

Title 6

BUSINESS REGULATIONS

Subtitle I License Code

Chapter 6.02

GENERAL PROVISIONS¹

Sections:

6.02.290 Suspension or revocation procedure.

1. Cross-reference: For general provisions applicable to the New License Code, see Chapter 6.202 of this Code.

6.02.290 Suspension or revocation procedure.

A. Actions to suspend or revoke any license shall be commenced by filing in the office of the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs a written complaint setting forth in specific terms the basis therefor. Such complaint may be made by the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs, or by any member of the License Division, or by any other person. A copy of such complaint shall be mailed by certified mail to the licensee at his last address as shown by the license records of the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs and shall be accompanied by a notice that such license may be suspended or revoked.

B. The licensee shall, within ten days after receiving any such complaint, mail by certified mail to the complainant and file with the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs his written answer which shall admit or deny the allegations of such complaint and may set forth such defenses and/or additional matter as the licensee shall deem appropriate. If such licensee desires a hearing in such action, he shall request the same in his answer and submit the Hearing Examiner filing fee therewith. The Director shall transmit the answer and the fee to the Hearing Examiner.

C. Upon failure of any such licensee to file an answer as provided in this section, or in the event no hearing is requested, the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs shall investigate the allegations of the complaint, and if cause exists therefor may suspend or revoke such license, and otherwise he shall dismiss the complaint; provided, that if the Director finds upon a sufficient showing that the conduct complained of has been corrected and is unlikely to be repeated, he may dismiss the com-

plaint; and provided further, that the complaint shall be dismissed where the conduct complained of has been corrected under a written agreement between the complainant and licensee approved by the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs.

D. Notice of the action of the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs summarizing his findings and conclusions shall be mailed by certified mail to the complainant and to the licensee.

E. In all cases in which a complaint is dismissed other than upon a written agreement between the complainant and licensee, the complainant may within ten days of the mailing of the notice of the Director's action request a hearing on such dismissal, in writing together with the appropriate Hearing Examiner filing fee, which the Director shall transmit to the Hearing Examiner.

F. When a hearing has been requested by a licensee in connection with the suspension or revocation of a license, the license shall remain in effect pending the determination made as a result of such hearing; provided, that in cases involving a substantial threat to the public health, safety or welfare, the license may be summarily suspended and in such case the date for hearing shall be set within five days following such suspension.

(Ord. 108648 § 1, 1979; Ord. 104202 § 3, 1975; Ord. 102636 § 11, 1973; Ord. 48022 § 14.1, 1924.)

Chapter 6.06

BAIL BONDSMEN

Sections:

- 6.06.020 Bail bondsman's license required.
- 6.06.030 Associate bail bondsman's license.

6.06.020 Bail bondsman's license required.

It shall be unlawful to be or become a bail bondsman in the city without first having obtained a valid and subsisting license so to do to be known as a "bail bondsman's license," the annual fee for which is fixed at Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) per year. (Ord. 109502 § 1(part), 1980; Ord. 89048 § 1(part), 1960; Ord. 48022 § 331, 1924.)

6.06.030 Associate bail bondsman's license.

A. It is unlawful to be or become an associate bail bondsman without having first obtained a valid and subsisting license so to do to be known as an "associate bail bondsman's license," the annual fee for which is Thirty Dollars (\$30.00).

B. The application for an associate bail bondsman's license by any person other than the person signing the application for a bail bondsman's license shall be accompanied by a written statement from the holder of a bail bondsman's license that the applicant is associated with such business as a partner or employee, as the case may be, and requesting the granting of a license to such applicant.

(Ord. 109502 § 1(part), 1980; Ord. 106063 § 13, 1976; Ord. 89048 § 1(part), 1960; Ord. 48022 § 331.1, 1924.)

Chapter 6.14

DETECTIVES AND DETECTIVE AGENCIES

Sections:

6.14.060 Private detective license—Application.

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A. Applications for private detective license shall be made to the Director on forms to be furnished by him/her for that purpose, shall be signed and verified by the applicant, and shall state his/her full name, age and residence, his/her present and previous occupations and the address of the place of business and the name of his/her employer. The Director upon presentation of an application for a private detective license, and before acting upon the same, shall request the Chief of Police to make a full investigation as to the truth of the statements contained therein and as to any and all other matters which might tend to aid the Director in determining whether or not the license shall be issued. The Chief of Police shall, within five days after the date of such request, furnish a written report to the Director containing the result of his/her investigation. If the Director is satisfied that the statements contained in the application are true, that the applicant is of good moral character and has complied with all requirements of this chapter,

he/she shall issue the license; otherwise the license shall be denied. Each such license shall bear the photograph of the license holder.

B. The Director may, upon recommendation of the Chief of Police pending completion of the required investigation, issue a temporary permit to any applicant for a private detective license and/or private guard license who has been a resident of the state for a period of at least five years next preceding the date of application. Such temporary permit shall authorize the permittee to act either as a private detective, private guard, or both, while he/she is employed by, or an agent of, the detective agency specified in the permit and the same shall be valid for a period of not to exceed forty-five days.

C. Private detective licenses may be revoked as prescribed by Section 6.02.270 of this subtitle.

(Ord. 109191 § 1, 1980; Ord. 107157 § 13, 1978; Ord. 102636 § 37, 1973; Ord. 98196, 1969; Ord. 94649, 1966; Ord. 67473 § 6, 1937; Ord. 48022 § 90-3, 1924.)

Chapter 6.16

DOG AND CAT LICENSES

Sections:

6.16.010 License requirements and fees.

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A. It is unlawful to have possession or custody of or to harbor or give shelter or refuge to any dog or cat without a valid "dog license" or "cat license" as the case may be, and without having conspicuously displayed on the strap or other device placed on such animal an authorized identification tag; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to possession or custody of any dog or cat less than four months of age when proof of age can be and on request is submitted to a licensing or police officer; provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the temporary possession or custody of any dog or cat borrowed from the city animal shelter for the purpose of grooming such animal, to facilitate the chance of its adoption from the animal shelter.

B. Dog or cat licenses shall be issued in the name of the person having possession or custody

of or harboring or sheltering or giving refuge to the animal and be serially numbered. The Director shall issue with each such license an identification tag inscribed with the word "Seattle," the license number and the year for which issued. Such licenses or identification tags shall not be transferred or used by anyone other than the person to whom issued.

C. To implement staggered license expiration dates for pet licenses, beginning on March 31, 1980, the Director shall divide pet licenses that are scheduled for renewal into eight groups having staggered expiration dates of twelve, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, and three months respectively. The fee for such licenses shall be as follows:

Months to Expire		Dog	Cat
12	Regular	\$10.00	\$6.00
	Altered	5.00	3.00
9	Regular	7.50	4.50
	Altered	3.75	2.25
8	Regular	6.70	4.02
	Altered	3.35	2.01
7	Regular	5.80	3.48
	Altered	2.90	1.74
6	Regular	5.00	3.00
	Altered	2.50	1.50
5	Regular	4.20	2.52
	Altered	2.10	1.26
4	Regular	3.30	1.98
	Altered	1.65	.99
3	Regular	2.50	1.50
	Altered	1.25	.75

Each such license, upon its expiration, and thereafter, shall be renewed for a twelve-month annual period. Each new license (for an animal not previously licensed) shall be issued upon application for a twelve-month period.

D. The fee for new licenses and for all annual periods of renewal shall be:

	Dog	Cat
Regular	\$15.00	\$9.00
Altered	5.00	3.00

(Ord. 109502 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108909 § 1, 1980: Ord. 107946 § 1, 1979: Ord. 107157 § 14, 1978: Ord. 105361 § 1, 1976: Ord. 104048 § 1, 1974: Ord. 102636 § 41, 1973: Ord. 48022 § 95, 1924.)

Chapter 6.18

DOG KENNELS

Sections:

6.18.020 License required—Fees.

6.18.020 License required—Fees.

It is unlawful to keep or maintain a commercial kennel, veterinary hospital, pet shop, or pet kennel within the city, without first obtaining a license therefor. The annual license fee shall be as follows:

Commercial kennel	\$65
Veterinary hospital	\$35
Pet shop	\$65
Pet shop, birds only.	\$15
Pet kennel	\$15

A separate license shall be required for each location and activity as defined in this chapter and shall expire at midnight, December 31st, of the year for which issued. Holders of unexpired dog kennel licenses may be allowed a pro rata credit on the fee for licenses issued under this chapter.

(Ord. 109502 § 1 (part), 1980: Ord. 106063 § 3, 1976: Ord. 88780 § 2, 1959: Ord. 48022 § 97, 1924.)

Chapter 6.20

EXHIBITORS OR TRADE SHOWS

Sections:

6.20.010 Exhibitor's license.

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An exhibitor's license is required for any antique show, trade show, boat show, sports show, hobby show, agricultural show, horticultural show, industrial show, or other show or exhibition of a similar nature that is open to the public, wherein not less than seven persons under the sponsorship of another person or organization exhibit goods or articles and where any such goods or articles are sold or offered for sale at retail. The term "sale at retail" as used in this section means the sale or offer for sale of goods or articles by small

quantities, in broken lots or parcels, not in bulk, and direct to consumers. Upon application and payment of a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) by the sponsor of any such show or exhibition, the Director may issue to such sponsor an exhibitor's license valid for a definite period not to exceed twenty-one days, which license shall be in lieu of any other license required in connection with such show or exhibition of either exhibitor or sponsor by Sections 6.46.020, 6.50.020 or 6.58.020 of this subtitle. The license required by this section may be revoked or suspended by the Director for any misrepresentation of goods or articles offered for sale at any such show.

(Ord. 109502 § 1(part), 1980; Ord. 107157 § 11, 1978; Ord. 106037 § 2, 1976; Ord. 104063, 1974; Ord. 101168, 1972; Ord. 97286 § 1, 1968; Ord. 96400, 1968; Ord. 93397, 1964; Ord. 92657, 1964; Ord. 92204, 1963; Ord. 91689, 1962; Ord. 84041, 1955; Ord. 83500 § 1, 1954; Ord. 82624, 1954; Ord. 81352, 1952; Ord. 77545, 1948; Ord. 72685, 1943; Ord. 71451, 1941; Ord. 65675; Ord. 65592, 1935; Ord. 64185; Ord. 61761; Ord. 59597; Ord. 48022 § 23, 1924.)

Chapter 6.22

FOR-HIRE DRIVERS¹

Sections:

6.22.010 Repealed.

6.22.030 Repealed.

1. Cross-reference: For provisions on for-hire vehicles, see Chapter 6.210 of this Code.

6.22.010 License required.
Repealed by Ordinance 109560.

6.22.030 Photograph of applicant.
Repealed by Ordinance 109191.

Chapter 6.24

FOR-HIRE VEHICLES¹

Repealed by Ordinance 109348.

1. Cross-reference: For provisions in the New License Code on for-hire vehicles, see Chapter 6.210 of this Code.

Chapter 6.28

HAWKERS¹

Repealed by Ordinance 109271.

1. Cross-reference: For provisions on residential sales, see Chapter 6.260 of this Code.

Chapter 6.36

MASSAGE PARLORS AND BATHHOUSES¹

Sections:

6.36.020 Massage parlor, public bathhouse and reducing salon licenses.

6.36.030 Massage operator's license.

1. Cross-reference: For provisions on adult entertainment, see Chapter 6.280 of this Code.

6.36.020 Massage parlor, public bathhouse and reducing salon licenses.

It is unlawful to conduct, manage, operate, or work in any massage parlor, public bathhouse, or reducing salon unless such establishment is licensed as provided in this section:

A. Original application for such licenses shall be made and original licenses issued in the manner provided in Sections 6.02.190 and 6.02.210 of this subtitle. All applications for renewal shall be filed with the Director on forms furnished by him/her for such purpose and he/she shall refer the same to the Chief of Police who shall within five days furnish a written report to the Director containing the result of his/her investigation and any other matters which might aid the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs in determining whether or not to issue the license.

