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# Minneapolis Taxicab Ordinance



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## CHAPTER 341. TAXICABS\*

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**\*Editor's note:** Section 1 of 83-Or-081, adopted April 8, 1983, repealed former Ch. 341, concerning taxicabs. Section 2 then enacted a new Ch. 341, as herein set out. For a listing of sections repealed, refer to the Code Comparative Table entry for 83-Or-081.

**Cross references:** Traffic code, Title 18, Ch. 466 et seq.; specific provisions of traffic code relative to taxicabs, Ch. 482.

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### ARTICLE I. GENERALLY\*

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**\*Editor's note:** Section 2 of 88-Or-004, adopted Jan. 15, 1988, repealed §§ 341.20--341.250 of Ch. 341, Art. I. Said repealed sections pertained to taxicabs generally and were derived from 83-Or-081, § 2, adopted April 8, 1983. Sections 3 and 4 of said 88-Or-004 added new §§ 341.20 and 341.30 to Art. I. Former §§ 341.40--341.90 have been reserved by the editor for future use. The user is directed to Art. IA of this Ch. 341 for provisions similar, in part, to those repealed.

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**341.10. Definitions.** Whenever used in this chapter the following words shall mean:

*Central business district:* The geographic area bounded by and including the Mississippi River southeasterly to Interstate 35; Interstate 35 southerly to Interstate 94; Interstate 94 westerly and northerly to Glenwood Avenue; Glenwood Avenue easterly to North Ninth Street; North Ninth Street northerly to Second Avenue North, and Second Avenue North to the Mississippi River.

*Committee:* The committee of the city council to which responsibility for licensing and consumer services may be assigned.

*Department:* The department of the city responsible for licensing and consumer services.

*Director:* The director of the department of licenses and consumer services and his or her designee.

*Limousine:* A luxury passenger automobile with a seating capacity for not more than twelve (12) people, excluding the driver, which does not have a meter, and has a chassis and wheelbase that has been stretched, or is a sedan that the manufacturer promotes as a luxury automobile. A limousine does not include a bus, a pickup truck, station wagon, taxicab, truck, van, multipurpose vehicle, or sport utility vehicle.

*Limousine service:* A service that is for-hire, is provided in a limousine, is not provided on a regular route, provides only prearranged pickup and charges more than a taxicab for a comparable trip.

*Motor carrier of passengers:* A person engaged in the for-hire transportation of passengers in vehicles designed to transport eight (8) or more persons, including the driver.

*Service company:* The company which, for each group of taxicab owners operating under a common color scheme, provides common services and facilities such as radio dispatching, color rights, advertising, telephone listings, maintenance, insurance, credit accounts, driver assignments, and record keeping.

*Seven-county metropolitan area:* The counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington, within the State of Minnesota.

*Taxi driver's license:* A license granted in accordance with Article III of this chapter.

*Taxicab:* Any motor vehicle, except a limousine or motor carrier of passengers, regularly engaged in the business of carrying passengers for hire, having a seating capacity of seven (7) or fewer persons including the driver and not operated on a fixed route or schedule.

*Taxicab license:* A license granted in accordance with Article IV of this chapter.

*Taximeter:* An instrument or device attached to a vehicle and designed to measure mechanically the distance traveled by such vehicle, to record the time said vehicle travels or is in waiting and to indicate upon such record the fare to be charged.

*Wheelchair accessible taxicab:* A motor vehicle for hire of a distinctive color or colors operated at rates per mile or upon a waiting-time basis, or both, which is a minivan or similar vehicle specially adapted for wheelchair users, which is also equipped with a taximeter, and which prioritizes requests for service from wheelchair users for purposes of transportation over and along the public streets, not over a defined route but, as to the route and destination, in accordance with and under the direction of the passenger or person hiring such vehicle. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 83-Or-144, § 1, 6-10-83; 88-Or-004, § 1, 1-15-88; 95-Or-128, § 1, 8-25-95; 2000-Or-010, § 1, 3-3-00; 2001-Or-146, § 1, 12-14-01; 2005-Or-129, § 1, 11-18-05; 2011-Or-112, § 1, 12-9-11)

**341.20. Failure to pay fare.** No person shall refuse or neglect to pay for the services, rent or hire of any licensed taxicab upon discharging or renting the same with the intention to defraud the owner or licensee of the taxicab, or obtain the services, hire, possession or use of any taxicab by color or aid of any false representation, pretense, token or writing, or obtain credit for such services, hire, possession or use by color or aid of any false, fraudulent representation, pretense, token or writing, or having hired any such taxicab shall recklessly, willfully, wantonly, or by gross negligence injure or destroy or allow or permit the same or any part thereof to be injured or destroyed, unless the owner or licensee of the taxicab has voluntarily extended credit to the person hiring, renting or using such vehicle. (88-Or-004, § 3, 1-15-88)

**341.30. Display of rates in cabs.** There shall be conspicuously placed in every taxicab licensed for the conveyance of passengers for hire in such manner as to be easily read by any person riding in the same, a card furnished by the department, which shall be plainly visible to passengers and shall bear the name of the service company, number of taxicab, rate of fare and telephone number of the 311 call center which may be used to report any

complaints. Such card shall be clearly displayed at a location within the cab, approved by the inspector, where it may be easily read by any passenger. The owner, driver, licensee or other person in charge of any taxicab shall not demand or be entitled to receive any pay for the conveyance of any passengers unless said card bearing the maximum rates of fare shall be conspicuously displayed as provided. (88-Or-004, § 4, 1-15-88; 2007-Or-022, § 1, 3-30-07; 2011-Or-112, § 2, 12-9-11)

341.40--341.90. Reserved.

## **ARTICLE IA. TAXICAB DRIVER CONDUCT**

**341.100. Courtesy.** A taxicab driver shall at all times be courteous when dealing with the public or with any city employee authorized to administer or enforce taxicab regulations. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88; 2011-Or-112, § 3, 12-9-11)

**341.110. Assist passenger.** A driver shall in all instances in which it is requested or required assist a passenger to enter the vehicle and to load and unload all luggage, except that a driver shall not be required to lift a passenger or items weighing more than fifty (50) pounds. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88)

**341.120. Safe and legal operation.** Every taxicab owner and driver shall operate his or her taxi in accordance with the laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations of the state and the city, and with due regard for the safety, convenience and comfort of passengers and the general public. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88; 2011-Or-112, § 4, 12-9-11)

**341.130. Driver appearance.** Every taxicab driver, while on duty, shall keep a clean and well-groomed appearance, and shall be suitably dressed. "Suitably dressed" shall mean long pants, jeans or bermuda or postal-type shorts, a skirt or dress, a shirt or blouse with collar, or a turtleneck. Footwear shall be worn consisting of shoes and socks, or sandals with a band or strap that fastens over the instep or around the ankle.

The following articles of clothing, when worn as outer garments, are prohibited:

- (1) T-shirts without a pocket or buttons, underwear, tank tops, swimwear, jogging suits, body shirts, shorts, cut-offs, trunks, or similar attire;
- (2) Flip-flop style sandals and clogs.
- (3) Any clothing items with holes, tears or prominent stains.

By prior approval of the director, T-shirts and sports jerseys and shirts may be worn as outer garments in conjunction with special attractions. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88; 2011-Or-112, § 5, 12-9-11)

**341.140. Duty to inspect vehicle.** Every taxicab driver prior to the beginning of each shift and at the end of each shift shall inspect the taxi vehicle to make sure that all equipment on the vehicle is operating properly and that there is no major body damage to the cab. An entry shall be made on the trip sheet or service company inspection form showing the date

and times these inspections were conducted. All equipment defects or body damage shall immediately be reported to the owner and service company. No driver shall knowingly operate any taxi vehicle which is unsafe or not in compliance with section 341.590. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88; 2011-Or-112, § 6, 12-9-11)

**341.150. Vehicle cleanliness.** Every taxicab driver at the beginning of each shift and during each shift shall see that the cab is at all times free of debris and clean on the inside as well as the outside. All taxicabs shall be washed a minimum of once per week. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88)

**341.160. Lost articles.** Every taxicab driver shall inspect his or her vehicle after the departure of each passenger to ascertain that no article has been left behind. In the event that a passenger does leave an article in a cab, the driver shall immediately attempt to return it. If the driver is unable to immediately return the article, the dispatcher shall be notified and the article shall be turned in to the service company office not later than the end of the driver's shift. A taxicab driver or service company may not require or request a charge in exchange for the return of the article, except a driver may charge the legal rate of fare when requested to deliver the article to its owner. The taxicab owner and service company shall make a diligent effort to locate the owner of any lost article and shall retain the article at the service company office for at least thirty (30) days and shall maintain a log with a description of each lost article inclusive of any identifying information. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88; 2011-Or-112, § 7, 12-9-11)

**341.170. Duty to accept passengers.** No driver shall refuse or neglect to convey any orderly person or persons upon request anywhere in the city unless previously engaged, provided that such person agrees to pay the legal rate of fare. No taxicab driver shall refuse or fail to provide services to any person protected under the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances section 139.10. No taxicab driver shall carry any other passenger than the person first employing the taxicab, except as provided in section 341.730, and then only with the consent of the first passenger or passengers. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88)

**341.175. Duty to accept and convey wheelchair users.** An operator of a taxicab must accept any passenger and convey any passenger where directed upon dispatch or request, unless the operator is previously engaged, the taxicab vehicle is incapable of providing the service or prohibited by this chapter to do so. Consistent with the practical operation thereof, taxicab service companies providing wheelchair accessible taxicabs shall grant priority to requests for service from wheelchair users. Upon a request for wheelchair accessible service, the service company shall immediately dispatch the first available wheelchair accessible taxicab prior to responding to a request for standard service. All requests for wheelchair accessible taxicab service shall be provided with no additional charge or deposit required. (2001-Or-146, § 2, 12-14-01; 2011-Or-112, § 8, 12-9-11)

**341.180. Payment of fares.** A taxicab driver, when such notice is posted in the cab, may:

- (1) Refuse to accept a personal check in payment of the fare;
- (2) Refuse to provide more than twenty dollars (\$20.00) in change in return for payment of a fare.

Every driver shall, at all times, be able to provide up to twenty dollars (\$20.00) in change in return for payment of a fare. In the event that fare has accrued and a driver refuses to accept payment under the provisions of this section, the passenger shall be conveyed to the nearest place where acceptable payment may be obtained. Fare may be charged for all distances travelled in this pursuit, and for returning the passenger to his or her original destination. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88; 2000-Or-010, § 2, 3-3-00; 2011-Or-112, § 9, 12-9-11)

**341.190. Use of safe.** Taxicabs may be equipped with a drop or deposit safe, and no driver, while on duty, shall carry the keys for such safe. A notice may be posted in the taxicab indicating that a safe is in use. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88; 2011-Or-112, § 10, 12-9-11)

**341.200. Receipts for fares.** Every taxicab driver shall, upon request of the person paying for the taxicab ride, provide a written receipt to that person. The receipt shall contain in legible type or writing the name of the service company, the number of the meter in case of an automatic receipt, or the taxicab vehicle number in the case of a written receipt, the total amount paid and the date and time of payment. Every taxicab shall have displayed on the inside of the cab a printed card, in letters plainly visible to passengers seated in the taxicab, stating that such passengers, upon payment of the fare and upon request, shall be entitled to receive a receipt for the amount paid. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88; 2011-Or-112, § 11, 12-9-11)

**341.210. No parking in certain area.** No owner or driver of a taxicab, or any agent or employee of either, while the taxicab is in service, or soliciting patronage, or subject to call, shall stand or park any taxicab, unless the city council shall have first permitted such standing or parking by ordinance or special permit therefor, upon any public street, alley or driveway in the area of the city bounded on the south by Interstate Highways 35 and 94, on the north by the Mississippi River, on the west by Interstate Highway 94 and Third Avenue North, and on the east by Interstate Highway 35. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88)

**341.220. Procedure at cab stands.** Drivers waiting at cab stands shall refer any prospective passenger to the head of the line unless the prospective passenger affirmatively expresses preference for a particular taxicab or one of a particular model or color scheme. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88)

