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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 19-1. Definitions.

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

Certificate means a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the city council licensing the operation of taxicabs and limousines.

Cruising means the movement of unoccupied taxicabs over the public streets in search of or soliciting prospective passengers for hire; except that unoccupied taxicabs proceeding to answer a telephone or radio call for taxicab service from a prospective passenger and taxicabs returning by the most direct route after having discharged a passenger to the garage where such taxicab is housed or to its depot or terminal nearest to the place of discharge of the passenger shall not be considered to be cruising.

Driver means any person who drives a taxicab or limousine.

Independent operator means a person owning a certificate and not classified as a taxicab company.

Inspector means an inspector of taxicabs or limousines of the city.

Limousine means any motor vehicle used in a service regularly rendered to the public by furnishing transportation for hire, not over fixed routes, by means of limousine or other vehicles operated by chauffeurs on the basis of telephone contract, written contract or other pre-arrangements with the holder of the certificate of public convenience and necessity. No vehicle shall be operated both as a taxicab and a limousine.

Manifest means a daily record, prepared by the dispatcher, of all trips made by the taxicab which he operates, showing the time and place of origin.

Memorandum certificate means the card issued by the inspector to a taxicab owner for display within a taxicab, indicating that such taxicab has been granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Owner means any person to whom a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the operation of a taxicab has been issued.

Rate card means the card issued by the inspector to a taxicab owner for display within such taxicab for which a certificate has been issued, describing the schedule of fares charged by such taxicab.

Street means any street, alley, avenue or highway within the city limits and within a radius of five (5) miles beyond such city limits as may now exist or may hereafter be extended.

Taxicab means any motor vehicle used in the call and demand for transportation of passengers for hire from point to point, as designated by the passengers, when at least one (1) of such points is within the city, but such word shall not include busses or other public conveyance operated on fixed schedules under a permit or franchise issued by the city or any state agency, nor car pools where one transports fellow workers or neighbors for a maximum compensation that bears a reasonable relation to the actual expense of transportation.

Taxicab company means a firm, partnership or corporation which owns and operates a minimum of five (5) taxicabs and

provides twenty-four (24) hours per day taxicab dispatching service seven (7) days a week.

Sec. 19-2. Articles left in taxicabs.

Every driver of a taxicab shall search the interior of such taxicab at the termination of each trip for any article of value which may be left in such taxicab by a passenger, and shall return such article to the passenger owning it, if he is known, otherwise, it shall be deposited with the owner of the cab at the conclusion of the driver's tour of duty. A written report of the finding and deposit of such article shall be made in duplicate by the owner within twenty-four (24) hours to the inspector of taxicabs.

Sec. 19-3. Deception of passengers.

No driver shall deceive or attempt to deceive any passenger who may ride in his taxicab, as to his destination or the rate of fare to be charged, nor shall any driver convey any passenger, or cause him to be conveyed, to a place other than directed by him, and in no event shall any operator take a longer route to the destination than necessary unless so requested by the passenger or with the passenger's permission.

Sec. 19-4. Compliance with lawful requests of passengers.

All drivers shall comply with all reasonable and lawful requests of the passenger as to the speed of travel and the route to be taken.

Sec. 19-5. Cleanliness of drivers.

Drivers of taxicabs shall be clean of dress and person at all times while operating a taxicab.

Sec. 19-6. Fraudulently calling taxicabs.

Any person calling a taxicab with no intention of using it for himself or another person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

ARTICLE II. INSPECTOR

Sec. 19-31. Office created; appointment and qualifications.

There is hereby created the office of inspector of taxicabs or limousines, who shall be appointed by the director of public safety and who shall be selected from the personnel of the police department and who shall be and remain a public safety officer.

Sec. 19-32. Duties generally.

The inspector of taxicabs or limousines is charged with the duties required of him under this article, and in general shall be responsible for the inspection of taxicabs or limousines, the issuance of permits to the drivers thereof, and the safety of the public in connection with the operation or the use of taxicabs or limousines.

