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36.01 LICENSE REQUIRED

It shall be unlawful to engage in the business of operating a taxicab in the City without first having secured a license therefor. Applications for such licenses shall be made in writing to the City, and shall include the name of the applicant, the intended place of business and the number of taxicabs to be operated. If the applicant is a corporation, the names and addresses of its president and secretary shall be given.

36.02 CHARACTER OF APPLICANT

No taxicab license shall be issued to or held by any person who is not a person of good character or who has been convicted of a felony; nor shall such license be issued to or held by any corporation of any officer thereof would be ineligible for a license under the foregoing conditions.

36.03 NUMBER OF LICENSEES

There shall be no more than two taxicab licenses in the City. No person or corporation shall be issued more than one license, nor shall a license be issued unless the licensee has taxicabs in service.

36.04 LICENSE FEES; TAXICAB STANDARDS

A. The annual fee payable in advance for a taxicab license shall be \$10 for the first taxicab and \$5 for each additional taxicab operated up to a maximum fee of \$75. All fees shall be paid to the City at the time application is made. In the event the license is denied, the fee shall be returned to the applicant. If the license is issued, the fee shall be deposited in the City's general corporate fund or such other fund designated by the City Council. Whenever the number of taxicabs operated is increased during the license year, the licensee shall notify the City of the change and shall pay the additional fee to the City. Such fee shall be in lieu of any other vehicle fee required by ordinance, and the City shall issue suitable tags or stickers for the number of taxicabs covered by each license. Such tag or sticker shall be displayed in a prominent place on each taxicab while it is in use. If a taxicab is withdrawn from service and another taxicab replaces the one withdrawn, the licensee shall notify the City, who shall issue a tag or sticker for such replacement taxicab upon the payment of a \$1 transfer fee. The licensee shall notify the City of the motor number and the license number of each taxicab operated and of the corresponding City tag or sticker number.

B. The annual license fee shall include the right to use one or more of the designated parking places for taxicabs in each of the various locations throughout the City, known as cab stands. Cab

stands shall be assigned by the Chief of Police and no other licensee shall use that parking place or places. Each cab stand shall be appropriately marked by signs erected under the supervision of the Chief of Police. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle other than a taxicab in any cab stand.

36.05 VEHICLES

A. No taxicab shall be operated unless it bears a state license, and no taxicab shall be operated unless it is equipped with proper brakes, lights, tires, horn, muffler, rear vision mirror and windshield wipers in good condition. All taxicabs shall be subject to a semi-annual safety test at an official State Police testing station. A certificate of safety, with a number on the face indicating the date of the next inspection period the vehicle is subject to inspection, shall be displayed in a prominent place on each taxicab. If the test shows the taxicab is not in a safe mechanical condition, it shall not be operated on the streets of the City until it has been issued a certificate of safety issued. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to inspect every taxicab as necessary to insure compliance with this Section 36.05.

B. Each taxicab, while operated, shall have on each side, in letters readable from a distance of 20 feet, the name of the licensee operating it. If more than one taxicab is operated by a licensee, each taxicab shall be designated by a different number, and such number also shall so appear on each side of such taxicab.

36.06 INSURANCE

No taxicab shall be operated unless it is covered by a bond or public liability policy as required by statute.

36.07 TAXICAB DRIVERS

A. No person shall drive a taxicab unless licensed by the State of Illinois. Proof of such license shall be submitted to the Chief of Police, who will issue a certificate that the applicant has complied with the provisions of this Chapter 35.

B. It shall be unlawful for any taxicab driver, while on duty, to drink any intoxicating liquor, or to use any profane or obscene language, or to shout or call to prospective passengers, or to disturb the peace in any way.

C. The taxicab licensee shall submit a list of drivers to the City semi-annually.

36.08 TRAFFIC RULES

It shall be the duty of every driver of a taxicab to obey all traffic rules established by statute or ordinance.

36.09 UNLAWFUL USE

It shall be unlawful to knowingly permit any taxicab to be used in the preparation of a crime or misdemeanor.

36.10 PASSENGERS

A. It shall be the duty of the driver of any taxicab to accept as a passenger any person who seeks to use the taxicab, provided such person is not intoxicated and conducts himself in an orderly manner.

B. No person shall be admitted to a taxicab occupied by a passenger without the consent of the passenger.

C. The driver of a taxicab shall not carry a passenger in the front seat of the taxicab.

D. The driver shall take his passenger to his destination by the most direct available route from the place where the passenger enters the taxicab.