B. The fee for a massage parlor, reducing salon, or public bathhouse license is One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00) per year.

C. No such license shall be granted for any premises until inspection and report as to the sanitary condition thereof by the Director of Health to the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs. Licensed premises must be similarly inspected at least once a year when renewal of a license is requested, and must at all times be open to inspection as to sanitary and moral conditions by the Police and Health Departments.

D. It is unlawful for the owner, proprietor, manager, or such person in charge of any massage parlor, public bathhouse, or reducing salon to employ in such place any person who is not at least eighteen years of age and of good moral character.

E. It is unlawful to advertise the giving of massages or public baths in the establishment or by an operator not licensed pursuant to this subtitle.

F. A record of all massage treatments showing the date given, the name and address of the recipient, and the name and address of the operator shall be kept and be open to inspection by police officers and the License and Health Department inspectors at all times.

(Ord. 109502 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 107157 § 26, 1978: Ord. 106063 § 5, 1972: Ord. 96464 § 2, 1968: Ord. 94625, 1966: Ord. 88789 § 14, 1959: Ord. 77754, 1949: Ord. 72529 § 2(part), 1943: Ord. 48022 § 172, 1924.)

6.36.030 Massage operator's license.

It is unlawful for any person, except as provided in Section 6.36.060 and except for an athletic massage operator giving an athletic massage, to give a massage or other treatment of the body by rubbing, kneading, or manipulation, whether in a massage parlor or public bathhouse, or otherwise, without first obtaining a massage operator's license, the fee for which is Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per year. The license application shall be made in the true name of the applicant and shall be accompanied by evidence that the applicant holds a valid State Massage Operator's License. If the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs finds that the information in the application is true and accurate, that the applicant holds a valid State Massage Operator's License, and that the applicant has not been convicted of a directly related crime or offense within the seven years immediately prior to the date of application, the Director shall approve the application and so certify to the City Comptroller for issuance of the license; otherwise the Director shall deny the application.

(Ord. 109502 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 107157 § 27, 1978: Ord. 106063 § 6, 1976: Ord. 105734 § 1, 1976: Ord. 102636 § 62, 1973: Ord. 101388, 1972: Ord. 96464 § 3, 1968: Ord. 81479, 1952: Ord. 72529 § 2(part), 1943: Ord. 48022 § 173, 1924.)

Chapter 6.38

MERCHANT PATROLMEN

Sections:

6.38.030 License application.

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Application for a merchant patrolman's license shall be made to the Director, shall be signed and verified by the applicant, and shall state his/her full name, age, residence, his/her present and previous occupations and the address of the place of business and the name of his/her employer. Before acting upon the application, the Director shall request the Chief of Police to make a full investigation as to the truth of the statements contained therein and as to any and all matters which might tend to aid the Director in determining whether or not to issue the license. The Chief of Police shall, within five days after the date of such request, furnish a written report to the Director containing the results of his/her investigation. If the Director is satisfied that the statements contained in the application are true, that the applicant is of good moral character and has complied with all requirements of this chapter, he/she shall issue the license, otherwise he/she shall deny it. Each such license issued shall bear the photograph of the license holder.

(Ord. 109191 § 2, 1980: Ord. 107157 § 35, 1978: Ord. 102636 § 80, 1973: Ord. 98196, 1969: Ord. 94188 § 5, 1965: Ord. 79080, 1950: Ord. 70933, 1941: Ord. 48022 § 262, 1924.)

Chapter 6.40

MOBILE CATERERS

Repealed by Ordinance 109271.

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Chapter 6.42

PANORAMS AND PEEPSHOWS¹

Sections:

6.42.030 License fees.

1. Cross-reference: For provision on adult entertainment, see Chapter 6.280 of this Code.

6.42.030 License fees.

The license year shall be from January 1st to December 31st. All license fees shall be payable on an annual basis, except as provided in this chapter, which fees shall be as follows:

- Panoram location license
..... \$25.00 per year for each device
- Panoram sublicense
..... \$25.00 per year for each device
- Panoram operator license
.... \$600.00 per year plus \$20.00 per month per device

(Ord. 109502 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 97286 § 7, 1968: Ord. 90012, 1961: Ord. 84319 § 2(part), 1955: Ord. 48022 § 330.2, 1924.)

Chapter 6.46

PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS¹

Repealed by Ordinance 109271.

1. Cross-reference: For provisions on residential sales, see Chapter 6.260 of this Code.

Chapter 6.48

PUBLIC GARAGE OR PARKING LOT

Sections:

6.48.020 License required—Fee.

6.48.020 License required—Fee.

It is unlawful for any person to own, operate, or maintain a public garage or parking lot without first having obtained a license to do so. The fee for such license is fixed at the rate of Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$7.50) per year for each one thousand square feet of

floor or ground space contained in such parking garage or parking lot and used for parking or storage purposes.

(Ord. 109502 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 104297 § 2, 1975: Ord. 83500 § 4, 1954: Ord. 48022 § 147, 1924.)

Chapter 6.52

SIDE SEWER CONTRACTORS

Sections:

6.52.010 License required—Fee.

6.52.010 License required—Fee.

It shall be unlawful to make any opening in any public sewer, or to connect any private drain to sewer therewith, or to lay, repair, alter, or connect any private drain or sewer in a public street without a side sewer contractor's license. The fee for such license is fixed in the sum of Eighty-five Dollars (\$85.00) per year, and the same may be issued to any person as defined in Section 6.02.030 of this subtitle.

(Ord. 109502 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 88789 § 15, 1959: Ord. 76148 § 1, 1947: Ord. 49946, 1925: Ord. 48022 § 206, 1924.)

Chapter 6.54

STEAM ENGINEERS AND BOILER FIREMEN

Sections:

6.54.030 License required—Fee.

6.54.080 Examination fees for licenses.

6.54.030 License required—Fee.

It is unlawful to have charge of, or operate or permit anyone to have charge of, or operate, any boiler or steam engine without a license or certificate so to do issued by the Director under this chapter. The annual fee for license or certificate shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). All licenses and certificates shall expire at midnight on the thirtieth day of September of each year, shall not be transferred or assigned and may be renewed only during the month of September. All renewals

shall specify the same grade and be subject to such conditions or limitations as may be provided under the license to be renewed.

(Ord. 109502 § 1(part), 1980; Ord. 107157 § 21, 1978; Ord. 94595 § 2(part), 1966; Ord. 48022 § 131, 1924.)

6.54.080 Examination fees for licenses.

The examination fees for a license or certificate described in Section 6.54.050 shall be as follows:

Grades One (I) and Two (II)	\$15.00
Grade Three (III)	15.00
Boiler supervisor endorsement on Grades One (I), Two (II), or Three (III)	15.00
Boiler supervisor certificate	15.00
Grade Four (IV)	15.00
Grade Five (V)	15.00
Grade small power boiler fireman	15.00

(Ord. 109502 § 1(part), 1980; Ord. 108076 § 4(part), 1979; Ord. 94595 § 2(part), 1966; Ord. 48022 § 136, 1924.)

Chapter 6.56

TAXICABS¹

Repealed by Ordinance 109348.

1. Cross-reference: For provision on taxicabs in the New License Code, see Chapter 6.212 of this Code.

Chapter 6.60

TOBACCO RETAILERS

Sections:

6.60.010 License required—Term.

6.60.010 License required—Term.

A. It is unlawful for anyone to sell, offer or expose for sale at retail any tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, or cigarette papers or wrappers

without first obtaining and being the holder of a valid and subsisting license so to do, to be known as a "tobacco retailer's license," obtained according to, and in compliance with, the provisions of this chapter, for each establishment, place of business, or retail vending truck in or at which the same, or any of them, are so sold, offered or exposed for sale, and without having such license conspicuously posted in the establishment, place of business, or retail vending truck described therein; provided such license issued for a retail vending truck shall be valid only when such truck is at a fixed and definite retail sales location at a business or industrial site as a part of a fixed and definite daily route followed by such truck, and precise descriptions of such locations and routes shall be furnished to the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs upon application to him for such license.

B. The license year for licenses issued under this section shall be from July 1st to June 30th next succeeding, and all licenses issued under this chapter shall, subject to the right of earlier revocation, as provided by this subtitle, expire at twelve midnight June 30th next succeeding the date of issue.

C. The fee for such license shall be Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) when issued on or after July 1st and prior to the next succeeding January 1st; and one-half such fee when issued on and subsequent to January 1st.

(Ord. 109502 § 1(part), 1980; Ord. 102636 § 82, 1973; Ord. 88789 § 17, 1959; Ord. 87546 § 1, 1958; Ord. 69823, 1940; Ord. 61850, 1931; Ord. 48022 § 263, 1924.)

Chapter 6.66

VEHICLE WRECKERS¹

Repealed by Ordinances
109080 and 109348.

1. Cross-reference: For provisions on towing operators and tow trucks in the New License Code see Chapter 6.214 of this Code.

Cross-reference Table
for the
Seattle License Code
(Ord. 48022)

This table provides the Code user with the disposition of the sections of the Seattle License Code, Ordinance 48022 as amended. For example, Section 1 of Ordinance 48022 appears in this volume as Section 6.02.010, and Section 11-A does not appear because it was repealed by Ordinance 102636. The designation "Rx" used in this table means "repealed by."

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Chapter 6.78

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Chapter 6.82

REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS

Sections:

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Annual license and examination fees, payable in advance, are as follows:

A. License Fees:	
Refrigeration contractor	
Class A	\$65.00
Class B	65.00
Class C	100.00
Air-conditioning contractor	65.00
Refrigeration service shop	25.00
Journeyman refrigeration mechanic	25.00
Refrigeration service shop mechanic	10.00
Industrial refrigeration engineer	25.00
Refrigeration operating engineer	25.00
B. Examination Fees:	
Refrigeration contractor, Class A, B, or C	15.00
Air-conditioning contractor	15.00
Refrigeration service shop	10.00
Journeyman refrigeration mechanic, Class A, B, or C	15.00
Refrigeration service shop mechanic	10.00
Industrial refrigeration engineer	15.00
Refrigeration operating engineer	15.00

A separate license shall be required for each separate place of business of a refrigeration service shop, refrigeration contractor, or air-conditioning contractor. A valid refrigeration contractor's license, a refrigeration service shop license, or an air-conditioning contractor's license may be transferred to a new location upon payment of a sum equal to ten percent of the annual license fee.

(Ord. 109501 § 1, 1980; Ord. 106063 § 19, 1976; Ord. 84297 § 13, 1955.)

Chapter 6.84

TOBACCO VENDING MACHINES

Sections:

6.84.030 Tobacco vending machine license.

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A. It is unlawful for any person to display, exhibit, or expose or permit to be displayed, exhibited or exposed for use or operation, any tobacco vending machine without a valid and subsisting license to be designated as a "tobacco vending machine license." The annual fee for a tobacco vending machine license shall be, and the same is fixed in the sum of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for each such tobacco vending machine.

B. It shall be unlawful to display, exhibit or expose for use or operation in the city any tobacco vending machine unless the same shall have indelibly printed, painted, stamped or impressed thereon, the true name and address of the owner and operator thereof.