Sec. 19-33. Reports and recommendations to city council, etc.

The inspector of taxicabs or limousines shall advise the director of public safety and the city manager with respect to matters covered by or incidentally involved in the operation or administration of this chapter. He shall make recommendations to the city manager with respect to the adequacy of taxicab service in the city and whether or not, in his opinion, there are too many or too few taxicabs in the city to serve the public convenience and necessity. He shall report to the city manager the names of all drivers to whom he has granted or denied a probationer's permit and shall make such other reports to the city manager as may be required.

Sec. 19-34. Public safety officers to report violations to inspector; inspector to attend trials.

It shall be the duty of all public safety officers to report to the inspector of taxicabs or limousines any violation by the operator of a taxicab or limousine of this Code, or any other traffic ordinance of the city and of this chapter. If and when there is a charge placed against any holder of a certificate under this article or a holder of a taxicab or limousine driver's permit, it shall be the duty of the inspector to attend such trial in the municipal court and render proper assistance to the officers and the court in connection with any alleged violation.

Secs. 19-35--19-55. Reserved.

ARTICLE III.
CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Sec. 19-56. Required; maximum number to issue; record.

- (a) No person shall operate any taxicab in the city without having obtained a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing such operation.
- (b) Except for renewal certificates, no new certificate shall be issued to independent operators if the total number of certificates issued, including those held by taxicab companies equal or exceed fifty (50).
- (c) Provided, however, a taxicab company may be issued a maximum of fifteen (15) certificates without regard to the maximum limit of fifty (50).
- (d) If the total number of certificates issued falls below fifty (50), additional certificates may be issued to independent operators until the limit of fifty (50) is reached.
- (e) A taxicab company may exercise the option of removing from active service any number of licensed units owned and operated by the company as reduced service demand requires and for such period of time as the company determines, provided the company operates no less than five (5) taxicabs at all times.
- (f) The taxicab inspector will maintain a chronological list of the names and addresses of applicants who have applied for a certificate and who have been denied a certificate by reason of the maximum licenses prescribed by this section. If the number of certificates issued decreases below fifty (50), the taxicab inspector will advise the applicants in writing of the availability of a certificate in the order they appear on the applicant list.

Sec. 19-57. Application.

Any taxicab company applying to the council for a certificate for the operation of one (1) or more taxicabs shall file with the city council a sworn application therefor on forms provided by the city council as follows:

- (1) Name and address of the owner, and if that the owner is a corporation, a certified copy of the articles of incorporation;

- (2) Number of vehicles actually owned and the number of vehicles operated by such owner on the date of such application, if any;
- (3) Number of vehicles for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity is desired;
- (4) Net worth of the owner or applicant over and above all debts, judgments, claims and demands whatsoever;
- (5) Whether there are any unpaid or unbonded judgments of record against such owner, and if so, the title of all actions and the amount of all judgments unpaid or unbonded;
- (6) Make, type, year of manufacture, serial number, engine number and passenger capacity of each taxicab for which application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity is made;
- (7) If the applicant is a corporation, a list of the officers, directors and supervising employees thereof, including general manager, must be shown;
- (8) Whether there are any liens, mortgages or other encumbrances on such taxicabs, and if so, the amount and character thereof; and
- (9) Such other information as the city council may, in its discretion, require.

Sec. 19-58. Investigation and hearing prior to granting.

- (a) No certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be granted to a taxicab company until the city council, after hearing, declares by resolution that public convenience and necessity require the proposed taxicab service.
- (b) In determining whether public convenience and necessity require the operation of taxicabs for which application for certificate is made, the city council shall consider and investigate:
 - (1) Whether the demand of the public requires additional taxicabs or taxicab service;
 - (2) The adequacy of existing mass transportation and taxicab service;

- (3) The financial responsibility and experience of the applicant;
 - (4) The ability of the applicant to earn a return on the capital invested;
 - (5) The number, kind and type of equipment;
 - (6) The effect that such additional taxicab service may have upon traffic congestion and parking;
 - (7) Whether the additional taxicab service will result in a greater hazard to the public; and
 - (8) Such other relevant facts as the city council may deem advisable or necessary.
- (c) The city council may authorize the formation and operation of one (1) or more taxicab companies when it appears that the:
- (1) Criteria set forth in this section are met;
 - (2) Public interest would be served thereby; and
 - (3) Taxicab company may qualify as a taxicab company through the ownership of certificates or through an association of independent operators or otherwise.

