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(ENGROSSED BILL)

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 233 of the License Code (Ordinance 48022) is amended to read as follows:

Section 233. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, operate, drive, or engage in the business of picking up passengers in a vehicle for hire within the City of Seattle without having for such vehicle, a license to be known as a "Vehicle License".

~~Section 2.~~ Section 2. That Section 234 of the License Code (Ordinance 48022), as last amended by Ordinance 89191, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 234. The City Comptroller shall furnish with each Vehicle License issued, one or more tags or plates, to be known as Seattle Vehicle License plates. Each such plate shall bear the number of such Vehicle License and the year for which said license was issued, and the words "Seattle Vehicle License". The form, material, and positioning on the vehicle of each such license plate shall be as prescribed by the City Comptroller. It shall be unlawful for any owner, operator or driver of a vehicle for hire to operate such vehicle without having conspicuously displayed thereon, a Seattle Vehicle License plate, furnished and authorized by the City Comptroller, or to operate such vehicle with expired or illegible Seattle Vehicle License plates thereon, or to fail to comply with any regulation of the City Comptroller relating to such plates.



Upon the transfer of a taxicab permit to a stand-by vehicle as provided for in Ordinance 59866, such Vehicle License plates may be placed on such stand-by vehicle, and such stand-by vehicle may be operated under the Vehicle License for which such plates have been issued.

Such Seattle Vehicle License plates shall be and remain the property of the City of Seattle and upon the revocation, surrender, suspension or expiration of a vehicle license, or if found in the possession of any person except as authorized herein, such plates shall be taken up by any police officer or member of the Division of Licenses and Standards and returned to the City Comptroller.

Section 3. That Section 238 of the License Code (Ordinance 48022), as last amended by Ordinance 93540, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 238. Application for vehicle licenses shall be made to, and licenses issued by, the City Comptroller on forms prescribed by him. Vehicle licenses shall expire at midnight on August 31st of each year. The annual license fee for each vehicle shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50); provided that the annual license fee for any vehicle used solely as a Special Services Vehicle as defined in Section 1 of Ordinance 59866 shall be Ten Dollars (\$10).

Section 4. That Section 1 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 89192, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 1. (a) The term "person" wherever used in this ordinance shall be held and construed to mean and include natural persons of either sex, firms, copartnerships, associations, and corporations, whether acting by themselves, by servant, agent or employee. The singular number shall include the plural and the masculine pronoun shall include the feminine and the neuter.

(b) The term "taxicab" wherever used in this ordinance shall be held and construed to mean and include every motor vehicle having a seating capacity of seven passengers or less, as per manufacturer's rating, used for the transportation of passengers for hire, and not operated exclusively over a fixed and defined route.

(c) The term "for-hire car" wherever used in this ordinance shall be held and construed to mean and include every motor vehicle other than a "sightseeing car or charter bus" or "special services vehicle", having a seating capacity of seven passengers or more, as per manufacturer's rating, used for the transportation of passengers for hire, and not operated exclusively over a fixed and defined route.

(d) The term "sightseeing car or charter bus" wherever used in this ordinance shall be held and construed to mean a motor vehicle used as a sightseeing car or charter bus as in this sub-section defined.

The term "sightseeing car" shall mean and include every motor vehicle having a seating capacity of nine (9) or more passengers used for sightseeing purposes over a fixed or defined route of travel and charging a sum certain for each trip.

The term "charter bus" shall mean and include every motor vehicle, not continuously operated over a fixed route, that has a seating capacity of nine (9) passengers or more, as per manufacturer's rating, and is for hire by a person or persons, by charter, for their exclusive use, the consideration for which and the points of origin and destination are determined at the time of chartering, but shall not include any "special services vehicle."