**341.225. Unattended taxicab in taxicab stand.** The driver of a taxicab occupying the first or second position in line at a taxicab stand shall remain in the driver's seat ready to accept passengers at all times. The drivers of any other taxicabs lawfully located at such a taxicab stand shall not engage the drivers of the first two (2) vehicles and shall be no more than five (5) feet away from their taxicab vehicles at all times. All drivers shall remain readily available to accept passengers at all times while located at a taxicab stand. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a person from leaving the vehicle for the purpose of assisting a passenger into or out of the vehicle. (2011-Or-112, § 12, 12-9-11)

**341.230. Map required.** Every taxicab driver shall carry in his or her taxicab at all times a current detailed street map of the seven-county metropolitan area and shall contact his or her dispatcher when in doubt of the most direct route. The map shall be required even if the

vehicle is equipped with a global positioning system or similar electronic device. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88; 2011-Or-112, § 13, 12-9-11)

**341.240. Trip sheets.** At the start of each shift, each driver shall enter the following information onto the trip sheet required by this section: (1) date, (2) shift start time, (3) driver name, (4) vehicle number, (5) and a written affirmation that a vehicle inspection was completed in compliance with section 341.140. Every taxicab driver shall keep a trip sheet, current to the last run taken, upon which shall be noted the starting location and time, and the drop off location and time of each trip, the place of discharge of each passenger, the amount of the fare charged, whether upon the meter, flat rate or trip basis, the time reporting and going off duty. Every taxicab driver shall also indicate on the trip sheet which runs included wheelchair accessible fares and shall indicate such fares with the letters "WC" by that run on the trip sheet. Such sheet shall be filed with and as part of the records of the taxicab vehicle licensee, and at the office of the service company with which the taxicab vehicle is associated. Trip sheets shall be filed not later than seventy-two (72) hours after the completion of the driver's shift, or immediately on demand of a police officer, traffic control officer or license inspector. The trip sheets shall be open to inspection by the chief of police, director, or their representatives at all times, and failure to so make and keep such trip sheets or the falsification of such trip sheets shall constitute a violation of this chapter and shall be cause for the revocation of the driver's taxicab license or, in the event such failure is by the vehicle licensee, shall be cause for the revocation of the taxicab license of such licensee. Each taxicab service company shall preserve trip sheets for a period of six (6) months, and submit upon request of the city council or department, any information contained in the driver's trip sheets, together with the true and correct information as to the orders or calls for taxicabs and the disposition of same. Service companies shall file trip sheets by cab number, chronologically. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88; 2000-Or-010, § 3, 3-3-00; 2006-Or-108, § 1, 10-6-06; 2011-Or-112, § 14, 12-9-11)

**341.250. Prohibited acts.** No taxicab driver shall:

(1) Operate a taxicab in violation of state or local traffic regulations, or in any event without proper regard for the traffic, surface, and width of the street or highway and the hazards at intersections and any other conditions then existing, nor in such a manner or condition as to endanger or to be likely to endanger the safety of passengers, pedestrians, vehicles or the persons and property of others;

(2) Interfere with, impede, obstruct the legal operation of, or intentionally damage any vehicle or its equipment;

(3) Threaten, abuse, insult, provoke, interfere with, detain, impede or obstruct any other licensed driver, any passenger, prospective passenger or any other person in connection with operations under this chapter;

(4) Operate a taxicab in violation of the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act;

(5) Have in his or her possession while operating a taxicab, any firearm, knife with a blade length in excess of four (4) inches, or any assault weapon, as defined in section 393.85;

(6) Provide any payment to any doorman, bellhop, taxicab starter, bartender or any other person within the City of Minneapolis in return for the referral of passengers;

(7) Block the normal flow of traffic, except while parallel parking or actively and lawfully loading and unloading passengers;

(8) Knowingly and with intent to disrupt communication on a two-way radio system, manipulate a microphone switch or other jamming device;

(9) Provide false information to or refuse to obey or to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer, traffic-control officer, or duly appointed inspector of the department, nor shall any licensee use profane language or otherwise interfere with such officials while in the performance of their duties;

(10) Report a false location for purposes of gaining an unfair advantage in bidding to provide service;

(11) Fail to engage the taximeter when the taxicab is in motion and a passenger is present, unless a method of computing the fare without use of the meter is expressly authorized by a provision of this chapter;

(12) Solicit passengers in the City of Minneapolis, or lay hands upon the person or baggage of any person without the express consent of that person, or obstruct the movement of any persons, or follow any person for the purpose of soliciting business. Display of a sign on the taxicab to indicate that it is not engaged shall not be considered solicitation;

(13) Deceive any person as to destination, route, authorized taxicab rates, or fare;

(14) Overcharge;

(15) Take a circuitous route to a destination, or any route other than the most direct route, without the express consent of the passenger;

(16) Drop a passenger at a location other than the location requested unless prohibited by law;

(17) Refuse to convey an orderly passenger;

(18) Report for another driver's order;

(19) Fail to provide a receipt upon request;

(20) Play a radio or tape player without the consent of the passengers, with the exception of the vehicle's two way radio;

(21) Engage in, or permit the use of a taxicab for, illegal gambling, prostitution, or trafficking in alcoholic beverages or controlled substances;

(22) Be in possession of or consume any alcoholic beverage or controlled substance while on duty; consume any alcoholic beverage or controlled substance within four (4) hours before beginning a shift;

(23) Drive a taxicab for more than twelve (12) hours in any twenty-four-hour period or for more than seventy-two (72) hours in any seven-day period;

(24) Park a taxicab in a residential area in violation of section 478.240 of this Code;

(25) Allow more passengers to occupy the vehicle than is provided for by its normal seating capacity, as indicated on the vehicle application. In no event shall more than two (2) persons in addition to the driver be permitted in the front seat of such vehicle;

(26) Lock, disable or refuse to unlock any taxicab door for the purpose of detaining or impeding a passenger;

(27) Operate a taxicab while using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send or read a text-based communication, unless such taxicab shall be lawfully standing or parked;

(28) Operate a taxicab while using a wireless telephone, including a wireless telephone equipped with hands-free technology, when a passenger is present, except for emergency purposes;

(29) Knowingly continue to operate a taxicab for hire when the condition of the vehicle is in violation of section 341.590, or otherwise detrimental to public safety;

(30) Knowingly disable, alter, damage or otherwise render inoperable any mandatory safety equipment required pursuant to section 341.597. (88-Or-004, § 5, 1-15-88; 2008-Or-063, § 1, 8-22-08; 2011-Or-112, § 15, 12-9-11)

**341.255. Reserved.**

**Editor's note:** Section 2 of 83-Or-144, adopted June 10, 1983, repealed § 341.255, distinguishing livery service from taxicab service, as derived from § 2 of 83-Or-081, adopted April 8, 1983.

**ARTICLE II. PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

**341.260. Issuance of authorized number of taxicab licenses.** The city council may issue or renew the number of taxicab licenses previously authorized by section 341.300 without conducting a hearing pursuant to section 341.270(a). (88-Or-063, § 1, 4-15-88)

**341.270. Reserved.**

**Editor's note:** Ord. No. 2006-Or-108, § 2, adopted October 6, 2006, repealed § 341.270, which pertained to public convenience and necessity. See also the Code Comparative Table.

**341.280. Reserved.**

Editor's note: Sections 1-3 of 85-Or-016, adopted Jan. 25, 1985, repealed §§ 341.260-341.280, all deriving from § 2 of 83-Or-081, adopted April 8, 1983. The repealed sections concerned the requiring of the certificate, exceptions, and factors bearing upon convenience and necessity.

**341.290. Overall service required.** (a) Generally. Companies, associations and individuals licensed under this chapter shall render an overall service to the public desiring to use taxicabs. They shall maintain a central place of business and keep the same open twenty-four (24) hours a day for the purpose of receiving calls and dispatching taxicabs by way of two-way radio. They shall answer all calls received by them for services within the City of Minneapolis within one-half of an hour of receiving such call and, if services cannot be rendered within such time, they shall then notify the prospective customer as to how long it will be before the call can be answered and give the reason thereof. In cases where a number of individual licensees are grouped in an association operating under a common color scheme, it shall not be necessary that every taxicab belonging to members of that association be in service twenty-four (24) hours a day so long as the association provides adequate overall service.

(b) Additional conditions. In order to maintain overall service to the public, every firm or individual holding a taxicab vehicle license shall be a member of a company, cooperative, or association which:

(1) Consists of at least fifteen (15) licensed taxicabs operated under a common color scheme with common radio dispatching facilities; a company, cooperative, or association may begin operation in the first year of licensure with a minimum of eight (8) taxicabs licensed by the City of Minneapolis if, including taxicabs licensed by the City of Minneapolis, it consists of a total of at least fifteen (15) taxicabs operated under a common color scheme with common radio dispatching facilities, and if within one calendar year of issuance of the first eight (8) licenses, the company, cooperative, or association adds a sufficient number of taxicab licenses to reach and thereafter maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) taxicabs licensed by the City of Minneapolis in a common color scheme with common radio dispatching services;

(2) Maintains in its central place of business and each member taxicab vehicle two-way radios for the purpose of dispatching vehicles and receiving calls from the drivers of such vehicles;

(3) Lists its services in both the white pages and yellow pages of the Minneapolis telephone directory.

(c) [Exceptions.] Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a firm or individual holding a taxicab vehicle license or having applied for transfer of a taxicab vehicle license on or before January 21, 1985, which was not a member of a company, cooperative, or association of at least fifteen (15) taxicabs or which was not equipped with two-way radio dispatch equipment may continue to operate after the effective date of this subsection without complying with subsections 341.290(b)(1) and (2), provided the following conditions are met:

(1) Every such licensee shall maintain twenty-four-hour telephone service at its central place of business and mobile telephone service in each taxicab;

(2) Every such company, cooperative, or association shall maintain at least the number of licensed taxicabs operated under its common color scheme on January 21, 1985;

(3) No such taxicab license shall be transferred to or operated under a new color scheme not in existence on January 21, 1985, unless the new color scheme complies with subsection 341.290(b).

(d) [Failure to comply.] Failure of the taxicab licensees operating under a common color scheme to maintain the minimum number of licensed taxicabs, or comply with any of the other requirements for overall service set forth in this section, shall be grounds for suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal of all of the taxicab licenses operated under that common color scheme. However, if by reason of revocation or expiration of license, or death or incapacity of a licensee, or other substantial hardship not including a voluntary transfer, a group of taxicab licensees operating under a common color scheme fails to comply with the required minimum number of licenses in this section, the licensees shall be allowed a maximum of ninety (90) days to cure such noncompliance by obtaining the necessary number of additional licenses. Further extensions of time for compliance may be granted only by the city council upon a finding of special hardships or circumstances justifying an additional extension of time. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 85-Or-016, § 4, 1-25-85; 85-Or-087, §§ 1, 5, 4-26-85)

**341.300. Authorized number of licenses.** (a) Based upon the public record including the express findings of the city council, it is determined that the public convenience and necessity requires annual increases in the authorized number of taxicab licenses over a five year period and the eventual deregulation of the number of authorized taxicab licenses issued by the city. All existing or new licenses issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be issued in accordance with rules and regulations of the division of business licensing and consumer services.

(b) From the effective date of this ordinance until December 1, 2006, the number of licenses currently issued to existing licensed service companies shall not be increased. By December 31, 2007, all licensed service companies in operation in the city on or before November 1, 2006, shall provide documentation to the city that five (5) percent of their operational fleets are wheelchair accessible and an additional five (5) percent are fuel efficient, as determined by the city. By December 31, 2008, all licensed service companies in operation in the city on or before November 1, 2006, shall provide documentation to the city that ten (10) percent of their operational fleets are wheelchair accessible and ten (10) percent are fuel efficient, as determined by the city. By December 31, 2008, all licensed service companies in operation in the city on or before November 1, 2006, shall have a minimum of five (5) licensed taxicabs in their fleets. By December 31 of subsequent years, all licensed service companies in operation in the city on or before November 1 of that year shall provide documentation to the city that an additional ten (10) percent of their operational fleets are fuel efficient, as determined by the city. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are exempt from the fuel efficient standards.

(c) On December 1, 2006, up to forty-five (45) new taxicab licenses shall be made available to be issued to new or existing licensed service companies as recommended by the division of business licensing and consumer services and approved by the city council. If any licenses are issued to new licensed service companies, ten (10) percent of the taxicabs must be wheelchair accessible and ten (10) percent must be fuel efficient, as determined by the city. Any new taxicab license issued after the effective date of this ordinance shall not be transferable to a third party.