Sec. 19-59. Issuance.

Having declared that public convenience and necessity requires the proposed taxicab service, the inspector shall grant to every person who has filed an application therefor as provided by this article, a certificate of public convenience and necessity for such taxicab subject to such conditions as the city council may deem that public convenience and necessity requires, provided that the:

- (1) Taxicab owner shall have complied with all of the provisions of this chapter;
- (2) Vehicle for which application for certificates is made has been found, after investigation by the inspector of taxicabs, to be in strict compliance with this chapter;
- (3) Court record of the applicant is not such as would make it against the public interest for such certificate to be granted;

- (4) Applicant is of good moral character and has not been convicted or served time for a felony, serious misdemeanor, driving under the influence or drug charge within five (5) years prior to making application.

Sec. 19-60. Expiration.

All certificates under this article shall expire on December thirty-first of the year during which such certificate was granted.

Sec. 19-61. Renewal.

Upon application prior to the termination of each calendar year, the inspector may renew any certificate, or cause a new certificate to be issued for the ensuing year, in the absence of any contrary evidence and finding of the inspector regarding the continued necessity for such taxicab service.

Sec. 19-62. Fees.

The owner of each taxicab or limousine who is granted a certificate shall pay annually to the general treasury of the city the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each cab or limousine so licensed. Such license fees shall be established by proper authority and shall be applicable to taxicabs or limousines in the city.

Sec. 19-63. Suspension or revocation.

- (a) Certificates may be suspended or revoked by the city council at any time when:
 - (1) The inspector finds the owner's record since the issuance of the certificate to be unsatisfactory;
 - (2) The owner fails to operate the taxicab in accordance with the provisions of this article;
 - (3) The owner shall cease to operate any taxicab for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days without having obtained permission for cessation of such operation from the inspector of taxicabs;

- (4) The taxicabs are operated at a rate of fare other than that provided by this article and stated on the certificate and the rate card issued by the council;
 - (5) The holder of a certificate shall fail to register properly in the correct and true owner's name the taxicab covered by the certificate with the state;
 - (6) The owner or operator of a taxicab hauls, stores or otherwise transports liquor or other alcoholic beverage other than such liquor or alcoholic beverage owned by a bona fide passenger;
 - (7) The owner has been convicted or served time for a felony, serious misdemeanor, driving under the influence or drug charge within five (5) years prior to making application;
 - (8) For any other reason, the inspector deems that suspension or revocation is warranted.
- (b) No certificate shall be revoked unless and until forty-eight (48) hours' notice of hearing shall have been given to the holder of such certificate and such hearing is duly had thereon.
- (c) Certificates may be suspended by the inspector at any time for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days; provided, certificates may be permanently revoked by the city council only after forty-eight (48) hours' notice of hearing has been given to the holder of such certificate and only after such hearing is duly had thereon.

Sec. 19-64. Surrender of certificates.

Certificates pursuant to this article which have been suspended or revoked by the city council shall, forthwith, be surrendered to the inspector of taxicabs together with the corresponding memorandum certificates and rate cards, and the operation of any taxicab covered by such certificates shall cease. Any owner who permanently retires any taxicab from service and does not replace it within ten (10) days thereof shall immediately surrender any certificate granted for the operation of such taxicab to the inspector and such owner may not secure additional certificates for the operation of any taxicab without having first made application therefor, in the manner provided in this article.

Sec. 19-65. Grant of certificates for taxicabs previously licensed.