C. Applications for tobacco vending machine licenses shall be made to the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs on forms approved by him/her and shall show the location or locations where tobacco vending machines are to be leased, rented or placed and shall be signed by the applicant or his/her authorized agent or representative. Applications for tobacco vending machine licenses by persons owning and operating tobacco vending machines in their own place of business, shall include a sworn statement that such person does in fact, own the tobacco vending machine for which the license is sought and is operator of the place of business in which the machine is to be placed. If the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs finds that the applicant for a tobacco vending machine license is the holder of a valid and subsisting tobacco vending machine operator's license or is satisfied the applicant is a person owning and operating tobacco vending machines in his/her own place of business, he/she shall issue the license, otherwise he/she shall deny the same.

(Ord. 109500 § 1, 1980; Ord. 107158 § 16, 1978; Ord. 102630 § 2, 1973; Ord. 91987 § 1, 1963; Ord. 90145 § 3, 1961.)

Subtitle III Miscellaneous Business Regulations

Chapter 6.104¹TOWING SERVICES FOR
MOTOR VEHICLES

Repealed by Ordinances 109080 and 109348.

1. Cross-reference: For provisions on towing operators and tow trucks in the New License Code, see Chapter 6.214 of this Code.

Subtitle IV New License Code

Chapter 6.202

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Severability: The provisions of this subtitle are declared to be separate and severable and the invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, subsection, subdivision, or portion, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this subtitle or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.
(Ord. 108934 § 1.300, 1980.)

6.202.010 Adopted.

There are adopted the general provisions for the new Seattle License Code as set forth in this chapter.
(Ord. 108934 § 1, 1980.)

6.202.020 Construction.

This chapter is enacted as an exercise of the police power of the city to protect and preserve the public peace, health, safety and welfare; and its provisions shall be liberally construed to accomplish these purposes consistently with the Fair Employment Practices Ordinance (102562), the Open Housing Ordinance (104839), the False Advertising Ordinance (43475), the Unit Pricing Ordinance (100708), the Weights and Measures Ordinance (98820), the Zoning Ordinance (86300), the Street Use Ordinance (90047), and the Criminal Code (102843)¹ of the city.
(Ord. 108934 § 1.000, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The Fair Employment Practices Ordinance is codified in Chapter 14.04 of this Code; the Open Housing Ordinance is codified in Chapter 14.08; the False Advertising Ordinance is codified in Chapter 7.08; the Unit Pricing Ordinance is codified in Chapter 7.12; the Weights and Measures Ordinance is codified in Chapter 7.04; The Zoning Ordinance is codified in Title 24; the Street Use Ordinance is codified in Title 15; the Criminal Code is codified in Title 12A.

6.202.030 Title.

This subtitle is the new Seattle License Code, and may be cited as such. It is referred to in this subtitle as "the new license code."
(Ord. 108934 § 1.010, 1980.)

6.202.040 Exercise of power to license for regulation.

The new license code is an exercise of the power of the city to license for regulation to preserve the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the city.
(Ord. 108934 § 1.012, 1980.)

6.202.050 Applicability.

A. The provisions included in this chapter and numbered from Section 6.200.010 through Section 6.200.990 are generally applicable to the administration and enforcement of all licenses required by the new license. If provisions in specific licensing regulations are inconsistent with these general provisions, the provisions in the specific licensing regulations shall control.

B. The general provisions for the new license code shall apply only to those provisions of the

new license code adopted after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter.¹ (Ord. 108934 § 1.015, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: Ord. 108934 became effective May 3, 1980.

6.202.060 Definitions.

A. Except as specified otherwise in the new license code, the following definitions apply:

1. "Administrative Code" means the Administrative Code of the city (Ordinance 102228)¹ as now or hereafter amended, or its successor ordinance.

2. "Chief of Police" means the Chief of Police of city of Seattle, or his or her designated representative.

3. "City" means the city of Seattle.

4. "Conviction" means any final judgment of guilty in any court, the imposition of a fine, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or a finding or verdict of guilty, regardless whether imposition of sentence is deferred or the penalty is suspended. Any conviction which has been expunged pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington, (RCW) 9.92.066, as now or hereafter amended, or RCW 9.95.240, as now or hereafter amended, is not considered a conviction.

5. "Criminal Code" means the Seattle Criminal Code (Ordinance 102843),² as now or hereafter amended, or its successor ordinance.

6. "Department" means the Department of Licenses and Consumer Affairs of the city.

7. "Director" means the Director of Licenses and Consumer Affairs of the city or his/her designated representative.

8. "Hearing Examiner" means the Hearing Examiner of the city or his/her designated representative.

9. "License" means a valid permit required by the new license code in order to engage in a business or occupational activity in the city.

10. "Owner" means:

a. If a sole proprietorship, the proprietor;

b. If a partnership, a general or limited partner;

c. If a corporation, any person who controls or has the right to control twenty-five percent or more of the stock, assets, or other equity in the corporation;

d. If a marital community, both spouses;

e. If a joint venture, any person who is a coventurer;

f. If a trust, any trustee and, if organized pursuant to RCW chapter 23.90, as now or hereafter amended, any person who controls or has the right to control twenty-five percent or more of the certificates of the trust;

g. If any other entity, however organized, any person who holds a legal or equitable interest in the entity.

11. "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, trust, incorporated or unincorporated association, marital community, joint venture, governmental entity, or other entity or group of persons however organized.

B. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the singular includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.020, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The Administrative Code is codified in Chapter 3.02 of this Code.

2. Editor's Note: The Criminal Code is codified in Title 12A of this Code.

6.202.070 Administration and enforcement.

The Director shall administer the new license code. The Director and the Chief of Police shall enforce the new license code. Other city officials shall assist in enforcement of provisions as specified.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.030, 1980.)

6.202.080 Rules and regulations.

The Director shall, in accordance with provisions of the Administrative Code,¹ prescribe all rules necessary to implement, interpret, administer and enforce the new license code.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.040, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The Administrative Code is codified in Chapter 3.02 of this Code.

6.202.090 Computation of time.

In computing any period of days prescribed by the new license code, the day of the act or event from which the designated period of time runs shall not be included. The last day of the period shall be included unless it is Saturday, Sunday, or a city legal holiday, in which event the last day of such period shall be the next succeeding day which is neither a Saturday, Sunday, or city legal holiday.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.050, 1980.)

6.202.100 License—Issuance.

A. The Director shall issue the license upon finding that all the requirements and conditions of the new license code and rules and regulations prescribed under this subtitle have been satisfied, and that the applicant is qualified to hold the license.

B. Nothing shall prohibit the Director's revoking or suspending a license that was erroneously issued by the Department. (Ord. 108934 § 1.060, 1980.)

6.202.110 License—Objection or protest to issuance.

Whenever a written objection or protest to the issuance of a new or renewal license has been received from any person and the license has been issued after consideration of the objection or protest, the Director shall notify any known complainant within ten days after the license is issued, of the reasons for issuance over his/her objection. (Ord. 108934 § 1.062, 1980.)

6.202.120 License—Nontransferable—Exception.

A license is not transferable; provided, that the Director may authorize transfer where no previously unlicensed person acquires a license thereby, and if, in the judgment of the Director, transferral is consistent with the purposes of the new license code. (Ord. 108934 § 1.064, 1980.)

6.202.130 License—Application—Completion.

An application is complete when:

A. All information required by the application and by the provisions of the new license code have been received by the Director; and

B. All license and other required fees have been paid; and

C. Any surety bond, public liability insurance policy, or other deposit or document, whenever required by the provisions of the new license code, has been filed with the Director. (Ord. 108934 § 1.066, 1980.)

6.202.140 License—Application—Form.

Application for any license shall be made in writing to the Director. Application shall be made in the name of the person required to be licensed by the provisions of the new license

code. Application for any license shall be signed by the applicant or the applicant's personal representative.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.068, 1980.)

6.202.150 License—Application—Investigation.

The Director may investigate the application. The Director shall request record checks, site inspections or confirmation of zoning compliance to be performed by appropriate city agencies when they are required by the new license code. If criminal conviction data is required, the Director may require that the applicant be fingerprinted for purposes of verifying identification. The agency to which such request has been directed shall ascertain whether the applicant, activity, and/or premises comply with the requirements of laws, rules, and regulations of laws, rules and regulations enforced by the agency. The agencies shall notify the Director in writing whether any violation is found, specifying any noncompliance. In the event a written reply is not received by the Director within thirty days from the date of the original request for the check or inspection, the Director may issue the license if the applicant is deemed qualified to hold the license in all other respects. (Ord. 108934 § 1.070, 1980.)

6.202.160 License—Indicia property of city—Return.

A. All licenses, or indicia of licensure, issued pursuant to the new license code remain the property of the city.

B. The licensee shall remove all licenses, or indicia of licensure, upon expiration, suspension or revocation of a license. Whenever a license is suspended or revoked, the licensee shall return all licenses, and indicia of licensure, to the Director. If they are not returned, they may be removed;

(Ord. 108934 § 1.072, 1980.)

6.202.170 License—Required for each location.

A. A separate license shall be obtained for each location at which a licensed activity is conducted, and each license shall be valid only at the location stated on the license.

B. All licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place and manner at the location stated on the license; provided, that if the licensee

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does not have an established place of business in the city, the license shall be carried on the person of the licensee while engaged in the activity for which the license is required. At all times while the licensee is engaged in the business or activity for which the license is required, each license, or indicia of licensure, shall be properly placed as specified in the provisions of the new license code.

C. Any failure to comply with provisions of this section is a violation of the new license code.
(Ord. 108934 § 1.074, 1980.)

6.202.180 Change of Location.

A. Reinspection is required for every change of location, if a building, fire, health, or license site inspection of premises was required by the new license code at the original location. An inspection fee shall be imposed for each inspection visit to the new site.

B. Whenever a licensee changes the location of any activity for which a license is required, the Director shall reissue the license upon finding that:

1. The licensee has submitted the license to the Director for the change, and any change of location and inspection fees imposed by the new license code have been paid; and

2. The new location is in compliance with all provisions of the new license code relating to the premises and with applicable zoning, building, fire, and health ordinances, and laws, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.076, 1980.)

6.202.190 License—Term.

A. A license shall be issued only for period specified by ordinance for that particular license.

B. Licenses shall be effective only through the dates specified on the face of each license.
(Ord. 108934 § 1.078, 1980.)

6.202.200 License fee—Proration.

A. If an application is made for a new license to be effective during the last six months of an annual license period, the license fee shall be one-half of the annual license fee or the full change of location fee for that license, whichever is greater.

B. There shall be no proration of a licensee fee when the usual term of a license period of

less than one year is prescribed by the new license code.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.080, 1980.)

6.202.210 License fee—Refund.

A license fee is refundable only if a license is denied, or if the license is issued where none is required, or the licensee never engages in licensed activity due to the refusal of any governmental agency to issue a necessary license, or if the applicant for a license withdraws his/her application before the license is issued.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.082, 1980.)

6.202.220 License fee—Payment by bad check.

Whenever payment of any fee imposed by the new license code is made by a check which is not honored by the drawee bank, any license issued pursuant to payment by that check is void from the date of license issuance. The license may be reissued upon payment of the original amount, plus an administrative charge provided by the License Fee Ordinance¹, all by certified check, money order, or cash.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.084, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The License Fee Ordinance is codified in Chapter 6.204 of this Code.