(e) The term "motor vehicle" wherever used in this ordinance shall be held and construed to mean and include every self-propelled vehicle by or upon which any person may be transported or carried

upon any public highway, street or alley, excepting vehicles used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

(f) The term "taximeter" wherever used in this ordinance shall be held and construed to mean and include any instrument or device by which the charge for hire of a passenger carrying vehicle is mechanically measured or calculated either for the distance traveled by such vehicle or for waiting time, or for both, and upon which such calculated charges shall be indicated by means of figures.

(g) The term "special service vehicle" wherever used in this ordinance shall be held and construed to mean and include every motor vehicle not operated exclusively over a fixed or defined route and used for the transportation at reduced rates of persons sixty-five years of age or older or handicapped persons as in this subsection defined.

The term "handicapped person" shall mean and include any person having a disabling physical or mental handicap and to whom an identification card has been issued by the Department of Human Resources of The City of Seattle upon application therefor describing such handicap and accompanied by the certification by a medical doctor that such handicap limits such person's activities, functioning and ability to use public transportation facilities.

(h) The phrase "engage in the business of operating any taxicab, for-hire car, special services vehicle, sightseeing car, or charter bus" means the pick up and transportation of any fare-paying passenger from a point within the corporate limits of the City of Seattle, whether or not the vehicle is dispatched from a taxicab stand or office within the unincorporated limits of King County or any other municipal corporation, and whether or not the ultimate destination or route of travel is within the corporate limits of



the City of Seattle, provided that nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to apply to a taxicab, for hire car, special services vehicle, sightseeing car or charter bus licensed by King County or any other municipal corporation, and transporting passengers from a point within unincorporated King County or other licensing municipality to a destination outside thereof, whether or not the ultimate destination or route travelled is within the corporate limits of the City of Seattle.

Section 5. That Section 2 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 100479, is further amended to read as follows:

A-102637 Section 2. PERMIT: CITY COMPTROLLER TO ISSUE: APPLICATIONS:  
It shall be unlawful to engage in the business of operating any taxicab, for-hire car, special services vehicle, sightseeing car, or charter bus, without first obtaining a permit so to do from the City Comptroller to be obtained in the following manner:

The applicant for such permit, in manner approved by the City Comptroller, shall show in his application, the classification under which the vehicle will be operated, as "taxicab," "for-hire car," "special services vehicle," or "sightseeing car or charter bus," the yearly period for which the permit is sought and shall furnish full, true and accurate information concerning the ownership, identification, company vehicle number, the name, fictitious or otherwise, under which the vehicle is to be operated, the distinguishing color scheme, design or dress, including any monogram or insignia to be used on the vehicle and, as required by the City Comptroller, the number of days and the mileage for each day of operation for any and all vehicles operated by the applicant under any permit issued under the provisions of this ordinance for the year preceding the yearly

period specified in the application for a permit. The applicant shall furnish such other information as may be required by the City Comptroller which he deems necessary to aid in the enforcement of this ordinance.

No such permit shall be issued unless the applicant therefor files with the City Comptroller satisfactory evidence of a policy or policies of public liability insurance in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the injury or death of one person, or Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the injury or death of more than one person in any one accident, and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for property damage, issued by an insurance company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Washington. Said policy or policies shall, in addition, by endorsement or otherwise, name The City of Seattle as an additional insured and provide that The City of Seattle, its officers, agents, and employees, shall be indemnified and held harmless from any loss, or claim or suit for damages or injury from the use or operation of any vehicle or vehicles operated under such permit, and shall further provide that not less than ten days written notice shall be given to the City Comptroller in the event of any change or cancellation. Such insurance shall be maintained in full force and effect for the full period to be covered by the permit applied for and failure to do so shall result in the automatic suspension of such permit.

No permit to operate a special services vehicle shall be issued unless at the time of making application therefor, the applicant files with the City Comptroller the schedule of rates, fares and charges applicable to the operation of such special services vehicle during the yearly period for which the permit is sought and no such schedule shall be changed during such yearly period except upon the approval of the City Council by resolution.