Every owner operating a licensed taxicab in the city on the effective date of this article, being July 18, 1956, shall be presumed, in the absence of contrary evidence and finding of the inspector, to have established prima facie evidence of public convenience and necessity for the licensing of the taxicabs actually in operation on such date. The inspector shall, upon written application received by the inspector within fifteen (15) days from January first of each year thereafter, grant a certificate to such owner for such taxicab; provided, the applicant has otherwise complied with the provisions of this article.

Sec. 19-66. Assignment or transfer.

No certificate of public convenience and necessity may be assigned or transferred until the inspector of taxicabs, upon written application setting forth the purpose, terms and conditions of such assignment or transfer, shall after investigation refer the same to the city council for approval or disapproval.

Sec. 19-67. Effect of change of ownership of taxicabs.

Change of ownership or title to any taxicab shall automatically revoke any certificate previously granted for the operation of such taxicab. The purchaser of any such taxicab may not operate such vehicle as a taxicab until he has applied for and been granted new certificates in the manner provided in sections 19-56 to 19-59. For the purpose of this article, a change of ownership is deemed to have taken place, in addition to other methods usually employed, if the owner of any taxicab leases the taxicab to any person under any lease or other arrangement whereby such person shall have the rights upon the payment of an amount of money or other consideration to acquire title at any future date to a taxicab.

Sec. 19-68. Effect of replacement of taxicabs.

Whenever an owner sells or transfers title to a taxicab for which a certificate has been granted and, within five (5) days after such sale or transfer, purchases other taxicabs, the inspector shall, as a matter of right, upon written application to the inspector within five (5) days of such purchase, issue a new certificate for the operation of no greater number of

taxicabs than those sold or transferred; provided, such owner has complied with all the provisions of this article.

Sec. 19-69. Effect of destruction of taxicabs.

Any owner whose taxicab for which a certificate has been granted has been destroyed involuntarily, or who voluntarily destroys any taxicab will as a matter of right, upon written application to the city council within thirty (30) days after such destruction, be issued a new certificate for the operation of no greater number of taxicabs than those destroyed, upon satisfactory evidence presented to the city council of such destruction; and provided, that the owner has complied with all the provisions of this article.

Sec. 19-70. Memorandum certificates.

For each taxicab for which a certificate has been granted, a memorandum certificate shall be issued by the inspector of taxicabs in such form as the city council may from time to time prescribe. Such memorandum certificate shall be displayed at all times in a conspicuous place in the taxicab for which issued, as provided in this chapter.

Secs. 19-71--19-90. Reserved.

**ARTICLE IV.
TAXIMETERS**

Sec. 19-91. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or driver operating any taxicab under the provisions of this chapter to operate or cause to be operated on the streets or public ways of the city any taxicab unless it is equipped with a taximeter approved by the city council.

Sec. 19-92. Accuracy.

It shall be the duty of every owner using any taximeter at all times to keep the taximeter accurate.

Sec. 19-93. Inspection.

Taximeters shall be subject to inspection from time to time by the inspector.

Sec. 19-94. Reading dial.

All taximeters shall be placed so that the reading dial showing the amount to be charged shall be well-lighted and readily visible to passengers riding in such taxicabs.

Sec. 19-95. Changing tires.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or cause to be placed upon any taxicab equipped with a taximeter, tires of a smaller size than those which were on the vehicle at the time the taximeter was last sealed, without notice to the inspector. After notice of such a change in tires, it shall be the duty of the inspector to test and seal the taximeter.

Sec. 19-96. To be sealed by inspector.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any taxicab unless the taximeter thereto attached shall be sealed with the official seal designated by the inspector.

Sec. 19-97. Tampering with seals or meters; broken seals.

It shall be unlawful for any person to break a seal on a taximeter, or to tamper with it, or so to manipulate it as to cause it to inaccurately measure the distance traveled by the taxicab to which it is attached. It shall be unlawful to operate a taxicab with the seal broken. The inspector shall inspect any meter for accuracy which has had the seal broken.

Sec. 19-98. Schedule of rates and charges. **

The maximum rates and charges which may be charged by taxicabs in the city are set from time to time by the city council and a schedule of such rates is on file in the office of the inspector.

