

**MINNEAPOLIS CODE OF ORDINANCES
TAXICABS – CHAPTER 341 AMENDMENT SUMMARY
JULY 2014**

The following is a summary of the changes in Chapter 341 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances. This should not be used as a legal document. The full text is available at www.minneapolismn.gov/government/ord/index.htm.

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<p>341.10 Definitions</p> <p>Taximeter Instrument or device attached to vehicle... Measure mechanically the distance...</p>	<p>341.10 Definitions</p> <p>Taxicab: <u>Transportation Network Company authorized vehicle</u> added.</p> <p>Taximeter Instrument or device attached to vehicle... Must <u>accurately</u> measure mechanically the distance; <u>The fare must be visible to passengers at all times.</u></p>
<p>341.140 Duty to Inspect Vehicle</p> <p>Date and time inspections conducted must be entered on trip sheet or service company inspection form.</p>	<p>341.140 Duty to Inspect Vehicle</p> <p>No longer required to enter information on trip sheet or service company inspection form. (Trip sheets no longer required; 341.240 repealed.)</p>
<p>341.160 Lost Articles</p>	<p>341.160 Lost Articles</p> <p><u>Must turn in lost articles to the service company within 24 hours if it cannot be returned to owner.</u></p>
<p>341.170 Duty to Accept Passengers</p> <p>May carry additional passengers as provided in 341.730 (Group Loading). 341.730 repealed.</p>	<p>341.170 Duty to Accept Passengers</p> <p><u>May carry additional passengers only with the express consent of the first passenger(s).</u></p>
<p>341.185 Credit Cards</p>	<p>341.185 Credit Cards</p> <p><u>Vehicles not in compliance may be placed out of service; return to service after inspection and approval of licensing official or designee.</u></p>
<p>341.200 Receipt for fares.</p> <p>Written receipt required.</p>	<p>341.200 Receipt for fares.</p> <p>Written receipt required.</p>
<p>341.230 Map Required.</p>	<p>341.230 Map Required. Repealed.</p>
<p>341.240 Trip Sheets.</p>	<p>341.240 Trip Sheets. Repealed.</p>
<p>341.250 Prohibited Acts</p> <p>Parking in residential area is prohibited.</p>	<p>341.250 Prohibited Acts</p> <p>Deleted</p>
<p>341.290 Overall service</p> <p>Maintain a central place of business, open 24 hours per day for receiving calls and dispatching taxicabs by two way radio.</p> <p>Not be necessary that every taxicabs belonging to that association be in service 24 hours per day so long as the association provides adequate overall service.</p>	<p>341.290 Overall service</p> <p>Deleted</p> <p>Deleted</p>

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<p>341.290 Overall service, cont. Companies must have a minimum of 15 licensed taxicabs.</p> <p>Maintain company and vehicle two way radios.</p> <p>List services in white pages and yellow pages.</p> <p>Maintain 24 hour telephone services.</p> <p>Maintain the number of licensed taxicabs in operation on 1/21/85.</p> <p>No taxicab license shall be transferred to or operated under a new color scheme not in existence on January 21, 1985.</p>	<p>341.290 Overall service, cont. Companies must have a minimum of <u>5</u> licensed taxicabs.</p> <p>Deleted.</p> <p>Deleted.</p> <p>Maintain 24 hour telephone or <u>electronic communication</u> services;</p> <p>Deleted.</p> <p>Deleted.</p>
<p>341.300 Authorized number or licenses. Limit on number of licenses issued until December 2006; 5%/10% wheelchair accessible and 5%/10% fuel efficient; 45 new licenses available December 2006; 45 new licenses available June 2007; Business plan required for new companies with less than five vehicles or not operational for 30 days; Required to meet regulatory and service requirements of Chapter 341.</p>	<p>341.300 Authorized number or licenses. <u>Applicant may apply and receive service company licenses and vehicle licenses concurrently.</u></p> <p>Deleted everything else.</p>
<p>341.310 Seasonal licenses.</p>	<p>341.310 Seasonal licenses. Repealed.</p>
	<p>341.315 Wheelchair accessible taxicabs. New Section added to Chapter 341. <u>Add a surcharge to the License Fee Schedule. Surcharge may be assessed to taxicab companies that do not provide full service, full time wheelchair accessible taxicab service and credited to vehicle and service company licenses that provide full service wheelchair accessible taxicab services 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Surcharge may also be used for training drivers assigned to operate wheelchair accessible taxicabs and specialized equipment.</u></p>
<p>341.330 Neighborhood taxicab stands. Downtown Taxicab Stand Permit required.</p>	<p>341.330 Neighborhood taxicab stands. Deleted.</p>
<p>341.360 Prerequisites to license. Only Minnesota driver's license will be accepted. D.O.T. Card required.</p>	<p>341.360 Prerequisites to license. Valid Minnesota or <u>Wisconsin</u> license will be accepted. Deleted.</p>