6.202.230 License—Denial, suspension or revocation—Grounds.

A license may be suspended, denied or revoked for violation of any ordinance or law which regulates licensed activity in order to further the public interest in public health, safety, and welfare. A license may also be denied, suspended, or revoked upon a finding that:

A. Any applicant or licensee, or any owner, officer or agent thereof has omitted to disclose any material fact necessary to make a statement not misleading, in any application for the license; or

B. Has charges pending against her/him or has been convicted of a crime or offense which directly relates to the activity for which the license is required, and the time elapsed since the date of conviction or release from jail or prison, whichever is more recent, is less than ten years; or has been convicted of several crimes including at least one within the last ten years; or

C. Has been subject to an adverse finding

in any judgment or order which directly relates to the activity for which the license is required, in any judicial or administrative proceeding in which fraud, deceit, coercion, breach of trust, unfair method of competition, unfair or deceptive trade act or practice, or assertion of unconscionable contractual provisions, or other similar act, practice, or conduct, on the part of the licensee-applicant is proven, and the time elapsed since the judgment or order is less than ten years; or

D. Has violated or failed to comply with any applicable provisions of the new license code or rule or regulation prescribed under this subtitle; provided, that failure to obtain a license shall not be grounds for license denial; or

E. Has been subject to an adverse finding in any judgment or order, in any judicial or administrative proceeding for violation of any provision of a city ordinance or rule or regulation prescribed thereunder pertaining to fire, building, health, sanitation, zoning, weights and measures, consumer protection, environmental protection, or any other ordinance or law and which is applicable to the licensed activity or licensed premises; or

F. Has been determined to have discriminated against any person because of race, color, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical handicap, in the course of licensed activity, in violation of a city ordinance, law, rule or regulation prescribed thereunder; or

G. Has violated or failed to comply with any final order of the Director or Hearing Examiner; or

H. Has failed to complete the application for a license as required by the new license code; or

I. Has failed to obtain a license or permit required by state or other law necessary to engage in the licensed activity; or

J. Has failed to comply with RCW Chapters 49.12 and 28A.28, and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, regarding employment of minors.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.090, 1980.)

6.202.240 License—Summary suspension or revocation.

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of the new license code, a license may be suspended or revoked by order of the Director prior to hearing upon finding that:

1. There is reasonable cause to believe that grounds for license suspension or revocation exist and that continuation of the activity for which the license is required will cause a clear, substantial and imminent hazard to life, safety, property or privacy; or

2. Any surety bond or public liability insurance policy required by the new license code to be filed with the Director is impaired, fails or is cancelled.

B. Whenever any license is summarily suspended or revoked a hearing by the Hearing Examiner may be requested by the licensee within ten days after the date of suspension or revocation. Such hearing shall be held within ten days of request, unless a later date is agreed to by the licensee, with a minimum five-day notice to the licensee. The decision of the Hearing Examiner shall be issued within ten days of the date of the hearing.

C. If a timely request for hearing is not filed by the applicant, the order for summary suspension or revocation by the Director shall be final; provided, that the Director may waive the ten-day requirement upon satisfaction that failure to receive notice of the order was beyond the control of the licensee.
(Ord. 108934 § 1.092, 1980.)

6.202.250 License—Waiver of disqualifications.

A. The Director may waive up to the full period of license disability based upon a criminal conviction or adverse civil ruling if there is evidence of rehabilitation, and the purposes of the new license code could otherwise be satisfied.

B. Issuance of a license following a waiver disability does not preclude the Director from subsequently reconsidering the conviction, judgment, or finding as grounds for license denial or revocation when additional evidence regarding the person's qualifications is presented within the period of disability.
(Ord. 108934 § 1.094, 1980.)

6.202.260 License—Denial, suspension or revocation—Order.

License suspension, revocation or denial shall be in writing in the form of an order and shall include a recital of the authority for the action, a brief and concise statement of facts which constitute the grounds for denial, suspension or revocation, and the Director's signature. A copy of the order, including notice of the right to a hearing shall be transmitted to the applicant.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.096, 1980.)

6.202.270 License—Denial, suspension or revocation—Appeal.

A. If the Director has ordered a license denied, suspended or revoked, the applicant may contest the denial by filing a notice of appeal and request for hearing with the Hearing Examiner within ten days after service or mailing of the order.

B. If a timely request for hearing is filed by the applicant, hearing shall be scheduled before the Hearing Examiner and shall be conducted by the Hearing Examiner according to his/her rules for contested cases.

C. If a timely appeal is not filed by the applicant, the order of the Director denying, suspending or revoking the license shall be final; provided, that the Director may waive the ten-day requirement upon satisfaction that failure to receive notice of the order was beyond the control of the person requesting the hearing. (Ord. 108934 § 1.100, 1980.)

6.202.280 Continuation of business while complaint hearing decision pending.

Except in the case of summary suspension or revocation, whenever a timely request for hearing on a complaint is filed, a licensee or an applicant for license renewal may engage in the activity for which the license is required, pending decision by the Hearing Examiner. An applicant not licensed in the preceding license year may not engage in the activity for which the license is required pending decision by the Hearing Examiner.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.102, 1980.)

6.202.290 Hearing of claim on bond.

A. In case of a claim by any person against a licensee's bond, if the Director does not commence a license suspension or revocation proceeding based on his/her claim, the claimant may pursue his/her claim to recovery before the Hearing Examiner, by filing a claim with the Director. The Director shall transmit the complaint on behalf of the claimant to the Hearing Examiner. The hearing shall be limited to the right to recovery against the licensee's bond.

B. The Hearing Examiner shall schedule a date for hearing, give notice to the claimant, the licensee, and the Department, and conduct the hearing according to Hearing Examiner rules for contested cases.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.104, 1980.)

6.202.300 Hearing Examiner—Decision authority.

The Hearing Examiner may affirm or deny decisions of the Director to issue, deny, suspend, revoke, or condition issuance or continuance of a license.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.106, 1980.)

6.202.310 Hearing Examiner—Decision final.

The decision of the Hearing Examiner shall be final when the decision has been mailed to the last known address of each party. The Director may stay enforcement of a decision of the Hearing Examiner pending motion for reconsideration or pending judicial consideration of a stay, where the Director determines that no clear, substantial, and imminent hazard to the health, safety, welfare, privacy or property of any person would result.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.108, 1980.)

6.202.320 Violation or failure to comply with the order of the Director or Hearing Examiner.

If any applicant or licensee violates, refuses, or otherwise fails to comply with the provisions of any final order issued by the Director or Hearing Examiner, the Director may transmit the case and the entire record of the proceedings to the City Attorney, who may invoke the aid of the appropriate court to secure enforcement and compliance with the order.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.110, 1980.)

6.202.330 License—Denial, suspension or revocation—Effect.

A. Whenever a license is denied, no reapplication for that license will be considered by the Director until correction of the disability on which the denial was based.

B. Whenever a license is revoked, no new application for the license that has been revoked will be considered by the Director for a period of one year, commencing on the date the order to revoke becomes final.

C. The period of suspension shall be a period as stated in the order to suspend, and may be for any period up to one year commencing on the date the order to suspend becomes final.

D. When revoked, a license shall be cancelled. When suspended, the license shall be retained by the Director until such time as the terms of the suspension have been fulfilled. On that date, the Director shall return the license and all indicia of licensure previously surrendered, to the licensee. In the event the license period expires during a period of suspension, any application received by the Director within thirty days after the suspension shall be considered as a renewal application. If the application is received more than thirty days after the suspension, it shall be treated as a new application.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.112, 1980.)

6.202.340 Consent agreement.

A. The Director may enter into a consent agreement with the applicant or licensee for settlement of a contested case at any time prior to issuance of a decision by the Hearing Examiner. The consent agreement shall be in writing and signed by the applicant or licensee.

B. The agreement shall be final when signed by the Director.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.114, 1980.)

6.202.350 Citation and arrest power.

For purposes of new license code enforcement, Department employees may be commissioned by the Chief of Police as special police officers having the power to issue citations or make arrests for unlawful conduct, violation, and failure to comply with provisions of the new license code.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.120, 1980.)

6.202.360 Administrative inspection.

A. The Director or Chief of Police may conduct inspections pursuant to warrant issued by a magistrate.

B. Further, pursuant to the consent of the rightful occupier of premises, or of the custodian of a vehicle or personal property, and during reasonable business hours, for the purpose of determining compliance with the new license code, the Director or Chief of Police is authorized to:

1. Enter and inspect the premises;

2. Inspect books, records, reports or other data that a licensee is required to compile and maintain, to verify their authenticity and accuracy, and to make copies of them;

3. Inspect books, records, reports or other data that relate to a licensee's business organization, and to verify their authenticity and accuracy, and to make copies of them;

4. Inspect any motor vehicle for which a license, license plate, or license tag is required by the new license code;

5. Inspect objects or goods that are subject to regulation under the new license code, at the place where goods or objects are kept;

6. Inspect other items or objects whenever the Director has reason to believe that such things are relevant to an investigation authorized by the new license code.

C. The Director or Chief of Police is authorized to inspect without consent and without warrant where there is reasonable cause to believe that a clear and substantial risk to health, safety, welfare, or property of any person exists, or that destruction or removal of evidence of a violation of the new license code is likely to result, if an inspection is not made before a warrant can be issued.

D. Frequent, unannounced, routine inspections that are necessary to prevent a risk to the public health, safety and welfare may also be authorized by specific regulatory provisions identifying the subject of such inspection, the risk addressed by such regulation, and inspection personnel.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.130, 1980.)

6.202.370 Unlawful acts.

A. It is unlawful for any person to engage in any activity for which a license is required without first obtaining a license in accordance with the provisions of the new license code.

B. It is unlawful for any person to employ an

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individual in the capacity of an agent if that agent has failed to obtain any license required by the new license code;

C. It is unlawful for any licensee or agent thereof to authorize any unlicensed person to engage in activity for which a license is required, under color of a license issued to the licensee;

D. It is unlawful for any person to make or manufacture any license, license plate, badge, or tag required by the new license code except upon order of the Director;

E. It is unlawful for any person other than the Director, a licensee, or agent thereof to possess any license, identification card, license plate, badge, or tag issued pursuant to the new license code;

F. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly make or cause or authorize to be made any false statement in any application or information attached thereto, made pursuant to the provisions of the new license code, or in any investigation pursuant to the new license code. (Ord. 108934 § 1.140, 1980.)

6.202.380 Bond—Requirements.

Whenever the issuance of a license by the city is conditioned upon the furnishing of a bond, the applicant shall furnish to the Director for filing with the City Comptroller a bond running to the city. Alternatively, in lieu of a bond, the applicant may file a cash deposit equal in value to the face amount of a required bond, and pay the costs of handling such deposit, as determined by the Director. Any action that would breach the condition on a bond shall be grounds for forfeiture of the deposit to the same extent as if recovery were on a bond. (Ord. 108934 § 1.150, 1980.)

6.202.390 Bond—Form.

The bond shall be executed by the license applicant named thereon and by a surety company meeting the requirements of RCW Chapter 48.28, as now or hereafter amended.

A. The name in which the license is issued shall appear as principal on the face of the bond.

B. The term of the bond shall be continuous, effective from the date of issuance of the license for which the bond is required, and maintained during the term of the license, plus one year after the expiration date of the license, unless a claim is made against the bond as provided in this chapter. In such case, liability shall continue as to that claim until the matter is settled. As to future obligations, the bond may

be cancelled upon thirty days' written notice to the licensee and the Director.

C. The amount of the bond shall be as required by the applicable licensing provision.

D. The form and sufficiency of the bond may be subject to approval by the City Attorney at the request of the Director. (Ord. 108934 § 1.152, 1980.)