(d) On June 1, 2007, up to forty five (45) new taxicab licenses shall be made available to be issued to new or existing licensed service companies as determined by the division of

business licensing and consumer services. On June 1 of the years 2008, 2009 and 2010, up to forty five (45) new taxicab licenses shall be made available to be issued to new or existing licensed service companies as recommended by the division of business licensing and consumer services and approved by the city council. If any licenses are issued to new licensed service companies, ten (10) percent of the taxicabs must be wheelchair accessible and ten (10) percent must be fuel efficient, as determined by the city. By December 31 of subsequent years, all licensed service companies in operation in the city on or before November 1 of that year shall provide documentation to the city that an additional ten (10) percent of their operational fleets are fuel efficient, as determined by the city. Any new taxicab license issued after the effective date of this ordinance shall not be transferable to a third party.

(e) On January 1, 2011, any new or existing licensed service company may apply for any number of new taxicab licenses. Such licenses shall be granted in any number upon the recommendation of the division of business licensing and consumer services to be approved by the city council. If any licenses are issued to new licensed service companies, ten (10) percent of the taxicabs must be wheelchair accessible and ten (10) percent must be fuel efficient, as determined by the city.

(f) The minimum number of licensed and operational taxicabs run by any new licensed service company shall be five (5). If the number of licensed and operational taxicabs for any licensed service company drops below five (5), the company shall submit documentation regarding the reduction in taxicabs and a business plan for returning to compliance with this section. All taxicab licenses granted pursuant to this ordinance must be operational and in service. If any licensed taxicab is not operational and in service for more than 30 days in any one year period, the company shall submit documentation regarding the taxicab license in question and a business plan for surrendering the license or returning the taxicab to operational service.

(g) Any recommendation to issue and any approval of the issuance of new taxicab licenses to new or existing licensed service companies (and any rule or regulation governing the issuance of new taxicab licenses to new or existing licensed service companies that is promulgated by the division of business licensing and consumer services of the department of regulatory services) shall be based on the determination that the applicant is fit, willing and able to meet the regulatory and service requirements set forth in Title 13, Chapter 341.

(h) An applicant may apply for and receive service company licensure concurrently with new taxicab license applications and in anticipation of receiving a sufficient number of new taxicab licenses (or associating with a sufficient number of new or existing taxicab licensees) to meet the regulatory and service requirements set forth in Title 13, Chapter 341 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 85-Or-016, § 5, 1-25-85; 88-Or-063, § 3, 4-15-88; 95-Or-128, § 3, 8-25-95; 2001-Or-146, § 3, 12-14-01; 2006-Or-108, § 3, 10-6-06; 2007-Or-022, § 2, 3-30-07)

**341.305. City ownership of taxicab license.** (a) Authorized new licenses. Licenses originally issued on or after October 1, 1995, shall be issued for a period of one (1) calendar year and are subject to the annual renewal provision contained in section 341.260. Such licenses shall remain the title and property of the City of Minneapolis. Licensees in good standing shall have leave to operate a taxicab during the annual license period in compliance with the provisions of the Minneapolis Taxicab Ordinance, but licensees may not transfer licenses originally issued on or after October 1, 1995, to other individuals or companies. When a licensee ceases the operation of a taxicab license originally issued on or

after October 1, 1995, the licensee shall surrender the license to the director to be re-awarded to applicants on the waiting list provided for in section 341.300(b)(2). (95-Or-128, § 4, 8-25-95)

**341.310. Seasonal licenses.** New or existing licensed service companies may apply for seasonal licenses that are valid from October first of each year to April first of each year. The number of seasonal licenses granted on October 1, 2006, shall not exceed one (1) for every five (5) regular licenses held by the new or existing licensed service companies. The number of seasonal licenses granted on October 1, 2007, shall not exceed two (2) for every five (5) regular licenses held by the new or existing licensed service companies. The number of seasonal licenses granted on October 1, 2008, shall not exceed three (3) for every five (5) regular licenses held by the new or existing licensed service companies. The number of seasonal licenses granted on October 1, 2009, shall not exceed four (4) for every five (5) regular licenses held by the new or existing licensed service companies. There will be no limit on the number of seasonal licenses granted on October 1, 2010. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-004, § 6, 1-15-88; 2005-Or-093, § 1, 10-7-05; 2005-Or-129, § 2, 11-18-05; 2006-Or-108, § 4, 10-6-06)

**341.320. Reserved.**

Editor's note: Ord. No. 2006-Or-108, § 5, adopted October 6, 2006, repealed § 341.320, which pertained to authorization of additional taxicabs or other vehicles for hire to conduct studies concerning taxicab service and fares. See also the Code Comparative Table.

**341.330. Neighborhood taxicab stands.** (a) The city engineer and the director shall recommend locations on public streets in the vicinity of retail stores, medical facilities and multi-family residential buildings outside of the central business district for the establishment of taxicab stands. The city engineer and the director shall also work with the owners and operators of retail stores, medical facilities and multi-family residential buildings to identify appropriate locations for taxicab stands in the parking lots or driveways of such properties. Upon approval by the city council and the mayor, and with the concurrence of private property owners for taxicab stands to be located on private property, the city engineer shall install appropriate signs and street markings for taxicab stands at these locations. (b) All taxicab operators licensed to operate in Minneapolis may wait for fares at taxicab stands outside of the central business district without first having obtained a downtown taxicab stand permit. (95-Or-128, § 5, 8-25-95)

**341.335. Medical contract transport.** (a) Generally. Public passenger vehicles with a capacity for fewer than ten (10) passengers may operate medical contract transport service as provided in this section.

(b) Medical contract transport service shall be defined as prearranged service between a medical clinic, health organization or service provider with medical patients; and a licensed transport company providing door-to-door transport service for patients at a predetermined flat fare between the patient's home and the contracting medical facilities only.

(c) A vehicle providing medical contract transport service must travel between patient home and provider's facilities only, must prominently display a "medical contract transport" sign in its front windshield, and must not accept or discharge passengers at any place between the patient's home and the contracting facility.

(d) While providing medical contract transport service, only a “transport payment verification” may be used for payment and the taximeter may not be used for any part of the trip.

(e) The transport payment verification shall be issued by the medical facility, shall state the patient’s name, address and patient number, and shall not be transferable.

(f) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a medical contract transport service without a permit issued pursuant to this chapter.

(g) The fee for such permit shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). (95-Or-128, § 6, 8-25-95)

### **ARTICLE III. DRIVERS’ LICENSES**

**341.340. Required.** No person shall drive a taxicab, and no person, firm or copartnership or corporation shall permit any person to drive a taxicab within the city without having first obtained therefore a driver’s license under the provisions of this article. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83)

Charter references: Authority to license taxicab drivers, Ch. 4, § 5(29).

**341.350. Drivers from other cities.** Any driver licensed to operate in another city or by another political subdivision or public corporation of this or any other state may carry passengers from said city to any place within the City of Minneapolis and may freely enter and travel upon the streets and thoroughfares for that purpose, and in such case, it shall not be deemed necessary for the driver of such vehicle to pay the license fee herein provided for, but such driver shall not be permitted to accept or offer to accept any passenger for hire in the City of Minneapolis, or to otherwise operate within the City of Minneapolis without being licensed under the provisions of this article. While within the corporate limits of the City of Minneapolis, the driver of such vehicle from another city or political subdivision or public corporation of the state shall be required to observe all of the regulations and conditions of this chapter and shall carry the license certificate for said vehicle and display the same to any person upon demand. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 85-Or-087, § 2, 4-26-85; Pet. No. 251179, § 232, 12-29-89)

**341.360. Prerequisites to license.** Every taxicab driver shall meet and maintain the following requirements in order to hold a taxicab driver’s license:

- (a) Possess a valid Minnesota driver’s license.
- (b) Be a minimum of eighteen (18) years old.
- (c) Have a demonstrated ability to read, write and speak the English language.
- (d) Be clean in dress and person and not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors or drugs.

(e) Possess a current D.O.T. medical card.

(f) Shall have no felony convictions in the last five (5) years; shall have no nontraffic gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor convictions in the last three (3) years involving the use or threat of use of force, possession or sale of a controlled substance, prostitution, or indecent conduct. The issuing authority for the license may grant an exception to the above provisions upon evidence that the offense is not related to the occupation of taxicab driver.

(g) Shall have a driving record meeting the following standards:

(1) No convictions in the last five (5) years for any of the following offenses involving injury or death; no convictions in the last three (3) years for any of the following

offenses not involving injury or death:

- a. Hit and run;
- b. Driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or drug;
- c. Reckless or careless driving.

(2) For original licensure: No more than three (3) moving violations within the last three (3) years, and no more than two (2) moving violations in the last year. For renewal: No more than four (4) moving violations within the last three (3) years and no more than two (2) moving violations in the last year.

(3) Every new applicant shall have at least one year's driving experience as a licensed driver, meeting the standards of this subsection. Such prior driving experience shall be verified by an affidavit signed by a reputable person and submitted with the license application.

(h) Have a demonstrated knowledge of the geography and street system of the City of Minneapolis and surrounding areas, as well as the location of major attractions within those areas.

(i) Have a demonstrated knowledge of the provisions of the taxicab ordinance relating to the conduct of taxicab drivers and the operation of a taxicab.

(j) Shall not have a physical or mental disability that would prevent the taxicab driver from safely operating a taxicab and performing the normal duties of a taxicab driver.

(k) For any driver seeking original licensure, and any driver whose taxicab driver's license has lapsed for more than one year, shall have successfully completed the taxicab driver training course established in section 341.380. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-004, § 7, 1-15-88; 89-Or-132, § 1, 7-28-89; 2000-Or-010, § 4, 3-3-00; 2005-Or-129, § 3, 11-18-05; 2007-Or-022, § 3, 3-30-07) State law references: Drivers to be eighteen years of age, M.S. § 171.322.

**341.370. Test required.** The department shall test each applicant for a taxicab driver's license to determine that the applicant has a satisfactory knowledge of the provisions of this chapter, the traffic regulations, and the geography and street system of the City of Minneapolis, and a satisfactory ability to read, write, and speak the English language. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-004, § 8, 1-15-88)

**341.380. Taxicab driver training course.** (a) The director shall establish a taxicab driver training course pursuant to the terms of this section. The course shall be designed to enhance the proficiency of drivers in all aspects of taxicab driving, and will include topics such as geography of the metropolitan area, traffic laws, vehicle safety, taxicab licensing laws and driver code of conduct, radio communications, cab stand and call procedures, taxicab fares, vehicle cleanliness and maintenance, customer relations, courtesy, and the accommodation of patrons with disabilities.

(b) The course may consist of components taught by department employees, or components taught by an educational institution under contract with the city, or by a combination of such components.

(c) Successful completion of the taxicab driver training course shall be a prerequisite for obtaining a license for all taxicab drivers not licensed on the effective date of this ordinance, all taxicab drivers whose licenses have lapsed for more than one (1) year, and may be imposed as a requirement in any disciplinary action against a licensed driver, as a condition for renewal of a taxicab driver's license in the event of customer complaints, violations of taxicab regulations, or moving violations, and as a condition for reinstatement

of any revoked or suspended taxicab driver's license.

(d) Each taxicab driver attending the course shall pay thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) toward the course tuition. The driver's service company shall pay fifteen dollars (\$15.00) toward the course tuition for each attending driver. Payment by each driver and service company shall be made to the department prior to admittance to the course. No driver shall be admitted to the course without presenting a paid voucher bearing the stamp of the department showing full payment by the driver and the service company.

(e) The city will match the total service company tuition payments, on an annual basis, in contributions to tuition costs or additional expenditures on curriculum development and instructional materials to improve the taxicab driver training course. In lieu of a matching contribution, the city in its discretion may reduce the service company tuition contribution for the next year by the amount not matched.

(f) The department shall not enroll a driver in the course unless the driver has filed a complete taxicab driver license application and paid the fee as required in section 341.410.

(g) Upon successful completion of the course, the driver shall be issued a certificate of completion that shall make the driver eligible for a taxicab driver's license, upon payment of any remaining license fee and satisfaction of any remaining prerequisites. (89-Or-132, § 2, 7-28-89; 2000-Or-010, § 5, 3-3-00; 2001-Or-031, § 1, 3-23-01; 2005- Or-129, § 4, 11-18-05; 2007-Or-022, § 4, 3-30-07)

**341.385. Reserved.**

Editor's note: Ord. No. 2007-Or-022, § 5, adopted March 30, 2007, repealed § 341.385, which pertained to provisional taxicab driver's license. See also the Code Comparative Table.