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<p>341.370 Test required. Test for Taxicab Driver included knowledge of code, traffic regulations, geography, ability to read, write and speak English.</p>	<p>341.370 Test required. Repealed.</p>
<p>341.380 Taxicab driver training course.</p> <p>Driver contribution of \$35; service company contribution of \$15, both which are paid to the licensing official who provides a voucher/receipt required for attendance;</p> <p>City match of service company tuition payments annually;</p> <p>Licensing official shall not enroll driver who has not completed a taxicab license application and paid fee.</p> <p>Driver required to pay remaining license fee and completing other prerequisites before receiving certificate of completion.</p>	<p>341.380 Taxicab driver training course. <u>Taxicab service company representatives</u> added to list of eligible instructors.</p> <p>Deleted.</p> <p>Deleted.</p> <p>Deleted.</p> <p>Deleted.</p>
<p>341.410 License Fee Two installment payment option for license fee and driver training course tuition.</p>	<p>341.410 License Fee Deleted.</p>
<p>341.415 Advance of taxicab driver license and training fees. Service Company may advance a driver costs of license fee and training course tuition.</p>	<p>341.415 Advance of taxicab driver license and training fees. Deleted.</p>
<p>341.420 Issuance of license. Service company to be listed on the license.</p>	<p>341.420 Issuance of license. <u>Primary</u> service company to be listed on the license.</p>
<p>341.425 License to be coterminious with Minnesota driver's license.</p>	<p>341.425 License to be coterminious with Minnesota <u>or Wisconsin</u> driver's license.</p>
<p>341.430 When license expires and fees. Expiration July first.</p>	<p>341.430 When license expires and fees. Expiration <u>June 30th at 11:59 pm.</u></p>
<p>341.460 Revocation, suspension and cancellation of Minnesota driver's license; limited licenses; alcohol-related convictions.</p>	<p>341.460 Revocation, suspension and cancellation of Minnesota <u>or Wisconsin</u> driver's license; limited licenses; alcohol-related convictions.</p>
<p>341.550 License suspension or revocation for lack of insurance. If licensing official receives cancellation notice prior to the annual expiration of any policy...</p> <p>Charged \$10 fine.</p>	<p>341.550 License suspension or revocation for lack of insurance. <u>If licensing official receives notice of expiration ... or receives written notice that the vehicle is out of service prior to receiving an updated certificate of insurance information...</u> Charged "<u>\$50 processing fee</u>"</p>