6.202.400 Bond—Conditions.

The bond shall be conditioned on:

A. Compliance by the principal and his/her agents and employees with the applicable licensing ordinance; and

B. Performance by the principal and his/her agents of the terms of any contract and delivery of commodities and/or services in accordance with any agreement made between the principal and any person in the course of licensed activity; and

C. Honor of any guarantee or warranty, express or implied, made to any person in the course of licensed activity; and

D. Compliance with consumer protection statutes and ordinances, including, but not limited to, statutes or ordinances relating to false or misleading advertisements, unfair or deceptive acts or practices, unit pricing, labeling requirements, truth in lending and other disclosure requirements, and requirements of the Retail Installment Sales Act; and

E. Holding harmless and indemnifying the city from all claims, actions, and damages of every kind and description, other than those attributable to the sole negligence of the city, which may accrue to or be suffered by the city because of the principal's activities, including the costs and attorney's fees for defending against claims and actions, whether or not the claim or action is justified; and

F. Satisfaction of any fines, civil penalties, or orders of restitution arising out of the activities of a licensed business; and

G. Other conditions appropriate to the licensed activity as specified in the new license code.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.154, 1980.)

6.202.410 Bond—Claims against.

A. Any person suffering damages or loss by reason of a breach of conditions on a bond or security may institute an action for recovery against the principal and the surety on the bond.

B. A claim may be made against the bond by:

1. Delivery to the Director of a copy of a summons and complaint by which a consumer has commenced a lawsuit against a licensee, alleging facts which, if proven, constitute breach of condition on the bond; or

2. The Director's filing a complaint for license revocation upon bases which, if proven, would be grounds for recovering on the bond; or

3. The Director's transmitting a claim to the Hearing Examiner on behalf of any person's claim against the bond if the Director does not commence a license suspension or revocation action on the basis of the person's claim. The Director shall transmit a copy of the summons and complaint, or complaint for revocation, to the surety, by deposit in the mail, or by delivery to a process-server within forty-eight hours of its filing with the Department.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.156, 1980.)

6.202.420 Bond—Execution.

Execution on the bond shall be commenced by either:

A. Delivery to the Director of a certified copy of a judgment against the principal made by a court of competent jurisdiction, together with the complaint therein if it be necessary to establish the underlying cause of action; or

B. Entry of an order of license revocation based upon grounds that are also grounds for recovery on the bond and lapse of the appeal period if no appeal is taken; or

C. Receipt by the Director of an order of the Hearing Examiner upholding the revocation of a license on bases which are grounds for recovery on the bond, or conditioning issuance or continuance of a license upon satisfaction of conditions which are grounds for recovery on the bond; or

D. Receipt by the Director of an order of the Hearing Examiner upholding any person's claim against the bond.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.158, 1980.)

6.202.430 Bond—Time to make claim.

A. A claim shall be commenced within one year of the expiration date of the license under which the claim arose. Execution on a bond shall be made within thirty days of entry of a judgment or an order against the licensee.

B. Notice to the Director constitutes notice to the principal and the surety, for purposes of executing on the bond, and the Director shall transmit the judgment or order (and complaint and/or written decision, if appended) to the principal and to the surety within forty-

eight hours of its delivery to him or her.

C. After the principal and surety receive copies of the judgment or order (and complaint and/or written decision, if appended), or after reasonable efforts to inform any party who cannot be found, the surety shall be liable to the injured party for the amount of the judgment or order, or to multiple complainants in an aggregate amount equal to the amount of the bond. In the case of a cash deposit, in lieu of bond, after like notice, payment shall be made upon voucher signed by the Director.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.160, 1980.)

6.202.440 Bond—Exoneration.

A. To the extent of any tender of payment the surety upon the bond shall be exonerated. If the actions commenced and pending at any one time exceed the amount of the bond then unimpaired, claims shall be satisfied from the bond in the following order:

1. Judgments or orders for breach of contract, guarantee, warranty or violation of a consumer protection law, pro rata; then

2. Judgments or orders for failure to hold harmless or indemnify the city; then

3. Judgments or orders for other breach of condition on the bond.

B. A judgment or order shall constitute a lien on a bond until satisfied.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.162, 1980.)

6.202.450 Bond—Not retroactive.

No action against a bond filed pursuant to the new license code shall be recognized for acts occurring, or causes of action accruing, or final judgments or orders entered prior to the effective date of the new license code¹.

(Ord. 108934 § 1.164, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The Ordinance codified in this Chapter became effective May 3, 1980.

6.202.460 Liability insurance.

A. In those instances where the new license code requires that the applicant for the license shall provide insurance as a condition of receiving a license the purpose of the requirement is to insure that members of the public and the city will be compensated for losses caused by personal injury or property damage resulting from the tortious acts of the licensee or its agents or employees.

B. Whenever the issuance of a license is conditioned upon an applicant's obtaining liability insurance, each insurance policy:

1. Shall be issued by a company authorized to do business as an insurer in the state pursuant to the provisions of RCW Title 48

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as now or hereafter amended; and

2. Shall contain the following recital:

This policy is issued pursuant to Section 1.060 of the Revised License Code (Ordinance No. 108934), as amended, of the City of Seattle, for the purpose of complying with the conditions and requirements of the Code. Any exception, limitation, provision or omission in this policy (including all other endorsements thereto) in conflict with any such condition or requirement is void. This policy shall be continuous until cancelled ad terminable only upon at least ten (10) days' prior written notice to the Director of the Department of Licenses and Consumer Affairs.

3. May be approved as to sufficiency and form by the City Attorney at the request of the Director; and

4. Shall be furnished to the Director for filing with the City Comptroller. (Ord. 108934 § 1.170, 1980.)

6.202.470 Penalty for violation.

A. Conduct made unlawful by the new license code, or violation or failure to comply with any provision of the new license code, rule or regulation, or final order of the Director or Hearing Examiner is a crime subject to the provisions of Chapters 12A.01 and 12A.02 of the Criminal Code¹, unless specifically designated elsewhere in the new license code as a violation. Any person convicted of a crime is punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or both. Any person convicted of a violation is punishable by a civil fine or forfeiture not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

B. Each day of continued violation or noncompliance constitutes a separate offense. (Ord. 108934 § 1.180, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The Criminal Code is codified in Title 12A of this Code.

6.202.480 Endorsement disclaimer.

Issuance of any license pursuant to the new license code does not constitute endorsement or approval of any goods or services offered by any licensee by the city. (Ord. 108934 § 1.200, 1980.)

6.202.490 Disclaimer of city liability.

A. Issuance of any license pursuant to the new license code does not constitute the creation of a duty by the city to any person or to indemnify any person for any wrongful acts of a licensee against any person or the public, or to guarantee the quality of goods, services, or expertise of a licensee, or to otherwise shift responsibility from the licensee to the city for proper training or conduct of self or agents, even if specific regulations require standards of training or conduct.

B. Nothing contained in the new license code is intended to be nor shall be construed to create or form the basis for any liability on the part of the city, or its officers, employees or agents, for any injury or damage resulting from the failure of a licensee or applicant for license to comply with the provisions of the new license code, or by reason or in consequence of any act or omission in connection with the implementation or enforcement of the new license code on the part of the city by its officers, employees, or agents.

C. It is expressly the purpose of the new license code to provide for and promote the health, safety and welfare of the general public, and not to create or otherwise establish or designate any particular class or group of persons who will or should be especially protected or benefited by the terms of the new license code.

D. It is the specific intent of the new license code to place the obligation of complying with its requirements upon the licensee or applicant for license within its scope, and no provision of nor term used in the new license code is intended to impose any duty whatsoever upon the city or any of its officers or employees, for whom the implementation or enforcement of the new license code shall be discretionary and not mandatory.

E. Nothing contained in this code is intended to be nor shall be construed to create or form the basis for any liability on the part of the city, or its officers, employees or agents, for any injury or damage resulting from the failure of a licensee or applicant for license to comply with the provisions of the new license code, or by reason or in consequence of any act or omission in connection with the implementation or enforcement of the new license code on the part of the city by its officers, employees or agents. (Ord. 108934 § 1.220, 1980.)

6.202.500 Prosecution or proceeding under former ordinance not affected.

No prosecution or administrative action pending, and no violation of or noncompliance with any prior ordinance shall be terminated by the passage of the ordinance codified in this chapter. Any conviction, finding or license denial, suspension or revocation under any prior ordinance is relevant to the new license code and may be considered in license denial, suspension and revocation actions under the new license code.
(Ord. 108934 § 1.400, 1980.)

**Chapter 6.204
LICENSE FEES**

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- 6.204.020 Administrative fees.
- 6.204.030 Residential sellers.
- 6.204.040 Tow trucks.
- 6.204.050 Taxis and for-hire vehicles.
- 6.204.060 Adult entertainment studios.

6.204.010 Title—Purpose.

This chapter is the "license fee ordinance" and may be cited as such. It establishes fees for licenses subject to the provisions of the new license code (Ordinance 108954)¹, but not for licenses subject to the old license code (Ordinance 48022)².
(Ord. 109081 § 1, 1980.)

- 1. Editor's Note: The new license code is codified in Subtitle III of this title.
- 2. Editor's Note: The old license code is codified in Subtitle I of this title.

6.204.020 Administrative fees.

Fees for administration of the new license code shall be:

Replacement of lost or destroyed license	\$5.00
Failure to return licensing indicia to the city	5.00
Inspection fee, for each visit to the inspection site	20.00
Payment of license fee with dishonored check	10.00

(Ord. 109081 § 2, 1980.)

6.204.030 Residential sellers.

Annual fees for residential sellers licenses shall be:

Residential seller	\$50.00
Residential seller having 1 or more employees	80.00
Residential seller's agent card	10.00

(Ord. 109081 § 3, 1980.)

6.204.040 Tow trucks.

The annual fees for tow truck licenses shall be:

Tow truck (operator)	\$175.00
Tow truck (vehicle)	50.00

(Ord. 109081 § 4, 1980.)

6.204.050 Taxis and for-hire vehicles.

Annual fees for taxis, for-hire vehicles and their drivers shall be:

Taxicab	\$60.00
For-hire vehicle	100.00
Pedicab	10.00
For-hire driver	15.00

(Ord. 109081 § 5, 1980.)

6.204.060 Adult entertainment studios.

The fees for adult entertainment studio licenses shall be:

Studio license	\$500.00
Studio employee license	25.00

(Ord. 109272 § 1, 1980; Ord. 109081 § 6, 1980.)

Chapter 6.210

FOR-HIRE VEHICLES

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6.210.010 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

A. "For-hire vehicle" means any pedicab or motor vehicle which carries passengers for a fee, other than a taxicab as defined by the new license code.

B. "Operate" means engage in the business of operating a for-hire vehicle by picking up any passenger within the corporate limits of Seattle, for a fee, and includes owning, leasing or otherwise controlling the use of the for-hire vehicle.

C. "Pedicab" means a wheeled device designed for carrying passengers, which is moved by a person peddling, and which is for hire. (Ord. 109348 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 5.020, 1980.)

6.210.020 License—Expiration date.

For-hire vehicle licenses expire annually on August 31st.

(Ord. 109348 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 5.024, 1980.)

6.210.030 License—Required.

It is unlawful for any person to operate a for-hire vehicle without first obtaining a license to do so in accordance with the provisions of the new license code. A separate license shall be required for each vehicle operated.

(Ord. 109348 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 5.030, 1980.)