**341.390 License application.** Every applicant for a taxicab driver's license shall file an application with the department of licenses and consumer services. The application shall be made on a form provided by the department, containing such information as the director may require to verify that the terms and conditions of this chapter have been met. The application shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant. The department of licenses and consumer services shall investigate each applicant. Any false statement on the application shall be grounds for denial, refusal to renew, or revocation of a license. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 86-Or-041, § 1, 3-14-86; 88-Or-004, § 10, 1-15-88; Pet. No. 251179, § 233, 12-29-89; 2010-Or-050, § 1, 5-28-10)

**341.400. Duty to exhibit license.** Every taxicab driver shall carry his or her taxicab driver's license while on duty and shall, upon demand of an inspector of licenses, a police officer, traffic-control agent or passenger, exhibit his or her license for inspection. Effective September 1, 1988, every taxicab driver while on duty shall display his or her taxicab driver's license on the dashboard of the vehicle in a location readily visible to passengers, in a manner approved by the director. In addition to any other penalties, a license inspector or police officer may order the licensee to discontinue operations until such time as the licensee has a license in possession. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-004, § 11, 1-15-88; Pet. No. 251179, § 234, 12-29-89; 99-Or-005, § 1, 1-8-99)

**341.410. License fee.** (a) Each applicant for a taxi driver's license shall, at the time of filing his or her application, pay a nonrefundable license fee as specified in Appendix J,

License Fee Schedule.

(b) For applicants who must complete the taxicab driver training course as a prerequisite to obtaining a license, the license fee and the course tuition fee may be combined and paid in two (2) installments, payable as specified in Appendix J, License Fee Schedule. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 86-Or-041, § 1, 3-21-86; 88-Or-064, § 1, 4-15-88; 89-Or-132, § 4, 7-28-89; 90-Or-014, § 1, 1-26-90; 2000-Or-010, § 6, 3-3-00; 2005-Or-093, § 2, 10-7-05)

**341.415. Advance of taxicab driver license and training fees.** A taxicab service company may advance to a prospective taxicab driver the cost of the taxicab driver license fee and the taxicab driver training course tuition. Failure of a driver to repay such an advance may be grounds for suspension of the taxicab driver's license. (89-Or-132, §5, 7-28-89)

**341.420 Issuance of license.** Each driver's license shall have upon it a number by which the license shall be designated and such other information as the director may require. Each license shall indicate the name of the service company for which the driver works. No taxicab driver shall drive for a different service company without first notifying the department and obtaining a new driver's license indicating the new service company. Any licensee who defaces, removes or obliterates any official entry made upon his or her license shall, in addition to any other punishment, have the license revoked. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-004, § 12, 1-15-88; Pet. No. 251179, § 235, 12-29-89; 2010-Or-050, § 2, 5-28-10)

**341.425. License to be coterminous with Minnesota driver's license.** A taxicab driver's license issued under this chapter shall be coterminous with the licensee's Minnesota driver's license. Any time that a licensee's Minnesota driver's license is suspended, revoked, or cancelled, his or her taxicab driver's license shall likewise be immediately suspended, revoked, or cancelled. The licensee shall immediately surrender his or her taxicab driver's license to the department. The taxicab driver's license shall be returned to the licensee upon reinstatement of the Minnesota driver's license or issuance of a limited license authorizing operation of a taxicab. No person shall operate a taxicab without a valid Minnesota driver's license. (88-Or-004, § 13, 1-15-88; 2010-Or-050, § 3, 5-28-10)

**341.430. Renewals.** (a) Driver's licenses shall be issued as of July first of each year and shall expire June thirtieth the next succeeding year. The director may cause the renewal of a driver's license from year to year by appropriate endorsement upon the application for renewal and payment of an annual fee as specified in Appendix J, License Fee Schedule. The driver in applying for a renewal of a license shall make such application upon a form to be furnished by the department that shall be filled out with the full name and address of the applicant, together with the date and number of the original license. If a driver has not been licensed in the previous license year, he or she shall be considered a new applicant. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 86-Or-041, § 1, 3-14-86; 88-Or-004, § 14, 1-15-88; 88-Or-064, § 2, 4-15-88; 2000-Or-010, § 7, 3-3-00; 2005-Or-093, § 3, 10-7-05)

**341.440. Suspensions, revocations, and nonrenewal.** A taxicab driver's license may be revoked, suspended, or not renewed by the city council at any time for cause after a hearing before the committee. When a license has been revoked, or suspended, it shall immediately

be returned to the department. If the city council stipulates that a licensee whose license has been revoked may reapply after a specific period of time has elapsed, that period of time shall not commence until the license has been returned to the department. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-004, § 15, 1-15-88) Charter references: License revocation, Ch. 4, § 16.

**341.450. Reserved.**

Editor's note: Section 16 of 88-Or-004, adopted Jan. 15, 1988, repealed § 341.450. Said section limited refunds relative to taxi driver's licenses and was derived from 83-Or-081, § 2, adopted April 8, 1983.

**341.460. Revocation of Minnesota driver's license; limited licenses; alcohol-related driving convictions.** (a) Any person holding a taxicab driver's license, whose Minnesota driver's license is revoked, suspended or cancelled for any reason, shall immediately surrender his or her taxicab driver's license to the department. The taxicab driver's license shall be returned to the licensee upon reinstatement of the Minnesota driver's license or issuance of a limited license authorizing operation of a taxicab.

(b) Any licensed taxicab driver whose Minnesota driver's license has been revoked, suspended or cancelled and who has been issued a limited license authorizing the operation of a taxicab shall immediately notify the department of the same. The licensee shall furnish a copy of the limited license to the director. The licensee shall also furnish a written statement containing a schedule of the days and hours of each day during which he or she will be driving a taxicab during the term of the limited license. No deviation from the schedule shall be permitted. The licensee shall personally furnish to the director copies of all trip sheets for all shifts worked during the term of the limited license.

(c) Any person holding a taxicab driver's license shall notify the department immediately whenever he or she is convicted of an alcohol-related driving offense, whether or not it involves the operation of a taxicab. Alcohol-related driving offenses shall include driving under the influence, driving with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or greater, any lesser moving violation in which a blood alcohol concentration test was given and recorded .08 or greater, aggravated driving violations, and open bottle.

(d) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall be grounds for revocation of a taxicab driver's license. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 2010-Or-050, § 4, 5-28-10)

341.470. Reserved.

#### **ARTICLE IV. VEHICLE LICENSES**

**341.480. Required.** No person shall operate or permit to be operated any taxicab within the city without having first obtained therefore a Minneapolis taxicab license under the provisions of this article. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83)

**341.490. Cabs from other cities.** Any taxicab licensed to operate in another city or by another political subdivision or public corporation of this or any other state may carry passengers from said city or state where so licensed to any place or point within the City of Minneapolis and may freely enter and travel upon the streets and thoroughfares for that purpose, and in such case it shall not be deemed necessary for the owner of such vehicle to pay the license fee herein provided for, but neither the owner nor operator of such vehicle shall be permitted to accept or offer to accept any passenger for hire in the City of

Minneapolis, or to otherwise operate within the City of Minneapolis without being licensed under the provisions of this article. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 85-Or-087, § 3, 4-26-85)

**341.500. Insurance required.** No person shall operate or permit to be operated any taxicab within the limits of the city nor shall any taxicab license be issued under this article, unless and until the applicant shall execute or obtain and file with the department either an insurance policy meeting the requirements of sections 341.510 through 341.550 or a self-insurance certificate pursuant to section 341.560. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83)

**341.510. Requirements for insurance.** (a) Such insurance policy or policies shall be in an insurance company duly licensed to do business in the State of Minnesota, shall be approved by the director of licenses and consumer services, and shall insure such person, his or her lessees or licensees, against loss in the sum of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of one (1) person in any one (1) accident, and subject to said limit for one person, to a limit of not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of two (2) or more persons in any one (1) accident resulting from the negligent operation, use or defective condition of a taxicab.

(b) Such insurance policy shall, in addition to the foregoing provisions, also contain a provision insuring such person, his or her lessees or licensees, in the sum of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) against loss for damage to the property of any person or persons in any one accident resulting from the negligent operation, use or defective condition of any taxicab.

(c) Any of the policies herein provided for shall contain a clause in the case of an insurance policy that the liability of the insurer shall not be affected by the insolvency or bankruptcy of the assured; a clause obligating the insurer to give fourteen (14) days' written notice to the department and to the insured or assured before any cancellation or termination thereof earlier than its expiration date; a clause providing for the indemnity or security against the liability and responsibility of the owner, licensee or operator of any such taxicab for death or injuries to any person or persons resulting from negligence in the operation of such taxicab, in the business of such owner, licensee or operator, by any person legally using or operating the same with the permission, express or implied, of such owner, licensee or operator, subject to the limitations as to amount herein stated.

(d) No such policy shall include or contain any limitation, condition or clause providing in effect that such policy shall not cover automobiles mentioned or described or included therein when such automobiles are driven, used, operated or maintained while the driver or occupants thereof are intoxicated or engaged in the illicit transportation of liquor; and no such policy shall contain any limitation, clause or provision whatever excepting and releasing any insurer on any such policy from liability thereunder by reason of any such automobile being driven, used or operated when the driver or occupants thereof are intoxicated or engaged in the illicit transportation of liquor. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-004, § 17, 1-15-88; Pet. No. 251179, § 236, 12-29-89; 2005-Or-129, § 5, 11-18-05; 2007-Or-022, § 6, 3-30-07)

**341.520. Reserved.**

Editor's note: Section 18 of 88-Or-004, adopted Jan. 15, 1988, repealed § 341.520, which section pertained to determination of owner for insurance purposes, and was derived from 83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83.

**341.530. Replacement of insufficient insurance policy.** If at any time in the judgment of the department, any such policy is not sufficient in form for any reason, the department shall require the owner, lessee, licensee or operator of such vehicle to replace such policy with another approved by the director of licenses and consumer services, and if for any reason any such policy shall become inoperative, no person shall operate any such taxicab until a policy approved by the director shall have been obtained and deposited with the department as herein provided. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 2005-Or-129, § 6, 11- 18-05)

**341.540. Insurance of additional cabs.** The policy hereinbefore provided for may be originally written or later extended to cover during its term any additional taxicab under the same ownership, association or control. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83)

**341.550. License suspension or revocation for lack of insurance.** (a) Any license issued under this article shall be immediately suspended by the director whenever during the term of said license the owner, lessee, licensee or operator of said taxicab shall fail to keep in full force and effect such insurance in the full amount required. If the insurance is allowed to lapse, is canceled, or is otherwise not in effect for a continuous period of sixty (60) days or more, the taxicab vehicle license shall be revoked.

(b) Because the city is concerned for the welfare of its citizens, and because the city desires to encourage its licensees to maintain adequate insurance coverage at all times, if the department of licenses and consumer services receives a cancellation notice prior to the annual expiration of any insurance policy for purposes other than a person to person transfer, a car to car transfer, or a company to company transfer, the license holder shall pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) per vehicle affected. Insurance policies that are allowed to lapse less than sixty (60) days will result in a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) fine for the license holder. All such fines shall be paid within fifteen (15) days of notification by the department. Failure to pay fines due may result in affected vehicles being ordered off the street. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-004, § 19, 1-15-88; 2000-Or-010, § 8, 3-3-00)

**341.560. Self-insurance authorized.** If the applicant for a license under this article has qualified as a self-insurer under Section 65B.48, subdivision 3, Minnesota Statutes, and files with the department a certified copy or a duplicate original of the self-insurance certificate as issued by the state, then no policy of insurance shall be required to be filed with the city which otherwise would be required under this article. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8- 83; Pet. No. 251179, § 237, 12-29-89)

**341.570. Reserved.**

**341.580. Requirements for license.** Each applicant for a taxicab license must comply with the following to the satisfaction of the department:

(a) Be a citizen of the State of Minnesota.