**** See Resolution (attached) dated 10.25.04 regarding rate increase.**

Secs. 19-99--19-120. Reserved.

**ARTICLE V.
RECORDS AND REPORTS**

Sec. 19-121. Record of owner's name, address, etc.

Each owner shall maintain on file with the inspector his name, business address, and all business telephone numbers listed in his name.

Sec. 19-122. Driver's manifest.

- (a) Every dispatcher shall maintain a daily manifest upon which are recorded all trips made each day, showing the time and place of origin. The forms for such records shall be of a character approved by the inspector.
- (b) Every owner shall retain and preserve all manifests in a safe place for at least six (6) months and the manifests shall be made available upon demand for inspection by the inspector, the city manager or the city council.

Sec. 19-123. Reports of statistics of operation.

Every owner shall, upon request, submit reports of statistics of operation in forms as required by the inspector, city manager or city council.

Secs. 19-124--19-145. Reserved.

**ARTICLE VI.
EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS**

Sec. 19-146. Compliance prerequisite to certificate; exceptions.

No vehicle shall be granted a certificate unless it conforms with all the provisions of this article, or unless such vehicle shall previously have been granted a license to operate as a taxicab in which case conformance with sections 19-149 and 19-150 will not be required.

Sec. 19-147. Inspection of vehicles--By inspector.

- (a) Before a certificate is issued to any owner, the taxicab or limousine for which such certificate is requested shall

deliver such taxicab or limousine to a place designated by the inspector for inspection, and the inspector shall designate agents to inspect such taxicabs or limousines and their equipment to ascertain whether such taxicab or limousine complies with the provisions of this article.

- (b) The inspector or his agents shall have the right, at any time, after displaying proper identification, to enter into or upon any certified taxicab or limousine for the purpose of ascertaining whether any of the provisions of this article are being violated.
- (c) Any taxicab or limousine that is found, after any inspection by the inspector or his agents, to be unsafe or in any way unsuitable for taxicab or limousine service may be immediately ordered out of service by the inspector, and before again being placed in service shall be delivered to the inspector at a designated point for reinspection.

Sec. 19-148. Same--By owner.

- (a) Every owner shall institute a system of regular bimonthly inspection of all taxicabs and equipment and keep all taxicabs and their equipment in proper repair and sanitary condition at all times. A record of all such inspections shall be kept by the owner and shall be available to the inspector.
- (b) Any taxicab found by the owner, upon inspection, to be unsafe for taxicab operation shall have such repairs and alterations made as may be required and shall not operate the taxicab or cause or permit it to be operated until completed.

Sec. 19-149. Upholstery covering.

All upholstery covering in any taxicab shall be of washable, approved material which shall be in good repair.

Sec. 19-150. Floor mats.

Floor mats shall be provided of rubber or other washable material and shall at all times be removable. No taxicab shall have on the floor thereof any footrest, bracket or other fixtures extending above the top of the floor mat.

(Code 1958, § 36-43)

Sec. 19-151. Display of license, certificate and rates.

Every taxicab shall have displayed the driver's chauffeur license, the owner's memorandum certificate and a rate schedule in plain view of the passengers.

Sec. 19-152. Display of identification information.

The name of the taxicab company, taxicab number and telephone number shall be painted with permanent paint on both sides of each cab with letters and numbers at least four (4) inches high or greater on the sides, and with a two-inch or greater cab number on the front and rear. Colors of paint to be used for lettering and numbers shall be of sharp contrast with the color of the surface paint to which it is applied. No lettering or numbers shall be acceptable which have been painted upon a sheet of metal or other material which in turn can be removed or detached to conceal the identification of such cab company and cab number; provided, however, lettering and numbers will be acceptable if installed by the use of a decal or similar transfer identification system.

Sec. 19-153. Cleanliness.

Every owner shall clean the exterior and interior of the taxicabs as needed.

Secs. 19-154--19-175. Reserved.