6.210.040 License—Exemptions.

A for-hire vehicle license is not required for:

A. A government entity or any person leasing or otherwise controlling the operation of a government-owned vehicle;

B. A person operating a vehicle for a public or a private school, where the vehicle is used solely for transporting students, teachers and school-authorized supervisory personnel;

C. Any hotel, motel, or similar business operating a vehicle to transport overnight guests;

D. Operation of a vehicle covered by a certificate authorizing transportation of passengers and which is issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission;

E. Any person operating a vehicle transporting passengers between their homes or

nearby termini, and their places of employment, in a single daily round trip, where the driver is also commuting to or from his/her place of employment.

(Ord. 109348 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 5.035, 1980.)

6.210.050 License—Indicia.

License indicia in such form and content as prescribed by the Director shall be issued with each for-hire vehicle license, and shall be attached to the vehicle as prescribed by the Director. Whenever for-hire vehicle license indicia is lost, stolen, or destroyed, and not returned to the Director, new indicia may be issued upon the payment of a replacement fee, as specified in the License Fee Ordinance¹, and the filing of an affidavit of loss. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section is a violation.

(Ord. 109348 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 5.072, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The License Fee Ordinance is codified in Chapter 6.204 of this Code.

6.210.060 Unlawful acts.

It is unlawful for any for-hire vehicle driver to:

A. Operate or drive a for-hire vehicle unless it is equipped and in safe condition as required by the Seattle Traffic Code, Ordinance 91910¹, as now or hereafter amended, or RCW Chapter 46.37, as now or hereafter amended.

B. Use or allow the use of:

1. The word "taxicab," "taxi," or "cab" on a for-hire vehicle or in any advertising or listing;

2. A dome or top light on a for-hire vehicle; or

3. Any equipment or color scheme on a for-hire vehicle in such a manner as to cause it to appear to be a taxicab.

C. Cruise for customers, or park or pick-up passengers in any taxicab zone, or permit such use of a taxicab zone.

(Ord. 109348 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 5.140, 1980.)

1. Ord. 91910 was repealed by Ord. 108200, which now comprises the Traffic Code as codified in Title 11 of this Code.

6.210.070 Financial responsibility.

All for-hire vehicle licensees shall maintain and furnish to the Director proof of compliance with RCW Chapter 46.72, as now or hereafter amended, relating to financial responsibility. Such proof shall consist of for-hire certification with the state. Additionally, all licensees shall maintain a policy of uninsured motorist coverage which runs to the benefit of passengers. The city need not be named as an additional insured. Licensees may meet the above requirements for financial responsibility through a program of self insurance pursuant to RCW 46.29.630.

(Ord. 109348 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 5.170, 1980.)

6.210.080 Rates—Filing.

A. Every for-hire vehicle licensee shall file with the Director a complete list of transportation and ancillary services offered and a complete schedule of rates for such services. The rates shall become effective on the effective date of the license.

B. The list of services and schedule of rates shall remain in effect until amended. Amendment shall be accomplished by filing with the Director a complete amended list and schedule, and shall be effective immediately.

C. Failure to comply with provisions of this section is a violation.
(Ord. 109348 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 5.200, 1980.)

6.210.090 Rates—Basis.

For-hire vehicle rates shall be based upon:

- A. A written contract; or
- B. A flat charge per passenger or per trip; or

C. An hourly rate with minimum increments of one-half hour. In this case, each for-hire vehicle shall be equipped with an accurate clock visible to and readable by passengers.
(Ord. 109348 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 5.210, 1980.)

6.210.100 Rates—Available to public.

Licensees and drivers shall keep available, for members of the public on request, complete and accurate schedules of effective rates for transportation and ancillary services. Such schedules shall be identical to those filed with the Director. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section is a violation.

(Ord. 109348 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 5.220, 1980.)

6.210.110 Receipt to be provided.

For-hire vehicle licensees and their drivers shall provide customers with a receipt, when requested. The receipt shall include the following information in legible form:

- A. Names of the licensee and the vehicle driver;
- B. Seattle for-hire vehicle license number;
- C. Date, time and place of trip origin and dismissal; and
- D. An itemized listing of charges and the total fare paid or charged.

(Ord. 109348 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 5.230, 1980.)

Chapter 6.212

TAXICABS

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- 6.212.180 Violation of county or Port of Seattle regulation.

6.212.010 Definitions.

For purpose of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

A. "Affiliated taxicab" means a taxicab associated with a group of taxicabs having multiple owners and operating under the same

color, business name, or other identification scheme.

B. "Affiliation representative" means the person who has the authority to file rates, trade name, color scheme, or other identification scheme for a group of affiliated taxicabs.

C. "Independent taxicab" means a taxicab or group of taxicabs having one owner and operating under the same color, business name, or other identification scheme.

D. "Operate" means engage in the activity of picking up any passenger for-hire.

E. "Owner" means the registered owner as defined by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.04.460, as now or hereafter amended.

F. "Taxicab" means any motor vehicle which carries passengers for-hire, where the route traveled or destination is controlled by a passenger, and the fare is based on an amount recorded and indicated on a taximeter.

G. "Taximeter" means a device which records and indicates a fare, rate, or charge calculated according to distance traveled, and may also record and indicate a fare, rate, or charge based on waiting time, extra passengers, initial charge, and such other fares, rates, or charges as are not prohibited by the License Code or the Weights and Measures Code¹. (Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 6.020, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The new license code is codified in Subtitle III of this Title; the Weights and Measures Code is codified in Chapter 7.04.

6.212.020 License—Expiration date.

Taxicab licenses expire annually on August 31st.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 6.024, 1980.)

6.212.030 License—Required.

It is unlawful for any person to engage in the business of operating a taxicab without first obtaining a taxicab license for each vehicle.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 6.030, 1980.)

6.212.040 License—Application.

Application for the taxicab license shall include at least the following information:

A. Ownership of the vehicle to be licensed;

B. Identification of the vehicle and company vehicle number;

C. Name, fictitious or otherwise, under which the vehicle is to be operated;

D. Distinguishing color scheme, business name, or other identification scheme to be used on the vehicle.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 6.068, 1980.)

6.212.050 License—Indicia.

License indicia in such form and content as prescribed by the Director, shall be issued with each taxicab license, and shall be attached to the vehicle as prescribed by the Director. Whenever license indicia is lost, stolen or destroyed, new indicia may be issued upon the payment of a replacement fee as specified in the License Fee Ordinance¹ and the filing of an affidavit of loss. If the original license indicia is recovered, it shall be returned to the Director promptly. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section is a violation.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 6.072, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The License Fee Ordinance is codified in Chapter 6.204 of this Code.

6.212.060 Safety, meter, and posting inspections.

A. All taxicabs may be inspected from time to time as determined by the Director in response to complaints received or observations that such inspection is desirable, for the purpose of determining proper equipment and safe condition for the transportation of passengers, provided that inspections shall be conducted at least annually. The Director shall promulgate rules and regulations which set forth standards of safety required for taxicabs and the scope of taxicab inspections, including but not limited to standards regarding brakes, lights, tires, glass, seat belts, and any special equipment that may be required.

B. Recognizing that changing tire or wheel size, or tampering with the gears or seal of taximeters, or otherwise altering the approved operation of taximeters has sometimes occurred, and that such tampering is difficult to discover unless taximeters are closely inspected, the Director shall inspect all taximeters at least once each year, and may inspect them at any reasonable time to determine continuing compliance with the License Code and the Weights and Measures Code.¹

C. Recognizing that proper posting of taxicab rates inside the vehicle as determined by the Director is a crucial source of consumer information regarding proper rates and other information, and that such posting cannot be checked for compliance unless the vehicle is entered for inspection, the Director shall inspect all rate posting for proper form, location, and information at least annually, and may so inspect at any reasonable time to determine continuing compliance with the license Code.¹

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 6.130, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The new license code is codified in Subtitle III of this Title; the Weights and Measures Code is codified in Chapter 7.04 of this Code.

6.212.070 Violations.

It is a violation for any person to:

A. Falsify any record, document, or information required to be kept or submitted to the Director (or Hearing Examiner) by this title, or by rule or regulation prescribed under this title;

B. Drive, or any licensee to authorize any person to drive, a taxicab which is not equipped and in safe condition as required by the Traffic Code¹ and RCW Chapter 46.37, as now or hereafter amended;

C. Drive, or any licensee to authorize any person to drive, a taxicab which is not equipped with seat belts for all passengers;

D. Drive, or any licensee to authorize any person to drive, a taxicab designed for the transportation of persons confined to a wheelchair, unless retaining locks for wheelchairs are installed and operable;

E. Charge, or to authorize a driver to charge, any passenger an amount different than a rate or charge filed pursuant to the new license code, or, if the transportation is provided pursuant to a contract, an amount different than the rate or charge set forth in the contract;

F. Use or authorize to be used, a trade name, color scheme, or other identification upon a taxicab or in any advertising or public listing, which is likely to be confused with the registered trade name, scheme, or identification of another licensee or which tends to deceive or mislead the public as to the type of service offered;

G. Carry any passenger to the designation

by a route that is not the safest and most direct, unless the customer specifically authorizes the deviation or alternate route;

H. Refuse to accept as a passenger any person of proper deportment who requests transportation when the taxicab is not already carrying a passenger;

I. Operate, or to authorize a person to operate, a taxicab unless it is equipped with a taximeter, the taximeter has been inspected and approved by the Director, and on which the seal has not been broken, the size of the gears operating the taximeter has not been changed, and the taximeter has not been changed from one vehicle to another, or otherwise tampered with from the time of the Director's last inspection;

J. Activate the meter when the taxicab is not employed or fail to activate the meter at the beginning of each for-hire trip, unless the transportation is provided pursuant to a written contract;

K. Activate any equipment which indicates that the taxicab is carrying a passenger when it is not, or to fail to activate such equipment when the taxicab is carrying a passenger;

L. Use a taxistand for purposes other than to await the carriage of passengers for-hire, or

M. Pick up additional passengers without the approval of the original passenger or to charge rates not in compliance with shared ride rates filed with the Director.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 6.150, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The Traffic Code is codified in Title 11 of this Code.

6.12.080 Financial responsibility.

All taxicab licensees shall maintain and furnish to the Director proof of compliance with RCW Chapter 46.72, as now or hereafter amended, relating to financial responsibility. Such proof shall consist of proof of for-hire certification with the state. Additionally, all licensees shall maintain a policy of uninsured motorist coverage which runs to the benefit of passengers. The city need not be named as an additional insured. Licensees may meet the above requirements for financial responsibility through a program of self insurance pursuant to RCW 46.29.630.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 6.170, 1980.)

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6.212.090 Failure to pay judgment.

Failure to pay any judgment arising out of the taxicab business within thirty days after the judgment becomes final or to make any payment pursuant to such judgment shall result in denial, suspension, or revocation of a taxicab license. No taxicab license shall be renewed if payments on an outstanding final judgment are delinquent.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980; Ord. 108934 § 6.180, 1980.)

6.212.100 Rates—Filing.

Each owner of an independent taxicab or each affiliation representative shall present proof of authority to file rates, color scheme, trade name, or other identification scheme on behalf of a taxi business, in a form satisfactory to the Director, and shall file all rates and charges with the Director in a form as required by the Director. The original rates filed shall become effective on the effective date of the license.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980; Ord. 108934 § 6.200, 1980.)

6.212.110 Rates—Changing.

Rates may be changed by filing a new rate schedule with the Director during the months of August, November, February, and May. If the rate change does not necessitate a meter adjustment, the new rate becomes effective immediately upon filing. If a meter adjustment is required, the new rate becomes effective for each affected taxicab when the cab meter is approved; provided, that no taxicab affected by the rate filing shall operate after thirty days following the filing of the new rate schedule unless its meter has been adjusted and approved by the Director.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980; Ord. 108934 § 6.210, 1980.)

