

Chapter 21
VEHICLES FOR HIRE*

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***Cross reference--**Traffic, Ch. 19.

Section 21-0A ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Section 21-1 Definitions.

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

Bus means any type of vehicle operated for hire and for the transportation of passengers in the city and territory adjacent thereto and which operates on a fixed route and with a fixed schedule.

Driver means the person who is actually involved in the driving of vehicles concerned in this chapter. A driver may or may not be a taxicab owner.

Taxicab means any motor vehicle operated for hire on the streets of the city and territory adjacent thereto, but which is not operated on a fixed route with fixed schedules.

Taxicab owner means the person to whom the license to operate a taxicab was or is issued. A taxicab owner may also be a driver.

Working days means Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Code 1958, § 23-1; Ord. of 2-24-97, § I)

Section 21-2 Purpose.

This chapter has been enacted for the purpose of promoting the safety and welfare of the city, to establish reasonable and obtainable standards for the regulation and control of vehicles operating for hire, to protect passengers of such vehicles as well as the general public, and to prevent any undesirable person from engaging in or having interest in the operation of vehicles for hire on the streets of the city or any territory adjacent thereto.

(Code 1958, § 23-2)

Section 21-3 Permit.

(a) No permit for the operation of a motor vehicle for the transportation of persons for hire within the city shall be issued to any person under the age of eighteen (18) years, and no permit shall be issued to any person who has, within one (1) year prior to the date of the application for

such a permit, been convicted or plead nolo contendere on any of the following offenses:

- (1) Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages;
- (2) Transporting alcoholic beverages for the purpose of sale contrary to the laws of the state and the laws of the city;
- (3) Transporting persons for immoral purposes;
- (4) Any crime involving moral turpitude which in the opinion of the mayor and councilmembers renders such person unfit to operate a motor vehicle for the transportation of persons for hire;
- (5) More than two (2) moving violations of the traffic regulations of the city or the state;
- (6) More than two (2) taxicab rate overcharges.

(b) No permit for the operation or driving of a motor vehicle for the transportation of persons for hire within the city shall be issued to any person who is suffering from a physical handicap disabling such person to the extent of ten (10) percent or more, it being determined and declared by the city council that the operation of a taxicab within the city by a person suffering a physical handicap disabling him to the extent of ten (10) percent or more creates a hazard to the safety of the citizens of the city and of persons using its public streets.

(Code 1958, § 23-18; Ord. of 2-24-97, § II)

Section 21-4 Liability insurance.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive, use, or operate on the streets of the city any taxicab, bus, automobile, or any other motor vehicle for the carrying of persons for hire unless the automobile, taxi, bus or other motor vehicle is either:

(a) Insured against liability for any injury to persons or property that may be caused by the operation or running of such vehicles, in the sums of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for injury to any one (1) person and three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) combined single limit for the death or injury to more than one (1) person resulting from any one (1) accident, and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for damage to personal property including baggage; the insurance shall be carried by some reputable insurance company authorized by the laws of Georgia to do business in this state, and a copy of the policy shall be filed with the chief of police, together with a receipted premium from the insurer, or its duly authorized agent, showing payment of the premium on the policy. The insurance policy must provide and stipulate therein that the insurer will give notice to the city of at least thirty (30) days before its termination or cancellation, for any reason, of the policy on the person insured; or

(b) Furnishes evidence of a current certificate of self-insurance as issued by the State of Georgia Department of Revenue in accordance with O.C.G.A. 40-9-101, subsection (a)2 to be filed with the chief of police.

(Ord. of 2-24-97, § III)

Section 21-5 Same--Purpose.

The insurance required by section 21-4 shall be conditioned to indemnify passengers and the general public receiving personal injuries or sustaining property damage from any act of negligence or misconduct of the obligor or any of his servants, agents, or employees in the operation of any motor vehicle used in his business of transportation of passengers for hire.

(Ord. of 2-24-97, § IV)

Section 21-6 21-6--21-9. Reserved.

Editor's note--Section V of an ordinance adopted February 24, 1997, deleted former §§ 21-

6--21-9, relating to liability insurance, which derived from Code 1958, §§ 23-29--23-32.

Section 21-10 21-10--21-35. Reserved.