(b) Be of the age of eighteen (18) years or over in the case of an individual person or copartners or, in the case of a corporation, must be authorized to operate taxicabs and carry on business in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

(c) Must be a United States citizen, or an alien admitted for permanent residence, or who has otherwise obtained work authorization from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(d) Must fill out upon a blank form to be provided by the department giving such information as required by the director regarding the applicant and the vehicle to verify that the terms and conditions of this chapter have been met.

(e) Said application shall also include an accurate and detailed description of the color scheme of the taxicabs, including inscriptions or monograms thereon, proposed to be operated by the applicant, which shall be distinctly different from that of the taxicabs of any other licensed taxicab owner or operator, and from that of the taxicabs of the same owner or operator licensed in another jurisdiction, so that the ownership and identity may be readily ascertained by the police department and patrons of any taxicab, except that one (1) or more of the applicants who are members of the same taxicab organization or who subscribe for services to the same service company and who are authorized to use the color scheme of taxicabs, including the inscription or monograms thereon, of such organization or service company, may be licensed to do so when proper evidence of their right from such organization or service company to use such color scheme and inscriptions or monograms shall be filed with their application. The owner of any color right shall appoint the service company to be responsible for compliance and administration of the chapter with respect to licensees using the color scheme and shall notify the department of that appointment. No owner of any taxicab or the operator or driver thereof, licensed under the terms of this article, shall make any change whatever in the color scheme of the taxicabs or the inscriptions or monograms thereon without first obtaining the approval of the director of licenses and consumer services.

(f) The applicant applying for a taxicab license shall, before being issued a license, pay into the city treasury an annual license fee as specified in Appendix J, License Fee Schedule, for each and every vehicle to be licensed; except that when application shall be made after the commencement of any license year, licenses shall be issued for the period from the day of application thereof to the beginning of the next license year, upon payment by the applicant of a proportionate amount of the annual license fee.

(g) The applicant(s) shall be the true beneficial owner(s) of the taxicab business to be licensed. The full legal names and addresses of all persons holding a beneficial interest in the business shall be provided on the application.

(h) The applicant shall hold legal title to the vehicle. In the case of a partnership, the title shall be in the name of the partnership or one of the partners. In the case of a corporation, the title shall be in the name of the corporation. Exceptions to this provision may be granted for a vehicle held under a long-term lease from a reputable dealership or leasing company, in which case the applicant shall appear in the Minnesota vehicle registration as lessee. Exceptions may also be granted for vehicles in which title is held for financing purposes by a financial institution.

(i) The applicant(s) shall have no felony convictions in the last five (5) years, nor any nontraffic gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor convictions in the last three (3) years involving the use of force, possession or sale of a controlled substance, prostitution, or indecent conduct. The director may grant an exception to this provision upon evidence that the offense is not related to the taxicab business.

(j) [Reserved.] (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 86-Or-041, § 1, 3-14-86; 88-Or-004, § 20, 1-15-88; 88-Or-064, § 3, 4-15-88; 90-Or-014, § 1, 1-26-90; 95-Or-128, § 7, 8-25-95; 2000-Or-010, § 9, 3-3-00; 2005-Or-093, § 4, 10-7-05; 2005-Or-129, § 7, 11-18-05; 2007-Or-022, § 7, 3-30-07)

**341.590. Condition of vehicle.** No taxicab shall be licensed, nor shall any person licensed

under Article III of this chapter operate such vehicle, until it has been thoroughly and carefully examined and found to comply with the following:

(a) Every taxicab shall be in thoroughly safe condition for the transportation of passengers. Every taxicab shall be in full compliance with all state and federal regulations relating to vehicle equipment, maintenance and safety.

(b) To be well painted, and no taxicab shall be operated under its license until it has been painted in accordance with its authorized color scheme.

(c) Every taxicab shall have doors that can be easily opened from both the inside and outside, and the director shall make or have made by competent inspectors such examination or inspection before a license is issued. No license shall be granted to any vehicle found to be unfit or unsuited for public patronage.

(d) Every taxicab shall be equipped with a taximeter in good working order, equipped with a light so placed as to enable the passenger at all times to see the fare registered when operating on the meter basis.

(e) All windows and windshields in each taxicab, whether in doors or side or rear windows, shall be of shatterproof or nonshatterable glass. Each taxicab shall be equipped with (4) wheel brakes.

(f) Every taxicab shall be equipped at all times the taxi is in operation with a drop safe or deposit safe in good working order for the purpose of securing fares collected by the taxicab driver. Such safe shall be accessible from the driver's seat.

(g) The taxicab shall have windows in the rear and side of the taxicab sufficient in number and of such size, dimensions and clarity that passengers may be readily seen and identified through the windows.

(h) Every taxicab shall be equipped with at least three (3) doors in addition to the driver's door which open into the passenger compartment.

(i) Every taxicab shall be maintained in a clean condition both inside and outside at all times. Each vehicle exterior and interior shall be thoroughly cleaned at least once every seven (7) days. A department inspector may order a taxicab out of service at any time until such time as the vehicle has been cleaned.

(j) All hood and trunk latches shall be in proper working order.

(k) Each taxicab shall be substantially free from damage. The vehicle shall have no loose hanging metal, body molding or chrome stripping. The complete exhaust system shall be intact and in good working order. The taxicab shall not operate with large dents or major body damage, nor shall the taxicab operate with large areas of unpainted or rusted metal. Taxicabs shall have all required fenders, bumpers, doors, door handles and lights, all of which shall be in good working order. No taxicab shall operate with tires considered unsafe according to the standard set forth in Minnesota Statute 169.723. Failure to meet all above-listed requirements shall cause the taxicab to be found unfit or unsuited for public use, and such vehicle may be ordered off the streets of the City of Minneapolis.

(l) After March 31, 1984, all licensed taxicabs shall be equipped with seat belts openly displayed, readily available, and installed for use in the left front, right front, left rear, and right rear seats.

(m) Every taxicab shall have a speedometer, odometer, gas gauge, oil pressure indicator, and gearshift indicator in good working order.

(n) All mechanical systems and components, including the exhaust system, shall be intact, functional, and in good working condition.

(o) Every taxicab shall be equipped with three (3) D.O.T. approved emergency triangles and a fully charged fire extinguisher with a minimum size of 5BC.

(p) Each taxicab shall be equipped with a top light on the roof of the cab that shall be lighted when the cab is in service and available to receive passengers. Such light shall be visible from all directions.

(q) Every taxicab licensee shall permanently affix to either the back of the front seat passenger side headrest, or the back of the front seat passenger side, beginning no lower than three (3) inches from the top of the front seat of the taxicab, an information card made of a laminated material at least three (3) inches by five (5) inches in size in Braille. This information card will contain the name of the taxicab company, the cab number and the phone number of the office of licenses and consumer services.

(r) Every taxicab licensee shall permanently affix to either the back of the front seat passenger side headrest, or the back of the front seat passenger side, beginning no lower than three (3) inches from the top of the front seat of the taxicab, an information card made of a laminated material at least three (3) inches by five (5) inches in size in Braille. This information card will contain the name of the taxicab company, the cab number and the phone number of the office of licenses and consumer services. Also affixed to the back of either the front driver or front passenger seat headrest, or other location easily accessible to passengers, shall be a pamphlet holder suitable to store and display informational materials, passenger survey cards, or other materials as designated by the Director of Licenses and Consumer Services. Such pamphlet holder shall be designed to hold pamphlets or cards with a maximum width of four inches. Taxicab licensees must maintain a supply of customer information and comment cards for immediate passenger use at all times.

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State law references: Motor vehicle safety standards generally, M.S. § 169.467 et seq.

**341.595. Age of vehicle.** On and after June 1, 1988, no vehicle shall be licensed or operated as a taxicab unless the vehicle has a model year of five (5) years or less, or eight (8) years or less for wheelchair accessible and fuel efficient vehicles; provided, however, that any vehicle which was licensed as a taxicab on the effective date of this section may continue to be licensed and operated until June 1, 1990.

Waivers may be allowed to taxicabs over five (5) years old, or eight (8) years or less for wheelchair accessible and fuel efficient vehicles, if the taxicab meets city yearly inspection and maintenance standards. (88-Or-017, § 26, 1-29-88; 2006-Or-108, § 6, 10-6-06)

**341.596. Reserved.**

Editor's note: Ord. No. 2004-Or-090, § 2, adopted Aug. 20, 2004, repealed § 341.596 which pertained to digital camera test. See also the Code Comparative Table.

**341.597. Mandatory safety equipment.** (a) All licensed taxicabs shall be equipped with at least one (1) of the following safety products, chosen by the service company, in accordance with the submission and requirements of their particular service company in section 341.960(m):

- (1) Digital camera security system
- (2) Security shield.
- (3) Global positioning system (GPS).

(b) The director shall publish, maintain, and make available to the public a document that will outline the minimum standards and specifications required for each of these safety

products and the taxicab licensees. This document shall be titled the taxicab safety book of standards. The city council shall approve the initial taxicab safety book of standards to be effective May 1, 2005, and all amendments thereto.

(c) Failure to comply with the terms of the taxicab safety book of standards may subject a taxicab licensee to revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal of their license.

(d) No taxicab licensee shall tamper, disable, or otherwise modify an approved digital camera security system, security shield, or global positioning system after installation.

(e) An inoperable or defective digital camera security system, security shield, or global positioning system shall cause the taxicab to be found unfit or unsuited for public use, and such vehicle may be ordered off the streets of the City of Minneapolis until repaired.

(f) No person shall disseminate, sell, or otherwise profit from any image recorded by a digital camera security system.

(g) In the event a taxicab is sold or otherwise transferred from one (1) service company or one (1) driver-owner to another, the approved safety equipment in section 341.597 for the current service company must be properly installed before the vehicle will be inspected and approved. (2000-Or-010, § 12, 3-3-00; 2004-Or-090, §§ 3, 4, 8-20-04)

**341.598. Effective date.** That section 341.597 becomes effective May 1, 2005. (2004- Or-090, § 5, 8-20-04)

**341.600. Issuance and form of license.** When an application for a taxicab license has been approved, the director of licenses and consumer services, upon satisfactory fulfillment of the foregoing requirements, shall issue a taxicab license which shall be in such form as to contain:

(a) Class and passenger-carrying capacity of the taxicab licensed.

(b) The make of the car and, if available, the engine number and/or serial number, and the state license number.

(c) Each successful applicant shall be issued a decal that shall be permanently attached to the rear of the taxicab vehicle. The placement of such decal shall be to the immediate right or left of the rear license number required by section 341.640 of this article. The cost for replacement of a lost, damaged or destroyed decal shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00). (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-064, § 4, 4-15-88; 2000-Or-010, § 13, 3-3-00; 2005-Or-129, § 8, 11-18-05)

**341.605. Taxicab stand permits.** (a) No taxicab vehicle shall wait at any taxicab stand in the central business district without having first obtained a permit therefore. At the time a permit is issued, the applicant shall be furnished with a decal. The applicant shall attach such decal on the lower right side of the rear windshield of the taxicab.

(b) Licensees not displaying a taxicab stand decal may discharge passengers at taxicab stands, but may not collect passengers within one hundred (100) feet of the same unless:

(1) The licensee is operating under a contract or charge account previously signed and on file at the company; or

(2) The licensee is responding to a special call for service when such call has been documented by telephone records and such other evidence as the director deems necessary.

(c) No licensee or service company may apply for taxicab stand permits in excess of fifty (50) percent of that licensee's or service company's total Minneapolis-licensed fleet.

(d) The downtown taxicab stand permit requirement shall not apply when the director

deems that special circumstances, including but not limited to special events, warrant the waiver thereof.

(e) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, an individual or company holding a taxicab vehicle license or having applied for transfer of a taxicab vehicle license on or before January 21, 1985, which was not a member of a company, cooperative, or association of at least fifteen (15) taxicabs or which was not equipped with two-way radio dispatch equipment may apply for taxi stand permits for all licensed taxicabs operating under their color scheme.

(f) The fee for the downtown taxicab stand permit shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per year and due with the regular license fee each year. (95-Or-128, § 8, 8-25-95)

**341.610. Records and maintenance of licenses.** Taxicab licenses shall be signed by the director of licenses and consumer services or by a duly authorized employee and shall contain a number to be selected in accordance with the provisions of section 259.190. Any licensee who shall willfully deface, remove or obliterate any official entry made upon a license may, in addition to any other punishment imposed, have the license revoked as provided by the City Charter. The department shall keep a register of the names of each person owning or operating a vehicle licensed under this article, together with the license number and the description, make and necessary dimensions of such vehicle, with the date and complete records of inspection made of it. Such records shall be open to the inspection of the public at all times. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; Pet. No.251179, § 238, 12-29-89)  
Charter references: License revocation, Ch. 4, § 16.