6.212.120 Rates—Posting.

Each taxicab shall have conspicuously displayed within its passenger compartment the name and number of the taxicab and the rates of fare according to a uniform system which can readily be understood by passengers, as required by the Director by rule.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980; Ord. 108934 § 6.220, 1980.)

6.212.130 Receipt provided upon request.

Each taxicab driver shall provide a customer with a receipt when requested. The receipt shall include complete and accurate information in legible form as follows:

A. Name of the licensee and the Seattle taxicab license number;

B. Signature of the driver and the for-hire driver's license number;

C. Date, time, and place of trip origin and dismissal; and

D. Itemized listing of charges and total fare paid or charged.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980; Ord. 108934 § 6.230, 1980.)

6.212.140 Contract Rates.

Rates may be charged pursuant to a written contract which may establish a fare for specific transportation at a different rate than the filed rate.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980; Ord. 108934 § 6.240, 1980.)

6.212.150 Notice to Passengers.

Each licensee or agent shall display at all times, a notice in the taxicab interior which is readily visible to and readable by passengers as follows:

The driver of this taxicab is required by Seattle ordinance to give a receipt for service provided to any customer who requests a receipt. Any complaint about taxicab service or charges may be directed to the Seattle Department of Licenses and Consumer Affairs, (mailing address), (telephone number).

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980; Ord. 108934 § 6.250, 1980.)

6.212.160 Equipment.

A. Each taxicab shall be equipped with a taximeter installed in the vehicle in such a position that the face upon which the fare or charge is indicated is readily visible to and readable by passengers.

B. At a minimum, each taxicab shall be equipped with either a top light, a flag attached to the taximeter, or other equipment approved by the Director which indicates that the taxicab is employed or unemployed and is visible from a distance of ten feet from the vehicle.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980; Ord. 108934 § 6.300, 1980.)

6.212.170 Packages.

Passenger valises or small hand baggage which can be carried conveniently within a taxicab shall be loaded, conveyed, and unloaded from the taxicab free of charge. Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit or limit the right of licensees to use taxicabs for transporting packages for-hire.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 6.310, 1980.)

6.212.180 Violation of county or Port of Seattle regulation.

A taxicab license may be denied, suspended, or revoked upon finding that the applicant or licensee, or owner, officer, or agent thereof has violated, or has caused or permitted a driver to violate, any King County or Port of Seattle ordinance or regulation pertaining to the operation of taxicabs while in those jurisdictions, if such violation would constitute grounds for license suspension, revocation, or denial if occurring within the city.

(Ord. 109348 § 2(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 6.400, 1980.)

Chapter 6.214

TOWING OPERATOR AND TOW TRUCK LICENSES

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- 6.214.170 Removing vehicles from private property—Releasing such vehicles—Selling impounded vehicles.

- 6.214.180 Receipt required—Records to be kept.

6.214.010 Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter:

A. "Impound" means removal of a vehicle to a storage facility by request of any person except the vehicle's registered owner, or authorized agent.

B. "Operator" means any person engaged in the business of offering or providing a towing service.

C. "Towing service" means use of a vehicle by which other vehicles including, but not limited to, abandoned, disabled, inoperable, or improperly parked vehicles are towed or impounded.

D. "Tow truck" means a vehicle used to render towing service.

E. "Vehicle" means every device capable of being moved upon a street and in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.020, 1980.)

6.214.020 License—Expiration date.

Towing operator licenses and tow truck licenses expire annually on August 31st.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.024, 1980.)

6.214.030 License—Operator—Required.

It is unlawful for any person to engage in the towing service business without first obtaining a towing operator license in accordance with the provisions of the new license code.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.030, 1980.)

6.214.040 License—Tow truck—Required.

It is unlawful for any person to operate a tow truck without first obtaining a tow truck license in accordance with the provisions of the new license code.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.035, 1980.)

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6.214.050 Incorporation of state law and Washington Administrative Code provisions.

Whenever state law or Washington Administrative Code provisions are incorporated by reference into this chapter, the effect is to govern all operators licensed by the city, whether or not state law or regulations by their terms govern all operators.
(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.100, 1980.)

6.214.060 Unlawful acts.

It is unlawful for any operator to:

A. Demand or collect for towing service in excess of the rates filed;

B. Fail to provide a receipt with all charges itemized;

C. Fail to release a vehicle to its rightful owner if the appropriate charge to which the person is entitled has been tendered in a form acceptable under RCW Chapter 46.52 and regulations promulgated thereunder, and the person making such tender promises to remove or promptly secure removal of the towed vehicle;

D. Remove a vehicle from any location unless:

1. Requested to so remove by a police officer or appropriate governmental official acting in his/her official capacity; or

2. The vehicle's registered owner, or the owner's authorized agent, engages the operator's service; or

3. A written contractual agreement exists between the operator and the real property owner, or rightful occupier of real property, and provides for tow services to remove vehicles from the real property; or

4. The operator has a signed authorization from the rightful occupier of real property for each such vehicle removed in accordance with RCW 46.52.118, 46.52.119 and 46.52.119(2) and with WAC 308-62-020;

E. Charge any fee or other remuneration for attempting to tow a vehicle unless:

1. The licensee has gained custody of a vehicle to be towed by hooking it to the tow truck and raising the vehicle's wheels off the ground, in which event no more than fifty percent of the impound fee, plus charges for other service actually performed may be charged, or

2. The licensee has completed the process of preparing the vehicle for towing, and

the licensee has begun to operate the tow truck with the vehicle in tow, in which event the total amount of the impound fee and other allowable charges may be charged;

F. Block or otherwise interfere with the removal of a vehicle by a person properly claiming such vehicle;

G. Go to the site of a vehicle accident for purposes of soliciting or procuring towing service business unless called by the owner of a vehicle, the rightful occupier of property from which a vehicle is to be removed, or a police officer.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.140, 1980.)

6.214.070 Financial responsibility.

Each tow truck operator shall submit to the Director for filing by the Comptroller, a copy of public liability insurance in the minimum amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for any one person killed or injured in any one accident or occurrence and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for more than one person killed or injured in any one accident or occurrence, and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) of garage keeper legal liability insurance.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.170, 1980.)

6.214.080 Failure to satisfy judgment.

If a licensee fails to satisfy a judgment arising out of the tow truck business prior to license renewal, the license may be denied, unless a stay of denial is procured during the pendency of a court appeal.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.180, 1980.)

6.214.090 License plates.

For each tow truck, the Director shall issue to an operator tow truck license plates, to be at all times prominently displayed as required by the Director.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.210, 1980.)

6.214.100 Marking towing service vehicles.

Every tow truck shall be marked in compliance with WAC 308-61-110(7).

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.215, 1980.)

6.214.110 Rates—Filing.

The rates for towing or storing vehicles charged by an operator shall be filed with the Director on a form as prescribed by the Director.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.220, 1980.)

6.214.120 Rates—Posting.

Rates shall be posted, conspicuously, exactly as filed, at all locations of the towing business from which towed vehicles are released. The sign shall be of sufficient contrast in color to be clearly readable, and be in such form, location, and size as required by the Director.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.225, 1980.)

6.214.130 Rates—Quoting orally.

Rates shall be orally quoted by the operator, or his agent to any member of the public upon request. The operator shall disclose both towing and storage fees.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.230, 1980.)

6.214.140 Rates—Publishing.

A schedule of tow rates will be maintained on file by the Department and furnished to any person on request.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.231, 1980.)

6.214.150 Rates—Changing.

An operator may file new rates at any time. New rates shall become effective fifteen days after filing.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.235, 1980.)

6.214.160 Direct route.

Any operator, or his/her agent, when engaged in towing a vehicle to a definite location, shall take the most direct route possible consistent with public safety.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.250, 1980.)

6.214.170 Removing vehicles from private property—Releasing such vehicles—Selling impounded vehicles.

Any towing operator or agent removing a vehicle from private property, releasing such vehicle, or selling any abandoned vehicle shall

comply with the requirements of RCW Chapter 46.52 and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.260, 1980.)

6.214.180 Receipt required—Records to be kept.

The operator, or his/her agent, shall prepare a receipt for all services charged for in duplicate, using sequentially numbered forms for every towing service provided within or from the city. The receipt will contain the following:

A. Name, address, telephone number, and place of business of the operator;

B. Washington State license number or fleet number of the towing service vehicle used in providing the service;

C. Name and address of every person engaging the operator's service;

D. License number, year, make, model and color of the vehicle towed;

E. Name and address of the vehicle's registered owner, if known;

F. Date, time and place service commenced, and terminated;

G. Specific service(s) rendered;

H. Total amount to be charged for all services including storage;

I. The signature of the operator, driver, agent or employee providing the service;

J. The signature of the person to whom the towing service was provided or to whom the vehicle was released or delivered, unless refused.

The operator, or his/her agent, shall deliver a copy of the receipt to the person redeeming the vehicle from the operator's custody, and shall keep one copy, filed serially in order of the receipt number. Such filed receipts shall be retained for a period of one year at the operator's place of business.

(Ord. 109080 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 7.270, 1980.)

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Chapter 6.260

RESIDENTIAL SALES

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- 6.260.100 License—Display.
- 6.260.110 Disclosure of product and purpose.
- 6.260.120 Receipt and notice to buyer.

6.260.010 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter:

A. "Home sales party" means gatherings in private residences where those in attendance are invited guests and where goods, wares, merchandise or services are sold or offered for sale.

B. "Residential sales" means selling goods or services where some part of the transaction occurs at the buyer's residence.

C. "Residential seller" means any person who initiates contact with consumers at their places of residence for the purpose of selling, attempting to sell, or soliciting appointments or contacts for future sale of goods or services, and where the consumer is at his/her place of residence when agreement to buy is given.

(Ord. 109271 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 30.020, 1980.)

6.260.020 License—Fees.

The annual fee for a residential sales license is established by the License Fee Ordinance.¹

(Ord. 109271 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 30.022, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The License Fee Ordinance is codified in Chapter 6.204 of this Code.

6.260.030 License—Expiration date.

Residential sales licenses and residential sales agent licenses expire annually on May 31st. (Ord. 109271 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 30.024, 1980.)

6.260.040 License—Required—Exceptions.

It is unlawful for any person to engage in business as a residential seller in the city without first obtaining a residential sales license therefor; provided, that no license shall be required for:

A. Any person selling newspapers, or fresh or perishable food items; or

B. Any person holding a home sales party; or

C. Any person who acts as a residential seller on behalf of a licensee; or

D. Any person who, as an agent, acts as a peddler on behalf of a regulated utility; or

E. Any person who merely solicits orders for goods, which orders are to be accepted and goods delivered at a future time from a place outside of Washington State.

(Ord. 109271 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 30.030, 1980.)

6.260.050 Unlawful Acts.

It is unlawful for any residential seller or agent to:

A. Make untrue, deceptive, or misleading statements about the product or services sold for the purposes of procuring a sale or offer for sale;

B. Make any untrue, deceptive, or misleading statement regarding the purposes of his/her contact with a potential customer;

C. Sell before eight a.m. or after nine p.m. of any day without the specific prior consent of the prospective buyer;

D. Attempt to gain admittance for the purpose of selling at any residence at which a sign bearing the words "no peddlers," "no solicitors," or words of similar import is posted, unless at the invitation or with the consent of the occupant thereof.

(Ord. 109271 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 30.140, 1980.)

6.260.060 Financial responsibility.

Each applicant for a residential sales license shall submit to the Director for filing with the Comptroller a surety bond naming himself/herself and all of his/her agents as principals, and conditioned as provided by the general provisions of the new license code.¹ The Director shall establish the amount of the bond by assessing the risk of loss to the public in case

of the seller's default or in case the product he/she sells injures a consumer.

