicted; and the penalty or punishment assessed.
 - (d) The fingerprints of the applicant.
- (3) The application shall be accompanied by an application fee of \$10.
- (4) No permit shall be issued to a person below the age of 18 years.
- (5) The chief of police shall review the application and issue or deny a driving permit within ten days after the filing of the application. If a permit is denied, the applicant may appeal to the council by giving notice to the chief of police within ten days after the date of denial.
- (6) The driver's permit or a photocopy of it, with a picture of the driver, shall be displayed prominently in the interior of the taxicab.

[Section 7.750 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.755 Conduct of Drivers. No driver shall operate any taxicab in a careless or reckless manner, smoke tobacco without the consent of the passenger, consume alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while on duty, or engage in conduct endangering the health or safety of persons or property.

[Section 7.755 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.760 Taxicab Equipment. In addition to the equipment required to be carried by all motor vehicles under state law, each taxicab operated under a license pursuant to sections 7.700 to 7.800 shall have:

- (1) A taximeter that operates accurately at all times while the taxicab is engaged in the transportation of a fare-paying passenger and while waiting for a passenger. The face of the meter shall be at all times visible to the passenger and readable by him or her. However, if the fares charged by the licensee are based on concentric circles imposed upon a map of the city or some other similar method, no taximeter shall be required.
- (2) A top light identifying it as a taxicab.
- (3) A fire extinguisher approved by the chief of the fire department.
- (4) The company name and telephone number where service can be requested displayed on the exterior of the vehicle.
- (5) A "state of art" taxi radio on a clear coordinated taxicab frequency for customer comfort and rapid dispatching of calls for service.

[Section 7.760 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

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7.765 Taxicab Maintenance. The licensee shall keep each taxicab in proper repair; in a clean and sanitary condition, equipped as required in section 7.760, and in a safe operating condition. [Section 7.765 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.770 Rates.

- (1) The rates charged passengers shall be based on the factors of mileage from the point of origin to the point of destination by the most direct route, the time involved, and the number of passengers.
- (2) The rates charged passengers shall be approved by the council. Upon the council's approval, the rates shall be filed with the manager, and no person shall charge a sum other than allowed by the rate schedule.
- (3) The approved rate schedule shall be posted in each taxicab in a place where it may be readily viewed by the passengers.

[Section 7.770 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.775 Receipt for Fare. Upon demand by a passenger, the taxicab driver shall issue the passenger a receipt for the fare, in legible printing or writing, containing the name of the passenger, the name of the driver, the date, and the amount of the fare paid.

[Section 7.775 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.780 Hours of Service. Licensees shall maintain and have available taxicab service for citizens in the city during each hour of every day of the year unless an exception or exceptions have been approved by the council.

[Section 7.780 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.785 Liquor Traffic. Neither the licensee, the driver, nor any agent or employee of either shall allow a taxicab to be used for the purpose of supplying intoxicating liquor to a person.

[Section 7.785 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.790 Variances.

- (1) If the following conditions are met, the council may authorize variances from the requirements of sections 7.700 to 7.800:
 - (a) Because of special and unusual circumstances, strict application would cause an undue or necessary hardship; and
 - (b) The variance will not be materially detrimental to the purpose of sections 7.700 to 7.800; and
 - (c) The variance requested is the minimum variance necessary to alleviate the hardship.
- (2) The council may attach conditions to the approval of the variance which it finds necessary to protect the public safety and convenience of the citizens.
- (3) A request for a variance may be initiated by filing an application with the city manager on forms prescribed for that purpose. Before a variance is granted it shall be considered at a public hearing before the council. The public hearing shall be held within 40 days after the application is filed.
- (4) Notice of the time and place of the public hearing and a summary of the proposed variance shall be given by the city manager by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city not less than four days nor more than ten days prior to the date of the hearing.

[Section 7.790 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

7.795 Liability. The city shall not be liable for any injuries occurring in, or by reason of the operation of, a taxicab.

[Section 7.795 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]

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7.800 Penalty. Violation of sections 7.700 to 7.800 is a civil infraction.
[Section 7.800 amended by Ordinance No. 1725, passed June 21, 2010.]