**ARTICLE VII.
OPERATION***

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 19-176. Registration and licenses required.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle as a taxicab until such vehicle has been registered in accordance with all the requirements of the state and all proper licenses have been obtained therefor.

Sec. 19-177. Minimum hours.

No taxicab shall be operated less than forty (40) hours per week. Each operator shall keep an accurate record of the number of hours per week each taxi is on duty and ready for service and

any owner or dispatcher who fails to keep an accurate record or falsify a record pertaining to the operation of a taxicab shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 19-178. Owner or agent only to operate.

- (a) No taxicab shall be operated except by the owner thereof, or by a duly authorized agent or employee of the owner.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any owner to allow any person to operate a taxicab who does not possess a valid taxicab driver's permit.

Sec. 19-179. Compliance with laws and ordinances generally.

Every taxicab shall be operated in accordance with the laws of the state and the ordinances of the city and with due regard for the safety, comfort and convenience of passengers and for the safe and careful transportation of property and for the safety of the general public.

Secs. 19-180--19-200. Reserved.

**DIVISION 2.
DRIVER'S PERMIT***

Sec. 19-201. Required.

No person shall drive a taxicab or limousine within the city limits without first having obtained a driver's permit from the inspector.

Sec. 19-202. Application.

- (a) Each applicant for a driver's permit shall make application on forms to be provided by the inspector and shall, among other things, show his full name, address, physical condition with particular reference to hearing and eyesight, his use of intoxicating liquors and drugs, physical description, age, place of birth, whether a citizen of the United States, previous places of employment for five (5) years prior to the date of application, whether married or single, his court record and state driver's license number. Such application and statement shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant and any false statement made by the applicant in applying for a driver's permit shall invalidate the permit issued to such applicant.

- (b) Each application shall have attached thereto two (2) recent photographs of the applicant of such size as may, from time to time, be designated by the inspector.

Sec. 19-203. Qualifications of applicant.

Each applicant for a driver's permit pursuant to this division must establish to the satisfaction of the inspector that he is a person of good moral character, and he must be:

- (1) At least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (2) Of sound physique, with good eyesight and not subject to epilepsy, vertigo, heart trouble, or any other infirmity of body or mind which might render him unfit for the safe operation of a taxicab or limousine;
- (3) Able to read, write and speak the English language, except those presently licensed;
- (4) Clean in dress and person;
- (5) Not addicted to the use of drugs or intoxicating liquors.

Sec. 19-204. Grounds for refusal.

The inspector of taxicabs or limousines shall refuse to grant or renew a taxicab or limousine driver's permit or license in the case of an application from any person who has:

- (1) An automobile driver's license suspended or revoked, which suspension is still in effect;
- (2) Been convicted of homicide resulting from his operation of a motor vehicle;
- (3) Been convicted or served time for a felony, serious misdemeanor, driving under the influence or drug charge within five (5) years prior to making application;
- (4) Been deemed for any other reason in the opinion of the inspector unfit to drive a taxicab or limousine.

Sec. 19-205. Application blank of record.

If the inspector finds that the applicant has satisfactorily complied with all the conditions of this division, he shall give an application blank which shall contain blank spaces for the record of all arrests, or charges made against the holder thereof, the disposition thereof and any other pertinent information.

Sec. 19-206. Fees.

All applicants for taxicab or limousine driver's permits shall pay to the city revenue office the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) at the time their applications are filed, if filed during the months of January through June, and the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50), if filed during the months of July through December. All permits shall be renewed at the beginning of each calendar year and the permit fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the renewal of such permit.

Sec. 19-207. Renewal.

The inspector may renew a taxicab or limousine driver's permit from year to year by appropriate endorsement thereon. A driver's application for renewal of his permit shall be on a form furnished by the inspector.

Sec. 19-208. Suspension.

The inspector shall have the authority to suspend any taxicab or limousine driver and require the surrender of his permit for any violation of this chapter.

Sec. 19-209. Revocation.