**341.620. Inspections.** (a) The director shall maintain a constant vigilance over all taxicabs to see that they are kept in a condition of fitness for public use, and to this end shall inspect, or cause to be inspected, all taxicabs from time to time, or on the complaint of any citizen as often as may be necessary. Reports in writing of all inspections shall be promptly made to the department.

(b) The director may adopt a taxicab inspection form to be used in the inspection of taxicabs, and may designate a category of equipment and body defects as “out of service” defects. Taxicabs with “out of service” defects shall be ordered out of service, and shall remain out of service until the next regularly scheduled inspection or until a special inspection arranged under section 341.625. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-004, § 27, 1-15-88)

**341.625. Special inspection fee.** A taxi vehicle licensee may arrange for a special inspection of his or her vehicle outside the regularly scheduled inspection days and times of the department upon application and payment of a fee as specified in Appendix J, License Fee Schedule, for each vehicle to be inspected. Special inspections shall be scheduled during the normal working hours of the department and all requests for special inspections must be filed by 9:00 a.m. on the day the inspection is to be conducted. (88- Or-004, § 28, 1-15-88; 90-Or-014, § 1, 1-26-90; 2000-Or-010, § 14, 3-3-00; 2005-Or-093, § 5, 10-7-05)

**341.630. Expiration and renewal.** (a) Taxicab licenses shall be issued as of February first of each year and shall expire January thirty-first next succeeding, subject to renewal year to year if the taxicab has been operated in conformance with this chapter and the licensee continues to meet all requirements of this chapter.

(b) Renewal applications, including fees, shall be due on February first of each year.

The late penalties provided in section 261.20 shall apply.

(c) Those taxicab service companies that on December 31st of each year are exceeding the minimum fleet fuel efficiency levels, and wheelchair accessible vehicles as described in section 341.300 of this code, shall be permitted to submit a service company license with no renewal fee from department of licenses and consumer services for that year. This fee waiver incentive shall terminate on January 1, 2011. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-004, § 29, 1-15-88; 2006-Or-108, § 7, 10-6-06; 2007-Or-022, § 8, 3-30-07)

**341.640. Display of license number.** The taxicab so licensed shall have permanently affixed upon the exterior surface of both front doors or fenders and of the body at the rear of the taxicab, so as to be plainly visible at all times, the taxicab license number, in figures measuring not less than two and one-half (2 1/2) inches high, with a letter size measuring not less than five-sixteenths (5/16) of an inch in width. No taxicab shall be operated without its license number so affixed upon it, which number shall be selected, designated and assigned by the department upon issuing such license. Whenever an individual taxicab owner has joined any taxicab company or association of taxicab owners, the owner shall be issued a new license within the numbers assigned the new company or association, in accordance with the numbers distributed to said company or association as herein provided. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 90-Or-033, § 1, 1-26-90; 2007- Or-022, § 9, 3-30-07)

**341.645. Replacement car authorized.** In the event that a regular, licensed taxicab shall become disabled because of accident or mechanical breakdown, a licensee may substitute another vehicle for a period not to exceed twenty (20) days, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The substitute vehicle shall be covered by insurance as required by section 341.500;

(b) The substitute vehicle must be inspected and conform with the vehicle condition requirements of this chapter and all other requirements pertaining to equipment;

(c) The substitute vehicle must be painted with the color scheme and license number of the vehicle it is replacing;

(d) The licensee shall pay a fee as specified in Appendix J, License Fee Schedule, and shall receive a license certificate which shall be kept in the replacement vehicle at all times that the vehicle is in service. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 86-Or-041, § 1, 3-14-86; 88- Or-004, § 30, 1-15-88; 88-Or-064, § 5, 4-15-88; 90-Or-014, § 1, 1-26-90; 2000-Or-010, §15, 3-3-00; 2005-Or-093, § 6, 10-7-05)

**341.650. Transfer of license—Vehicle to vehicle.** Taxicab licenses issued under the provisions of this article may be transferred from cab to cab upon payment of a fee as specified in Appendix J, License Fee Schedule, and the filing of a written application. Wheelchair accessible taxicab licenses may only be transferred to another wheelchair accessible taxicab. The applicant for such transfer shall make application, setting forth the information required by section 341.590, and shall present therewith a policy of insurance or bond approved in the manner and required by section 341.500. In the event such application is accompanied by a transfer of such policy of insurance or bond covering the first vehicle, such transfer shall contain a clause providing that the same shall not release the principal or surety from any liability resulting from the operation of the vehicle formerly covered under such policy, up to and including the date of such transfer. Upon the fulfillment of all of the provisions of this chapter concerning vehicle condition, insurance,

title registration, and vehicle marking, and upon passing vehicle inspection, the department shall issue the necessary license and card to be displayed in said taxicab. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 86-Or-041, § 1, 3-14-86; 88-Or-004, § 31, 1-15-88; 88-Or-064, § 6, 4-15-88; 90-Or-014, § 1, 1-26-90; 2000-Or-010, § 16, 3-3-00; 2001-Or-146, § 4, 12-14-01; 2005-Or-093, § 7, 10-7-05)

**341.655. Transfer of license—Person to person.** (a) Taxicab licenses issued prior to October 1, 1995, under the provisions of this article may be transferred from person to person upon payment of a fee as specified in Appendix J, License Fee Schedule, and completion of an application provided by the department, and approval by the director of licenses and consumer services. In addition to the information and requirements prescribed by sections 341.500 and 341.580, each application for a transfer shall contain a sworn statement from the present licensee by which he or she consents to the proposed transfer. If the licensee is a partnership, all partners shall complete such statement and if a corporation, the statement shall be completed by an elected officer of the corporation. Such application shall be accompanied by true copies of any proposed or actual purchase agreement, bill of sale, promissory note, mortgage or other evidence of indebtedness which such applicant may incur or may have incurred as a result of the transfer. Such application shall also include a fiscal breakdown as to the cost of the vehicle(s), equipment, corporate stock, goodwill, contract rights and other intangibles included within the transfer. Among other things, the committee in its deliberations in the granting of such application, shall consider the reasonableness of the price the applicant shall have agreed to pay for a specified article or intangible. No value shall be attributed to the taxicab license to be transferred that is in excess of the proportion of the annual license fee remaining for the license year.

(b) Whenever taxicab licenses issued on or after October 1, 1995 are held by a corporation and the record of equitable ownership of stock of any such corporation is transferred, sold, pledged or otherwise assigned to new or different stockholders or whenever new or different directors, officers or managers are elected or appointed by any corporation holding a license as herein defined, such changes shall require the filing of an application for license in the manner provided by this chapter except that this provision shall not apply where the corporation's stock is publicly traded on a stock exchange.

(c) Failure to report any change in stockholders, officers or managers shall be grounds for the revocation of all licenses held by the corporation. Every corporation licensed under the provisions of this section shall adopt and maintain in its bylaws a provision that no transfer of stock is valid or effective unless approved by the city council and shall require that all of its certificates of stock shall have printed on the face thereof: "the transfer of this stock certificate is invalid unless approved by the city council of Minneapolis, Minnesota," and failure to comply with this provision shall be grounds for the revocation of all licenses held by the corporation. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the issuance of any license to a corporation whose stock is traded on a public stock exchange.

(d) Licenses issued after October 1, 1995, may not be transferred. Such licenses remain the property of the City of Minneapolis, and must be surrendered to the director, upon cessation of operation in compliance with provisions of this ordinance. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 86-Or-041, § 1, 3-14-86; 88-Or-004, § 32, 1-15-88; 88-Or-064, § 7, 4-15-88; Pet. No. 251179, § 239, 12-29-89; 90-Or-014, § 1, 1-26-90; 95-Or-128, § 9, 8-25-95; 2000-Or-010, § 17, 3-3-00; 2005-Or-093, § 8, 10-7-05; 2005-Or-129, § 9, 11-18-05)

**341.660. Unauthorized acts.** (a) No taxicab license shall be sold or transferred except as

provided for in subsection 341.655(a).

(b) No taxicab licensed under this chapter shall be operated by any person other than a taxicab driver licensed under this chapter.

(c) No person shall change the color scheme, inscription or monogram of any licensed taxicab without approval of the director of licenses and consumer services.

(d) No licensed taxicab shall be used as a private vehicle at any time.

(e) No person or company or agent of a company shall make directly or indirectly any false claim stating or implying that any taxicab is licensed to operate in the City of Minneapolis when in fact such taxicab is not licensed in the City of Minneapolis.

(f) No taxicab vehicle shall be equipped with a citizen's band radio transmitter or receiver or any device capable of intercepting police, emergency or other taxicab companies' transmissions.

(g) No taxicab vehicle licensee shall lease its taxicab vehicle license to another, nor lease, contract out, assign, or delegate the responsibilities and beneficial interest of its taxicab business to another.

(h) No taxicab vehicle licensee shall lease or contract out the use of any taxicab except to the limited degree permitted by section 341.695.

(i) No taxicab vehicle licensee shall operate or allow operation of a vehicle after it has been ordered out of service.

(j) No taxicab vehicle licensee shall allow a taxicab to be parked in a residential area in violation of section 478.240.

(k) No wheelchair accessible taxicab vehicle licensee shall wait at any taxicab stand in the central business district until after 8:00 p.m. Used metro mobility vehicles providing wheelchair accessible service are not permitted to use taxicab stands, except those taxicab stands which allow access to medical service centers. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-004, § 33, 1-15-88; 95-Or-128, § 10, 8-25-95; 2001-Or-146, § 5, 12-14-01; 2005-Or-129, § 10, 11-18-05; 2007-Or-022, § 10, 3-30-07)

### **341.665. Reserved.**

Editor's note: Section 34 of 88-Or-004, adopted Jan. 15, 1988, repealed § 341.665. Said section pertained to vehicle operators and was derived from 83-Or-081, § 2, adopted April 8, 1983.

**341.670. Revocation for unsatisfied judgments.** Taxicab licenses may be revoked upon its appearing to the city council that any persons operating a taxicab or taxicabs in the City of Minneapolis shall have failed to pay, within thirty (30) days after its entry, the full amount of any final judgment for damage to property or persons resulting from the negligent operation, use or defective condition of any such taxicab. Upon the failure of any licensee who is a member of any association operating under a common color scheme, or any individual, firm, partnership or corporation, to pay any such judgment within such thirty-day period, the licenses of each and all of the members of such association, individual, firm, partnership or corporation shall be revoked. Any such revocation shall be noted on the taxicab license and, where such revocation is for failure to pay any such final judgment, upon all taxicab licenses operated by the person, firm, association, partnership or corporation failing to pay any such final judgment, together with a statement of the reason therefore, and thereafter the taxicab or taxicabs shall be considered unlicensed vehicles and shall not be operated upon the streets of the City of Minneapolis. When the license is revoked, notification of the same shall be forwarded to the department and director, and the

taxicab or taxicabs shall not be allowed to operate thereafter. The department shall keep a complete record of each taxicab license issued and all renewals and revocations thereof. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 90-Or-033, § 2, 1-26-90)

**341.680. Liability of licensee for acts of employees.** Each licensee of any taxicab shall be liable for each and every violation of this chapter by his or her agent or employees. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; Pet. No. 251179, § 240, 12-29-89)

**341.690. Driver information required.** Each owner of a taxicab shall, upon the request of the director, provide information pertinent to the employment status of any person operating the licensed vehicle. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, the owner's federal withholding account number and records of transactions made under such account, and the owner's unemployment insurance account number and records of transactions under such account. Each licensee shall respond to such request within ten (10) days. Failure to respond fully shall constitute cause for suspension or revocation of all licenses issued to the licensee. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83)

**341.695. Contracts with taxicab drivers.** A taxicab vehicle licensee may enter into an agreement with a licensed taxicab driver to drive a licensed taxicab, and the agreement may provide for a per shift payment by the driver. Provided, however:

- (1) No agreement may provide for services in excess of the shift limitations in subsection 341.250(23).
- (2) No agreement shall exceed one (1) week in duration, nor require a driver to post any deposit or advance in an amount greater than one (1) week's shift payment.
- (3) No agreement shall require a driver to pay any vehicle operating costs except for gas.
- (4) No taxicab vehicle licensee shall enter an agreement allowing the use of his or her taxicab except directly with a driver who actually operates the vehicle; nor shall any licensee enter an agreement delegating to another the right to manage the vehicle and employ drivers.
- (5) An owner or service company who leases a taxicab must make shift rates available to all qualified drivers without regard to race, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or religion. Owners who offer different lease rates during different times of the day must make those rates available to all drivers qualified by this chapter.
- (6) An owner or service company shall not charge any driver more than eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) per twelve-hour shift for use of a vehicle. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88- Or-004, § 35, 1-15-88; 88-Or-064, § 8, 4-15-88; 93-Or-034, § 1, 3-19-93; 95-Or-128, § 11, 8-25-95; 2000-Or-010, § 18, 3-3-00; 2005-Or-086, § 1, 9-23-05)

**341.696. Revocation, suspension, nonrenewal.** The city council may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a taxicab vehicle license for any of the following grounds:

- (a) Any act, omission, or condition causing the licensee to be unqualified to hold a vehicle license under section 341.580.
- (b) Any act, omission, or condition constituting an unauthorized act under section 341.660.
- (c) Violation of section 341.695 relating to contracts with drivers.