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<p>341.550 License suspension or revocation for lack of insurance., cont. Insurance policies allowed to lapse less than 60 days will result in \$200 fine.</p> <p>All fines due within 15 days. Failure to pay will result in vehicles being ordered out of service.</p>	<p>341.550 License suspension or revocation for lack of insurance. , cont. Insurance policies allowed to lapse will result in <u>issuance of citation.</u></p> <p>Deleted.</p>
<p>341.580 Requirements for license. Be a citizen of the State of Minnesota.</p>	<p>341.580 Requirements for license. Be a citizen of the State of <u>Minnesota or Wisconsin.</u></p> <p>Legal title of leased vehicle shall appear in the Minnesota <u>or Wisconsin</u> registration.</p>
<p>341.590 Condition of Vehicle. Each vehicle shall be equipped with drop safe, three D.O.T. approved emergency triangles, fire extinguisher, pamphlet holder for informational materials and passenger survey cards.</p>	<p>341.590 Condition of Vehicle. Deleted.</p>
<p>341.595 Age of Vehicle No vehicle shall be licensed or operated as taxicab unless model year of five (5) years or less; eight (8) years or less for wheelchair accessible vehicle or fuel efficient vehicle.</p>	<p>341.595 Age of Vehicle No vehicle shall be licensed or operated as taxicab unless model year of ten <u>(10) years</u> or less; <u>twelve (12) years</u> or less for wheelchair accessible vehicle or <u>fuel efficient vehicle</u> or has an actual odometer <u>reading of less than 150,000 miles.</u></p> <p>Waivers for vehicles older than <u>ten (10) / twelve (12) years</u> <u>subject to approval by the licensing official.</u></p>
<p>341.597 Mandatory safety equipment (d) No licensee shall tamper, disable, or otherwise modify approved digital camera security system, security shield, global position system after installation.</p> <p>(e) An inoperable or defective digital camera security system, security shield, global position system shall cause the taxicab to be found unfit or unsuited for public use, and such vehicle may be ordered off the streets of Minneapolis until repaired.</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>341.597 Mandatory safety equipment (d) No licensee shall tamper, disable, or otherwise modify approved digital camera security system. security shield, global position system after installation.</p> <p>(e) An inoperable or defective digital camera security system, security shield, global position system shall cause the taxicab to be found unfit or unsuited for public use, and such vehicle may be ordered off the streets of Minneapolis until repaired.</p> <p>(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.</p>

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<p>341.600 Issuance and form of license (a) Class and passenger carrying capacity of the taxicab licensed.</p> <p>(b) Make of car; engine number, serial number, and state license number.</p> <p>(c) Decal shall be to the immediate right or left of the rear license number...</p> <p>341.600 Issuance and form of license, cont. Replacement cost for lost, damaged or destroyed decal shall be \$35.</p>	<p>341.600 Issuance and form of license (a) Class <u>of license</u> of the taxicab licensed.</p> <p>(b) Make <u>and model</u> of car; <u>VIN</u> number, and state license <u>plate</u> number.</p> <p>(c) Decal shall be <u>in lower left corner of rear window</u>.</p> <p>341.600 Issuance and form of license, cont. Replacement cost for lost, damaged or destroyed decal shall be <u>in the license fee schedule</u>.</p>
<p>341.605 Taxicab stand permits</p>	<p>341.605 Taxicab stand permits Repealed.</p>
<p>341.620 Inspections</p>	<p>341.620 Inspections <u>Prior to using taxicab vehicle and annually thereafter, licensee shall have vehicle inspected at facility approved by licensing official; and maintain documentation and provide to licensing official upon request. To pass inspection, vehicle must be rust free and damage free and pass inspection of vehicle components outlined by licensing official and listed on official vehicle inspection sheet. Fees for government inspection listed in license fee schedule.</u></p>
<p>341.625 Special inspection fee</p>	<p>341.625 Special inspection fee Deleted Appendix J</p>
<p>341.660 Unauthorized Acts No licensed taxicab shall be used as a private vehicle at any time.</p> <p>No wheelchair accessible taxicabs shall wait in taxicab stands in central business district until after 8 pm; Metro mobility vehicles not permitted to use taxi stands unless stands allow access to medical service centers.</p>	<p>341.660 Unauthorized Acts Deleted.</p> <p>Deleted.</p>
<p>341.695 Contracts with taxicab drivers An owner or service company shall not charge any driver more than \$85 per 12 hour shift for use of a vehicle.</p>	<p>341.695 Contracts with taxicab drivers Deleted.</p>
<p>341.730 Group Loading</p>	<p>341.730 Group Loading Repealed.</p>
<p>341.735 Charges beyond certain distances</p>	<p>341.735 Charges beyond certain distances Repealed.</p>
<p>341.740 Airport Main Terminal departure area a common destination</p>	<p>341.740 Airport Main Terminal departure area a common destination Repealed.</p>
<p>341.745 Special discount rates</p>	<p>341.745 Special discount rates Repealed.</p>
<p>341.760 Computation of charges</p>	<p>341.760 Computation of charges Repealed.</p>

