

**Chapter 21**  
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Section 21-35A ARTICLE II. TAXICABS

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Section 21-36 Maintenance and inspection of vehicles.

Each person operating or engaging in the taxicab business shall maintain each such vehicle thus operated in a good, safe and serviceable mechanical condition. Such condition shall be evidenced by a certificate executed by a mechanic as specified on a list available from the chief of police. Said certificate on a standard form issued by the city shall state that the subject vehicle is in a good, safe, serviceable mechanical condition after careful examination and inspection thereof has been made. The certificate shall be delivered to the police department no later than June 30th and December 31st of each calendar year.

(Ord. of 2-24-97, § VI)

Section 21-37 Fares--Pricing schedule; posting of same.

(a) *Filing of pricing schedule with city clerk.* Each and every person operating a taxicab business in the city shall file with the city clerk a current schedule of rates or charges for the transportation services furnished. Any changes to the schedule of rates or charges shall be filed with the city clerk five (5) working days before said changes are to be implemented.

(b) *Posting of pricing schedule.* Each and every person operating or engaging in a taxicab

business shall at all times carry and maintain within the vehicle a schedule of rates or charges for the transportation services furnished. Said schedule shall be plainly marked and conspicuously posted so as to be visible to the occupants of both the front and rear seats of the vehicle.  
(Ord. of 2-24-97, § VII)

Section 21-38 Same--Failure to post.

The failure to post the pricing schedule as provided in subsection (a) of section 21-37 of this article shall be punished in the municipal court as otherwise provided in section 1-6 of this Code for the punishment of violation of ordinances of the city.  
(Ord. of 2-24-97, § VIII)

Section 21-39 21-39--21-55. Reserved.

Section 21-55D DIVISION 2. DRIVERS

Section 21-56 Violations; suspension or revocation of permits.

In addition to the penalties provided for in this Code, the violation of any provision of this chapter may be deemed by the city council, after a hearing, sufficient grounds for suspension for the stated period of the taxicab driver's permit or revocation of the permit for any period not less than one (1) year from the date of the hearing. The city council may reinstate the driver's permit immediately if the permit has been suspended temporarily by the city manager. However, in addition to any other reasons or grounds, the driver's permit shall be automatically and permanently revoked unless reinstated by the city council after a minimum third conviction of violation of the city traffic ordinance or state traffic regulations during a twelve-month period.  
(Code 1958, § 23-16)

Section 21-57 Permit to operate.

No person shall operate or drive a taxicab for the transportation of persons for hire within the city without having first obtained a written permit therefor from the city police. Application for a driver's permit as required by this article shall be accompanied by a fee which shall be reasonable as related to the recovery of expenses incurred by the city, the exact amount to be set by the city manager. The application shall be renewed on or before December 31st in each year and for each renewal the fee provided for herein shall be paid.  
(Ord. of 2-24-97, § IX)

Section 21-58 Possession of alcoholic beverages.

It shall be unlawful for any person operating a taxicab to have in his custody and control any quantity of alcoholic beverages whatsoever while that person is in the act of operating the cab. However, this does not prohibit taxicab drivers from transporting passengers to purchase or possess alcoholic beverages for their own use and not for resale. (Code 1958, § 23-19)

Section 21-59 21-59--21-80. Reserved.

## Section 21-80D DIVISION 3. OWNER REQUIREMENTS

### Section 21-81 Violations; suspension or revocation of license.

In addition to the penalties provided for in this Code, the violation of any provision of this chapter may be deemed by the city council, after a hearing, sufficient grounds for the suspension of the taxicab owner's license or revocation of the license for a period not less than one (1) year from the date of the hearing. The city council may reinstate the owner's license if the license has been temporarily suspended by the city manager. However, the taxicab owner's license may be suspended or revoked after such hearing upon any second conviction of taxicab rate overcharging involving any one (1) or more of his licensed taxicabs or different drivers.  
(Code 1958, § 23-26)

### Section 21-82 Make and vehicle identification number of vehicle.

Each person applying for a permit and license to operate a taxi shall at the time of making application for such permit give the make and vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle and, if applying for a license for more than one (1) motor vehicle, give the make and vehicle identification number of each motor vehicle to be operated by him.  
(Ord. of 2-24-97, § X)

### Section 21-83 Information painted on vehicle.

(a) Before a vehicle is operated as a taxicab, the owner of the vehicle shall cause to be painted upon the body of the taxicab the word "taxi," in two (2) inch letters. Such lettering shall be painted on each side of the taxi on the body space between the front door and the hood or if no space is available at this location on the back edge of the hood or on the upper front corner of the front door and on the rear, just below the rear glass of the taxi. No other numbers, words, printing, or other matter shall be printed or exhibited within twelve (12) inches of the lettering of the taxi. Such lettering shall be of such coloring and against such background as to be plainly visible.

(b) Operators of franchise taxicab companies may submit alternate lettering plans for their vehicles as specified by the terms of their franchise agreements to the Police Department for approval, with the provision that all such plans clearly and plainly identify the vehicle in question as a taxicab.

(Ord. of 2-24-97, § XI; Ord of 5-13-02)  
(2002 (21-83), Amended, 05/13/2002)

### Section 21-84 21-84--21-85. Reserved.

**Editor's note--**Section XII of an ordinance adopted February 24, 1997, deleted former §§ 21-84--21085, relating to information painted on vehicles, which derived from Code 1958, §§ 23-35 and 23-36.

### Section 21-86 21-86--21-110. Reserved.