(Ord. 109271 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 30.150, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The general provisions of the new license code are codified in Chapter 6.202 of this Code.

6.260.070 Applicant.

The application for residential seller's license shall include a criminal record check.

(Ord. 109271 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 30.200, 1980.)

6.260.080 License—Product or services sold.

The license shall be endorsed with a statement of the type of product or service sold by the licensee. The license is valid only for the product or service specified.

(Ord. 109271 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 30.210, 1980.)

6.260.090 Residential seller—Agent card.

Each licensee who employs others as agents shall procure residential seller's agent identification for each agent, which shall be identical to the licensee's license except that additionally the agent's name shall appear on the identification license.

(Ord. 109271 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 30.215, 1980.)

6.260.100 License—Display.

All licensees and agents shall conspicuously display on their outer clothing their residential sales license or residential sales agent licenses when selling. If selling is by telephone, information adequate to identify the license must be disclosed on demand.

(Ord. 109271 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 30.220, 1980.)

6.260.110 Disclosure of product and purpose.

Each residential seller or agent shall, immediately upon contacting the prospective buyer, disclose to the prospective buyer his/her name, company, and the product or service represented. If requested to do so, he/she shall leave the premises immediately.

(Ord. 109271 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 30.230, 1980.)

6.260.120 Receipt and notice to buyer.

A. Every sale having a price of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or more, made or order taken by a residential seller, shall be evidenced by a signed receipt, contract, or other signed memorandum of the transaction which shall be given to the purchaser. Such receipt, contract, or memorandum shall state the date and terms of the transaction, the amount of any payment made, the name and address of the residential seller, and in immediate proximity to the space reserved in the contract for the signature of the buyer or on the front page of the receipt if a contract is not used and in bold face type of a minimum size of ten points, the following notice:

NOTICE TO BUYER

YOU, THE BUYER, MAY CANCEL THIS TRANSACTION AT ANYTIME PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT OF THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE DATE OF THIS TRANSACTION. SEE THE ATTACHED NOTICE OF CANCELLATION FORM FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THIS RIGHT.

B. The seller must furnish each buyer, at the time he/she signs any sales contract or otherwise buys or agrees to buy goods or services from the seller, a completed form in duplicate, captioned "NOTICE OF CANCELLATION," which shall be attached to the contract, receipt, or memorandum and easily detachable, and which shall contain in ten point bold type the following information and statements in the same language, e.g., Spanish, as that used in such contract, receipt or memorandum:

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

(Enter date of Transaction)

YOU MAY CANCEL THIS TRANSACTION, WITHOUT ANY PENALTY OR OBLIGATION, WITHIN THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS FROM THE ABOVE DATE.

IF YOU CANCEL, ANY PROPERTY TRADED IN, ANY PAYMENTS MADE BY YOU UNDER THE CONTRACT OR SALE, AND ANY NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT EXECUTED BY YOU WILL BE RETURNED WITHIN TEN (10) BUSINESS DAYS FOLLOWING RECEIPT BY THE SELLER OF YOUR CANCELLATION NOTICE, AND ANY SECURITY INTEREST ARISING OUT

OF THE TRANSACTION WILL BE CANCELLED. IF YOU CANCEL, YOU MUST MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE SELLER AT YOUR RESIDENCE, IN SUBSTANTIALLY AS GOOD CONDITION AS WHEN RECEIVED, ANY GOODS DELIVERED TO YOU UNDER THIS CONTRACT OR SALE; OR YOU MAY, IF YOU WISH, COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SELLER REGARDING THE RETURN SHIPMENT OF THE GOODS AT THE SELLER'S EXPENSE AND RISK.

IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO RETURN THE GOODS TO THE SELLER AND IF THE SELLER DOES NOT PICK THEM UP WITHIN 20 DAYS OF THE DATE OF YOUR NOTICE OF CANCELLATION, YOU MAY RETAIN OR DISPOSE OF THE GOODS WITHOUT ANY FURTHER OBLIGATION. TO CANCEL THIS TRANSACTION, MAIL OR DELIVER A SIGNED AND DATED COPY OF THIS CANCELLATION NOTICE OR ANY OTHER WRITTEN NOTICE, OR SEND A TELEGRAM TO.....

(name of Seller)....., AT
(Address of seller's place of business)..... NOT LATER THAN MIDNIGHT OF..... (Date)
I HEREBY CANCEL THIS TRANSACTION.
(date).....
..... (Buyer's Signature).....

C. The sending of any notice of cancellation within the specified period shall operate to cancel the purchase made or contract entered into, and the seller shall thereupon, without request, refund to the buyer any deposit or payment made, and in accordance with the notice of cancellation may reclaim from the buyer at the place of delivery any goods received by the buyer under such purchase or contract.

(Ord. 109271 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 30.310, 1980.)

Chapter 6.280

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT STUDIOS

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Severability: If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this chapter, or application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity, applicability, or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this chapter, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.

(Ord. 109189 § 2, 1980.)

6.280.010 Definitions.

A. "Adult entertainment studio" means any premises to which the public, patrons, or members are invited or admitted and which are so physically arranged as to provide booths, cubicles, rooms, compartments, or stalls separate from the common areas of the premises, wherein an entertainer provides entertainment to a member of the public, a patron, or a member. An adult entertainment studio includes, without being limited to, any premises that is physically arranged and used as such, whether advertised or represented as an adult entertainment studio, exotic dance studio, encounter studio, sensitivity studio, modeling studio, or any other term of like import. Adult entertainment studio shall not include theaters, concert halls, cabarets or similar establishments where entertainment is performed for groups of four or more.

B. "Employee" means any and all persons who work in or at or render any services directly related to, the operation of an adult entertainment studio.

C. "Entertainer" means any person who provides entertainment within an adult entertainment studio as defined in this section whether or not a fee is charged or accepted for the entertainment.

D. "Entertainment" means any exhibition or dance of any type, removal of articles of clothing, pantomime, modeling, or any other performance.

E. "Operator" means any person operating, conducting, or maintaining an adult entertainment studio.

F. "Person" has the meaning given in Section 12A.01.150(18) of the Seattle Criminal Code (Ordinance 102843).¹

G. "Public place" means, for the purposes of this chapter, an area generally visible to public view and includes streets, sidewalks, bridges, alleys, plazas, parks, driveways, parking lots, and automobiles whether moving or not.

(Ord. 109189 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 40.020, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: Section 12A.01.150(18) of the Criminal Code is codified in Section 12A.02.150(18) of this Code.

6.280.020 License—Applicant investigation.

The Director shall investigate an application for a license required in Section 6.280.030 by requesting criminal records and a confirmation of zoning compliance from appropriate city agencies. The Director shall investigate an application for a license required in Section 6.280.040 by requesting criminal records from appropriate city agencies.

(Ord. 109279 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 40.025, 1980.)

6.280.030 License—Operation.

It is unlawful for any person to operate, conduct, or to permit the operation, conducting, or maintaining, in or upon any premises in the city, an adult entertainment studio without first obtaining a license therefor.

(Ord. 109189 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 40.030, 1980.)

6.280.040 License—Employee.

It is unlawful for any entertainer, employee, or operator to work in or about, or to perform any services directly related to, the operation of an adult entertainment studio without first obtaining a license therefor.

(Ord. 109189 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 40.040, 1980.)

6.280.050 License—Expiration date.

The licenses required by Sections 6.280.030 and 6.280.040 expire annually on December 31st.

(Ord. 109279 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 40.045, 1980.)

6.280.060 Bond required.

Issuance of a license for an adult entertainment studio shall be subject to the furnishing of a surety bond in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), the conditions of which shall be that the licensee shall pay all just claims incurred in the conduct of such business and shall comply strictly with the terms and conditions of its license.

(Ord. 109189 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 40.050, 1980.)

6.280.070 Fees posting.

There shall be posted and conspicuously displayed in the common areas of each adult entertainment studio a list of any and all entertainment provided on the premises. Such list shall further indicate the specific fee or charge in dollar amounts for each entertainment listed. The sign shall be conspicuous and printed in accordance with rules promulgated by the Department of Licenses and Consumer Affairs.

(Ord. 109189 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 40.060, 1980.)

6.280.080 Physical Arrangement of Premises.

Every adult entertainment studio shall be physically arranged in such a manner that:

A. The entire interior portion of the booths, cubicles, rooms, compartments, or stalls wherein entertainment is provided is visible from the common areas of the premises. Visibility shall not be blocked or obscured by doors, curtains, drapes, or any obstruction whatsoever;

B. Illumination consistent with the Seattle Building Code¹ is maintained;

C. No activity or entertainment occurring on the premises shall be visible at any time from any public place;

D. A sign shall be conspicuously displayed in the common areas of the premises, and shall read as follows:

THIS ADULT ENTERTAINMENT STUDIO IS REGULATED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE, ENTERTAINERS ARE:

1. NOT PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN ANY TYPE OF SEXUAL CONDUCT as defined in Section 12A.01.150(24) of the Seattle Criminal Code. (Ordinance 102843)
2. NOT PERMITTED TO REMOVE THEIR CLOTHING.
3. NOT PERMITTED TO EXPOSE

THEIR BREASTS OR GENITAL AREAS.

4. NOT PERMITTED TO DEMAND OR COLLECT ALL OR ANY PORTION OF A FEE FOR ENTERTAINMENT BEFORE ITS COMPLETION.

The sign must be conspicuous and printed in accordance with rules promulgated by the Department of Licenses and Consumer Affairs.

(Ord. 109189 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 40.070, 1980.)

1. Editor's Note: The Building Code is codified in Subtitle I of Title 22 of this Code.

6.280.090 Unlawful acts.

It is unlawful for any entertainer, employee or operator:

A. To provide any entertainment not listed and posted as required by Section 6.280.070;

B. To charge, demand, collect or accept any fee other than that listed for the entertainment provided;

C. To demand, charge, collect or accept all or any portion of the fee for entertainment, prior to its completion.

(Ord. 109189 § 1(part), 1980: Ord. 108934 § 40.080, 1980.)

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Cross-reference Table
for the
New Seattle License Code
(Ord. 108934)

This table provides the Code user with the disposition of the sections of the New Seattle License Code, Ordinance 108934 as amended. For example, Section 1.010 of Ordinance 108934 appears in this volume as Section 6.202.030.

The designation "Rx" used in this table means "repealed by."

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Title 7

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Chapter 7.12

DISCLOSURE OF UNIT PRICES

Sections:

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A. The City Sealer shall determine as to all consumer commodities required to be unit priced the appropriate standard unit of measure which shall be the same for all sizes in which a commodity is sold or available for sale, and shall be based upon typical sizes or quantities of such commodities and consistent with the following:

- | Type of commodity | Unit of Measure |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. Commodities whose net quantity is expressed in units of ounces or pounds | Pound |
| 2. Commodities whose net quantity is expressed in units of liquid ounces, quarts or gallons. | Pint |
| 3. Commodities whose net quantity is expressed in numerical count . . | One hundred items |
| 4. Commodities whose net quantity is expressed in units of area. | Square yard |
| 5. Commodities whose primary declaration of net weight is expressed in the metric system | Kilogram (kg) |
| 6. Commodities whose net quantity is expressed in units of linear feet or inches | Linear foot |
| 7. Commodities whose primary declaration of length is expressed in the metric system. | meter (m) |
| 8. Commodities whose primary declaration of volume is expressed in the metric system | liter (l) |

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