(d) Violation of any section of this ordinance relating to vehicle licenses which by its terms contains a sanction of revocation or suspension.

(e) Failure to operate a licensed taxicab on a regular and continuous basis, regardless whether such failure is intentional or due to financial or personal hardship, mechanical problems, lack of insurance, or any other cause.

(f) Failure to convey an orderly passenger, refusal to answer radio dispatch calls, or other refusal to provide taxicab services to the public.

(g) Violation of the rules of conduct pertaining to taxicab drivers contained in section 341.250 while the vehicle licensee is driving his or her own licensed taxicab, if the city council finds that the violation is significantly related to the licensee's fitness to hold a taxicab vehicle license.

(h) Violation of the provisions of section 341.590 and any other provisions of this chapter relating to vehicle maintenance and condition. (88-Or-004, § 36, 1-15-88)

**341.700. Reserved.**

Editor's note: Section 37 of 88-Or-004, adopted Jan. 15, 1988, repealed § 341.700, which section required registration of taxicab organization, and was derived from 85-Or-154, §1, adopted Aug. 9, 1985.

**ARTICLE V. FARES AND CHARGES\***

\*Charter references: Authority to regulate taxicab charges, Ch. 4, § 5(29).

**341.710. Unauthorized charges prohibited.** No person owning, operating or controlling any taxicab shall charge other than the legal fare as provided in this article. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83)

**341.720. Mileage charges.** The maximum rate of fare based upon mileage shall be as follows:

For each load of five (5) passengers, or less, for the first one-fifth (1/5) mile or fraction thereof . . . \$2.50

For each succeeding one-fifth (1/5) of a mile, or fraction thereof . . . as established pursuant to Section 341.775

A driver may require a five-dollar (\$5.00) minimum charge to employ any taxicab in Minneapolis. If a driver chooses to require a minimum fare, the minimum charge shall be displayed on both sides and the rear of each vehicle. In addition, such notice of minimum charge shall be posted inside in a manner clearly legible to passengers, nor shall any operator be barred from offering a discount to senior citizens whom have attained the age of sixty-five (65) years of age. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-065, § 1, 4-15-88; 93-Or-034, § 2, 3-19-93; 95-Or-128, § 12, 8-25-95; 2000-Or-010, § 19, 3-3-00; 2004-Or-134, §1, 11-19-04; 2005-Or-086, § 2, 9-23-05)

**341.730. Group loading.** In each load of five (5) passengers or less, a separate fare may be charged for each of such passengers, providing that such group does not have a common destination and provided further that no other cab is available at the point of loading and no delay is caused to any waiting passenger. Any waiting passenger may command the cab's

immediate departure, and no such passenger shall be required to pay for any more circuitous route than the shortest distance between the point of loading and such passenger's destination. The rate of fare shall be eighty (80) per cent of the base legal rate, said discount to be in addition to any other discount authorized by this Code and offered by the carrier. A concise but legible notice of the provisions of sections 341.720 and 341.730 shall be clearly displayed in the cab so it may be easily read by any passenger. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 83-Or-204, § 1, 8-26-83)

Cross references: Rate card display required, § 341.30.

**341.735. Charges beyond certain distances.** Charges for a passenger trip which originates within the City of Minneapolis shall be made in accordance with the taximeter only, except in cases where the trip extends beyond the boundaries of Eighty-fifth Avenue North and Northeast on the north, County Road 42 on the south, State Highway 101 on the west and McKnight Road on the east. Charges for trips which extend beyond the abovementioned boundaries may be made on a flat rate basis for that portion of the trip which extends beyond the boundaries. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83)

**341.740. Airport Main Terminal departure area a common destination.** For purposes of the provisions of this chapter relating to fares and charges, the Minneapolis- St. Paul International Airport Main Terminal departure unloading area shall be considered a common destination. Separate fares shall not be charged to passengers dropped off at different locations within the departure unloading area. However, the fare may be computed based on the last drop off in the departure area. (92-Or-007, § 1, 1-10-92)

**341.745. Special discount rates.** The director may authorize special rates lower than otherwise required in this chapter, upon written request from any licensed service company. Such special rates shall apply to all taxicabs of that particular color scheme. Special rates may include, but shall not be limited to:

(a) A discount applicable to all metered fares on all rides originating in the City of Minneapolis;

(b) Special flat rates from point to point;

(c) Special flat rates, or a discount from the metered fare, from any point within the City of Minneapolis to a particular destination.

(d) Special event rates. At all times when special event rates are in effect a sign which reads "Special Event Rate" and indicating the rate to be charged, in letters no smaller than two (2) inches in height and not less than one-fourth-inch stroke, shall be prominently displayed in every taxicab. Discontinuance of any discount shall require a seven-day written notice to the director. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88-Or-065, § 3, 4-15-88)

**341.750. Waiting time.** Charges for waiting time shall be as follows: For each minute or fraction thereof, forty cents (\$0.40); waiting time shall include the time when the taxicab is not in motion, beginning with the time of arrival at the place to which it has been called, or the time consumed while it is standing at the direction of the passenger. No charge shall be made for the time lost on account of inefficiency of any taxicab or its operation or time consumed by premature response to a call. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; 88- Or-065, § 4, 4-15-88; 93-Or-049, § 1, 4-2-93; 2000-Or-010, § 20, 3-3-00)

**341.760. Computation of charges.** When the charge is to be paid for on the meter basis,

the charge shall begin at the place where the passenger is received and shall continue until the taxicab arrives at the passenger's destination. When the charge is to be paid for on the hour basis, the time shall begin when the automobile is ready at the time and place requested by the passenger and shall continue until the taxicab has been released by the passenger; provided, that when any person shall engage or hire a taxicab equipped with a taximeter, unless otherwise agreed at the time of hiring, the fare for such taxicab shall be determined and fixed by the taximeter according to rates provided for in this article; and provided, further, that no driver of any taxicab shall charge more for the use of the taxicab than is shown to be due by the taximeter. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83; Pet. No. 251179, § 241, 12-29-89)

**341.770. Agreed rates authorized.** Nothing herein contained shall prevent any person from making an agreement with the operator of a taxicab to furnish transportation at a rate to be agreed upon by them for an hour, day, week, month or longer period, but the person with whom the operator of a taxicab makes such agreement shall not be permitted to hire out the vehicle to any other person. Each licensee operating a taxicab under this section shall file with the department a schedule of rates by time to be charged under such agreement. Such schedule of rates except as herein otherwise provided may be changed by filing an amended schedule. No licensee, driver or employee shall charge any other rate than that set forth in such schedule, and any deviation therefrom shall constitute a violation hereof. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83)

**341.771. Senior citizen discount authorized.** The rate of fare for any person who has attained the age of sixty-five (65) years, upon presentation of proof of age to the operator of a licensed taxicab, may be the applicable legal rate reduced by ten (10) per cent. This discount rate shall not be in effect between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Such discount shall be posted upon the exterior and interior of the taxicab. Any company, association or individuals operating under a common color scheme and monogram choosing to offer said discount must offer it uniformly by all taxicabs they operate, and said discount may be in addition to any other discount authorized by this Code and offered by the carrier. (83-Or-201, § 1, 8-26-83)

**341.772. Meter-based discounts authorized.** Any taxicab company or association of taxicab owners or individual duly licensed under this Code may provide percentage discounts from the meter rate. Such discounts shall be prominently posted upon the exterior and interior of each taxicab operated. Any company, association or individuals operating under a common color scheme and monogram choosing to offer said discount must offer it uniformly by all taxicabs they operate and said discount shall be in addition to any other discount authorized by this Code and offered by the carrier. Such discount rates may be initiated, changed or eliminated upon five (5) days' written notification to the taxicab license inspector. (83-Or-202, § 1, 8-26-83)

**341.773. Reduced-fare share-ride program authorized.** Any taxicab company or association of taxicab owners or individual duly licensed under this Code may provide a reduced-fare share-ride program. Such a program shall provide for the following:

(a) Persons wishing to use such a program shall telephone the participating company, association or individual taxicab operator prior to 12:00 midnight preceding the day on which the person wishes to use the program to arrange for pickup.

(b) The initial charge upon entering the taxicab shall be set by city council resolution, on a per-person basis.

(c) The charge for each zone crossed shall be set by city council resolution per person or associated group. A map delineating said zones, to be enacted by city council resolution, is to be posted in the interior of the taxicab.

(d) Zones shall be adopted by the Minneapolis City Council through resolution.

(e) The calculation of the charge shall be made on a straight line from point of pickup to point of destination for each person or associated group. The charge for an associated group shall be one charge as calculated in (c) above.

(f) The taxicab driver shall not be required to wait longer than five (5) minutes for each fare from the scheduled time of pickup.

(g) The city council may designate downtown group loading zones for this program at its discretion. (83-Or-203, § 1, 8-26-83)

**341.774. Contract rates.** Nothing contained herein shall prevent an operator of a taxicab licensed in Minneapolis from making a contractual agreement with a company, agency, or organization to furnish transportation for employees, associates, clients, customers, or members at a rate that is based on mileage, number of passengers, number of service hours, number of trips, number of passenger hours, weekly or monthly fees, or any other reasonable and calculable basis, irrespective of the mileage charges, minimum charges, and waiting charges contained in this article or the taxicab operator's filed rates for ordinary radio-dispatch, hail, and taxicab stand pick-up service. Such a contractual agreement that provides for rates that differ from the rates ordinarily charged by the taxicab operator must be a document that is legally executed by all parties and kept on file at the taxicab service company office subject to inspection at any reasonable time by the director or his designees. (95-Or-128, § 13, 8-25-95)

**341.775. Review of fares.** (a) Taxicab fare rates shall be reviewed by the director annually. The maximum meter fare amounts for mileage charges herein established shall be subject to an automatic twelve-month adjustment effective each October first thereafter in a percentage equal to twelve-month changes in the Minneapolis Taxicab Cost Index, rounded to the nearest hundredth of one percent. The Minneapolis Taxicab Cost Index shall consist of a weighted combination of five selected consumer price indexes as published by the United States Department of Labor, a total taxicab fleet size factor, and a license and inspection fee factor as calculated for the preceding twelve-month period ending on June thirtieth of that year. The composition of the Minneapolis Taxicab Cost Index shall be as specified in subsection (c) and the resulting calculation of any change to the maximum rate charge for each one-fifth ( 1/5) mile increment shall be rounded up to the next whole cent. Notification of the annual adjustment to the taxicab meter rate shall be made to all taxicab service companies at least thirty (30) days prior to taking effect.

(b) The initial maximum meter fare rates shall be equal to the rates that were in effect on February 28, 2009. The first automatic twelve-month adjustment to these rates as provided for pursuant to this section shall take effect October 1, 2010. The maximum percentage increase to the Minneapolis Taxicab Cost Index shall be capped at ten percent (10%) for each twelve-month period unless the city council adopts a greater rate of increase by resolution. The maximum percentage decrease to the Minneapolis Taxicab Cost Index shall be capped at five percent (5%) for each twelve-month period unless the city council adopts a greater rate of decrease by resolution.