At any time after the issuance of a permit to any person to drive a taxicab or limousine, the inspector shall revoke such permit if the person holding such permit is convicted of:

- (1) A felony or any other offense against person or property;
- (2) A violation of any federal or state statute relating to the possession or sale of intoxicating liquors;
- (3) A violation of any federal or state statute relating to prostitution;

- (4) A violation of any federal or state statute or municipal ordinance relating to the use, possession or sale of narcotic drugs or barbiturates;
- (5) Repeated violations of traffic laws or ordinances;
- (6) Habitual use of intoxicating liquors, narcotic drugs or barbiturates;
- (7) Making a false statement or statements in his application; or
- (8) Violation of any provision of this chapter.

Secs. 19-210--19-230. Reserved.

**ARTICLE VIII.
TREATMENT OF PASSENGERS**

Sec. 19-231. Manner of solicitation.

No driver shall solicit patronage in a loud or annoying tone of voice or by any sign, or in any manner annoy any person or obstruct the movement of any person, or follow any person for the purpose of soliciting patronage.

Sec. 19-232. Receipt and discharge of passengers.

Drivers of taxicabs or limousines must not receive or discharge passengers in the roadway but shall pull up to the side of the road and there receive or discharge passengers.

Sec. 19-233. Acceptance of additional passengers.

Whenever any taxicab or limousine is occupied by a passenger, the driver shall not permit any other person to occupy or ride in such taxicab or limousine, except with the permission of the original passenger.

Sec. 19-234. Number of passengers.

No driver shall permit more than two (2) passengers to ride in the front seat of a taxicab or limousine.

Secs. 19-235--19-255. Reserved.

ARTICLE IX.
PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE

Sec. 19-256. Required.

No license shall be issued for any taxicab or limousine unless and until the owner thereof has procured and filed with the inspector an insurance policy of the type and in the amounts set forth in this article. Operation of a taxicab or limousine without the insurance required by this division shall be the cause for revocation of the certificate covering the offending vehicle.

Sec. 19-257. Type and amount.

The insurance required by this article shall be a public liability and property damage insurance policy or surety bond with a company authorized to do business in the state and covering each motor vehicle used or to be used by such taxicab or limousine owner. Such policy shall insure or indemnify taxicab or limousine passengers and the public or any member thereof receiving personal injury by reason of any act of negligence in the sum of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for bodily injury or death of any one (1) person; and in the sum of not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for bodily injuries to or death of all persons injured or killed in any one (1) accident, subject to a maximum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for bodily injuries to or death of any one (1) person. Such policy shall further insure or indemnify for damage to the property of any person, other than the insured or operator of such vehicle, in the sum of not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for loss or damage in any one (1) accident. The liability of such company shall extend to such losses, damages, injuries or deaths whether the same occur or are caused by the negligent operation of the insured's motor vehicle either inside or outside of the city; provided, that the increased coverage required by this section, over and above that previously required, shall not be mandatory prior to July 1, 1957.

Sec. 19-258. Responsibility for violations.

If the person violating any provisions of this article is a corporation, the officers, agents or employees thereof who shall violate or procure, aid or abet any violation of any of the provisions contrary to the requirements thereof shall be subject to the same penalties as if they, themselves, were personally

operating such taxicab or limousine at the time such violations were committed.

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RESOLUTION REGARDING A RATE INCREASE FOR
TAXICABS OPERATING IN THE CITY OF SPARTANBURG

BE IT RESOLVED By the Mayor and Members of Council of the City of Spartanburg, in
Council assembled:

Section 1. Pursuant to Sec. 19-98 of the Code of the City of Spartanburg, Council
authorizes taxicabs operating in the City of Spartanburg to charge a maximum rate of \$1.50 per
mile. The maximum Drop Rate for taxicabs operating in the City shall be reduced from \$2.90 to
\$2.50.

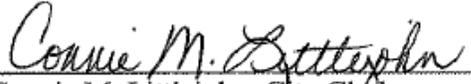
Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

This Resolution adopted this 25th day of October, 2004.



William Barnet, III, Mayor.

ATTEST:



Connie M. Littlejohn, City Clerk.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



H. Spencer King, City Attorney.