(c) The Minneapolis Taxicab Cost Index shall be comprised of the following indexes and factors, which shall be weighted as indicated:

CPI and factors	Weighting
Midwest Region CPI-U (Consumer Price Index-Urban) Transportation Expenditure Category; (Series ID CUURO200SAT)	30%
National CPI-U Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Series ID CUUROOOOSETD)	10%
National CPI-U Motor Vehicle Parts and Equipment (Series ID CUUROOOOSETC)	10%
National CPI-U Motor Vehicle Insurance (Series ID CUUROOOOSETE)	10%
Midwest Region CPI-U All Consumers, all Items (Series ID CUUS0000SA0)	30%
Minneapolis taxicab fleet size, percentage change to total licensed fleet	8%
Minneapolis taxicab license and inspection fees, average of percentage changes to each	2%

(2000-Or-010, § 21, 3-3-00; 2008-Or-060, § 4, 8-8-08; 2009-Or-040, § 2, 5-22-09)

**341.780. Inspection of meters.** The department shall examine at least two (2) times each calendar year all taximeters used on taxicabs in the city and, if approved, shall have placed thereon or attached thereto a device or seal indicating that such inspection and approval has been made. The employees of the department may stop at all reasonable times any taxicab operating on the meter basis and require the person in charge thereof to go to some convenient place for the purpose of making the examination herein required. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83)

**341.790. Defective or unsealed meters.** No person shall drive or permit to be driven a taxicab equipped with a taximeter that does not bear the seal placed thereon by the department, or one that does not register or that registers inaccurately, or one on which the reading can be changed, altered or manipulated, except to clear the meter. No taxicab hired upon a meter basis shall be operated when a taximeter is broken and out of order, or the seal has been broken or tampered with, defaced or otherwise mutilated or for any reason does not currently register the fee charged. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83)

**341.800. Complaints about meters.** When complaint is made to the department that any taximeter registers improperly or incorrectly, the department shall immediately examine and inspect such taximeter and every wheel, tire, gear shaft and other part of the mechanism which may affect the operation or control of such taximeter. The department shall seal all taximeters and date of examination and inspection thereof. In the event any taximeter becomes broken or has to be repaired or does not register correctly or the seal has been broken or tampered with, defaced or otherwise mutilated, the same shall be again inspected by the department and again sealed and a new record made of the subsequent inspection and sealing. A tolerance of two (2) per cent shall be allowed in tests of such meters. When it is necessary to recheck a sealed taximeter, the checker shall not be charged a fare for any such trip of inspection. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83)

**341.810. Financial reports.** Upon request by the council any licensee, service corporation or owners' association shall furnish to the council the following information concerning the operation of said taxicab business:

(a) An operating statement showing the income and expenses with respect to the taxicab business of such applicant.

(b) A balance sheet showing the assets, reserves, if any, and liabilities applicable to the taxicab business of the applicant.

Such information shall cover the period of time requested and shall be furnished within not less than forty-five (45) days after requested. Any such licensee who shall fail to furnish such information within the time herein stated shall have his licenses suspended for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days after a hearing before said committee, upon five (5) days' written notice of such hearing. (83-Or-081, § 2, 4-8-83)

**341.820--341.890. Reserved.**

## **ARTICLE VI. SERVICE COMPANY LICENSES**

**341.900. License required.** No service company, as defined in this chapter, shall provide radio dispatching, color rights, advertising, record keeping, and other common services, to a group of taxicab owners or drivers licensed by the City of Minneapolis, without a service company license as required herein. (88-Or-004, § 38, 1-15-88)

**341.910. License fee.** The annual fee for a service company license shall be one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100.00). Should service company records not be complete, properly on file in an orderly fashion, and available for review by the department at the time of the annual service company review, an additional two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) reinspection fee may be charged for each additional inspection required to complete the review. (88-Or-004, § 38, 1-15-88; 90-Or-014, § 1, 1-26-90; 91- Or-049, § 1, 3-29-91; 95-Or-128, § 14, 8-25-95; 2000-Or-010, § 22, 3-3-00)

**341.920. Expiration and renewal.** Every service company license shall expire, and be subject to renewal year to year, on the same dates as taxicab vehicle licenses under this chapter. (88-Or-004, § 38, 1-15-88)

**341.930. License application.** Every service company shall apply for a license on a form prescribed by the director, containing such information deemed necessary to verify that the terms and conditions of this chapter have been met. (88-Or-004, § 38, 1-15-88; Pet. No. 251179, § 242, 12-29-89)

**341.940. One service company license for each color scheme.** There shall be only one service company license issued for each common color scheme of taxicabs. A licensed service company may hold taxicab vehicle licenses if otherwise qualified under this chapter.

**341.950. Service company office; agent for service of notices, orders, and correspondence.** (a) Every licensed service company shall maintain an office, with regular business hours, within twelve (12) miles of the Minneapolis City Hall, where trip sheets shall be filed and available for inspection pursuant to section 341.240 of this chapter.

(b) Every licensed service company shall be deemed the agent for service of all notices,

orders, and other correspondence from the City of Minneapolis to taxicab owners and drivers operating under the common color scheme, including but not limited to notices of license hearings, inspection notices, orders to remove vehicles from service, and repair orders. Notice to a licensed taxicab owner or driver shall be considered effective if mailed or delivered to the registered office of his or her licensed service company. It shall be the responsibility of every licensed service company to forward all notices, orders and other correspondence from the City of Minneapolis to the taxicab owners and drivers to whom they are addressed. (88-Or-004, § 38, 1-15-88)

**341.960. Conditions.** Every licensed service company shall:

(a) Take affirmative measures to insure that all of its taxicab owners and drivers comply with the terms of this chapter;

(b) Be responsible for the operation of an unlicensed taxicab and the operation of a taxicab by an unlicensed driver;

(c) Insure that all trip sheets are filed and maintained in accordance with section 341.240;

(d) Insure that no taxicab vehicle is operated in unsafe mechanical condition, or with major body damage, or in any event after being ordered out of service by a license inspector; insure that all taxicabs are washed at least once a week pursuant to section 341.150;

(e) Be responsible to provide overall taxicab service to the public as required by section 341.290. Each service company shall keep accurate records indicating which of its licensed taxicabs and drivers are operating on each day, portion of a day, or shift. These records shall be filed and maintained for a minimum of one year and shall be available for inspection in the same manner as trip sheets;

(f) Institute policies and procedures requiring all drivers to respond to radio dispatch calls;

(g) If a request for service has not been answered within fifteen (15) minutes, the service company dispatcher shall order a taxicab to respond to the request immediately;

(h) Promptly respond to all complaints by passengers, and other members of the public. Also, every service company shall refer all significant complaints against individual taxicab owners and drivers to the department of licenses and consumer services;

(i) Promptly respond to all requests for information from the department of licenses and consumer services;

(j) Train and test all taxicab drivers regarding the traffic laws, ability to read and write the English language, the geography and street system of the areas serviced by its taxicabs, and the rules of conduct for taxicab drivers in this chapter.

(k) In addition to the above conditions, every licensed wheelchair accessible taxicab service company shall maintain a computerized dispatch system to adequately respond to and maintain records of both on-demand and scheduled requests for service.

(l) A licensee licensed to transport passengers in wheelchairs must provide training to each of its operators on the special needs of persons with disabilities. The operator shall also receive training on operating and maintaining vehicle accessible features. The training program is subject to approval by the city council. Every licensed service company shall provide drivers trained to transport handicapped individuals and to ensure that the licensee is providing the service required under this chapter.

(m) Every licensed service company shall provide the department with written documentation detailing the specific safety equipment in section 341.597 that is required on

all taxicabs in its fleet by December 1, 2004. This documentation shall include sufficient information on the specifications, type, and brand of safety equipment chosen to insure compliance with the taxicab safety book of standards. (88-Or-004, § 38, 1-15-88; Pet. No. 251179, § 243, 12-29-89; 2001-Or-146, § 6, 12-14-01; 2004-Or-090, § 6, 8-20-04; 2006-Or-108, § 8, 10-6-06)

**341.970. Annual performance review.** The director shall annually review the overall performance of each licensed service company, including but not limited to, a review of the level of compliance with the conditions prescribed in section 341.960. The annual review shall be conducted at least thirty (30) days prior to the license renewal date. The annual review may include a meeting between the director and the representatives of a licensed service company to discuss complaints and inspect records. The director shall report the results of each review to the committee, which shall consider such reports in determining whether to renew each service company license. (88-Or-004, § 38, 1-15-88; 90-Or-033, § 3, 1-26-90)

**341.975. Service company reporting.** (a) Effective April 15, 1996, each licensed service company shall, on a monthly basis, submit to the department a daily service report for each day of the preceding month that shall contain the following data:

- (1) Number of taxicabs in service in each twelve (12) hour shift.
- (2) The number of radio or telephone dispatched calls each taxicab took per shift.
- (3) Number of total fares in each shift for each taxicab in service.
- (4) The number of lost calls each day by time breakdown.
- (5) The total response time for each trip. This shall include and show a separate breakdown for the time the caller was on hold, the time between the call for service, and the time the order was bid on or assigned to a taxicab, the time between the dispatch of the call and the time of arrival of the taxicab, and the amount of the fare as well as the location of the service request call.

- (6) The average time each day by time period breakdown between the calls for service and the times of arrival of the taxicab by geographic areas to be determined by the director in consultation with the taxicab committee.

- (7) In addition to the above information, taxicab service companies providing wheelchair accessible service shall provide data on the number of scheduled and unscheduled rides provided by each licensed vehicle, the start and end city locations of each trip, and the response to each request for wheelchair accessible service.

(b) The form of the daily service records shall be in such format as is agreed upon by the director and the taxicab committee. Within one (1) year, each taxicab service company shall provide the taxicab committee with a business plan that would detail the cost and time necessary to provide the data above in a computerized format. Daily service reports for each month shall be submitted by each service company to the director no later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the subsequent month. Any licensed service company that fails to furnish such a daily service report in a timely fashion shall have its license suspended for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after a hearing before the committee responsible for dealing with licensing issues.

(c) Taxicab service companies operating with less than fifteen (15) taxicabs shall supply the same information, but may do so in a non-computerized format.

(d) Beginning February 1, 2001, each taxicab service company shall report to the appropriate city council committee on an annual basis the progress it has made toward

putting handicapped accessible vehicles into service as taxicabs in the city. Such report shall specify the steps taken to properly review this option, when such vehicles will be part of the fleet, and what the anticipated costs of such operation will be. (95-Or-128, §15, 8-25-95; 2000-Or-010, § 23, 3-3-00; 2001-Or-146, § 7, 12-14-01)

**341.980. Revocation, suspension, nonrenewal.** The city council may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a service company license for good cause shown after notice and a hearing. (88-Or-004, § 38, 1-15-88)

## **ARTICLE VII. TAXICAB SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**341.990. Taxicab service committee established.** (a) A taxicab service committee shall be established to review taxicab service issues and make recommendations to the city council and the mayor. Members of the taxicab service committee shall be appointed by the city council and approved by the mayor. The chair of the taxicab service committee shall be appointed jointly by the city council and the mayor, and the taxicab committee shall be staffed by the department. Representation on the taxicab committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following organizations and interests: taxicab service companies, taxicab drivers, taxicab passengers, hospitality industry, Greater Minneapolis Convention and Visitors Association, human service agencies, the metropolitan council, and public transit organizations.

(b) At least quarterly, the taxicab service committee shall, after analyzing the daily service reports described in section 341.975, report to the city council and mayor its findings and recommendations on taxicab service issues, including regulatory matters; the quality and level of service in downtown, secondary business nodes, and residential neighborhoods; the efficiency of the taxicab industry in Minneapolis; matters related to fares and charges; the condition of taxicab vehicles; the quality of driver and dispatch service; and taxicab driver safety. The taxicab service committee shall also assist in the design and evaluation of programs and projects to improve taxicab service, assure taxicab safety, educate consumers, evaluate and assess the arrangements between service companies or owners and drivers with regard to leases, and promote the taxicab industry. The taxicab committee shall report its findings and recommendations with regard to these projects to the city council through committee and mayor and shall, additionally, respond to other specific directions from the responsible city council committee dealing with licensing issues. (95-Or-128, § 16, 8-25-95)