The City Comptroller may inquire into the correctness and accuracy of the information furnished, and if he is satisfied, after investigation, that the applicant has met the various requirements of this ordinance, that the name under which the applicant is to operate and the color scheme used upon the vehicle do not conflict with any other so used, or tend to deceive the public, that the motor vehicle is equipped with proper State license and is properly bonded for the protection of the public as required by law, a permit in such form as shall be prescribed by the City Comptroller may be issued therefor in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, authorizing the operation of said motor vehicle under the classification applied for for a period ending August 31 next succeeding the date of issue, and such permit may be reissued for succeeding yearly periods to the same permit holder and for the same motor vehicle when the requirements of this ordinance are otherwise met.

Transfer of a permit to any other person may be authorized only by consent of the City Council for good cause shown; provided, that nothing herein shall prevent the holder of a taxicab permit from leasing such taxicab to another person or persons for use or operation. Application for transfer of a permit to another person shall state the reasons for requesting the transfer, the trade name and color scheme under which the vehicle will be operated, and a detailed description of the proposed operation of the vehicle. The City Council shall be the exclusive judge in determining whether transfer of such permit and operation of the vehicle as proposed will best serve the public. Failure on the part of any permit holder to operate such vehicle in accordance with the proposed operation described in said application, shall be grounds for revocation of



such permit. No permit shall be transferred to the operation of any other motor vehicle without approval of the City Comptroller, and unless the motor vehicle for which the permit to operate is issued shall be sold, become obsolete, unsafe or unfit for further use, of which the City Comptroller shall be the exclusive judge; provided that a permit issued for the operation of a taxicab may be transferred to another motor vehicle which has been previously inspected and approved by the City Comptroller as meeting the requirements of this ordinance and designated as a stand-by vehicle, and such stand-by vehicle may be operated under such permit.

No taxicab permit shall be issued for a second or succeeding year for the same taxicab or for any other taxicab under the same permit, unless the taxicab and any other taxicab for which the permit has been transferred as herein authorized, has during the yearly period covered by the permit been operated for at least ten (10) miles per day for at least two hundred forty (240) days of said year, and no special services vehicle permit shall be issued for a second year for the same special services vehicle or for any other special services vehicle under the same permit, unless the special services vehicle and any other special services vehicle for which the permit has been transferred as herein authorized, has during the yearly period covered by the permit been operated for at least ten (10) miles per day for one hundred eighty (180) days of said year, nor shall any new taxicab or special services vehicle permit be issued to any person holding a permit which lapses because of failure to meet the foregoing requirement in the next preceding year; provided, that the City Council, for good cause shown, may waive the foregoing requirement, and upon such waiver the City Comptroller shall be authorized to issue a new permit.

Section 6. That Section 2-h of Ordinance 59866, added thereto by Ordinance 83535 is hereby repealed.

Section 7. That Section 3 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 95032, is further amended to read as follows:

A-102637 Section 3. The number of taxicabs and special services vehicles authorized to operate, and for which permits may be issued, shall be based upon the population of the City, as determined in the last preceding United States Census, at the ratio of one (1) taxicab to each twenty-five hundred (2,500) inhabitants, and one (1) special services vehicle to each twenty-five thousand (25,000) inhabitants; Provided, that this limitation shall not affect taxicabs in operation under license on September 9, 1966 except as such vehicles are abandoned through inability of operators to meet the requirements of this ordinance; Provided, further, that notwithstanding such limitation of the total number of taxicab permits herein prescribed, the City Comptroller may under the provisions of this ordinance issue permits for the operation of any additional taxicabs previously licensed by King County for a period of at least two years immediately prior to annexation in territory annexed to the City and during this period continuously operated in such territory from a principal office located within the same, but in such cases no new permit or transfer of permit shall be issued based upon the sale, lease, assignment, or other transfer of any such taxicab or taxicab business, within a period of two years; and provided further that notwithstanding such limitation of the total number of special services vehicles permits herein prescribed, the City Comptroller may under the provisions of this ordinance issue permits for the operation of additional special services vehicles to holders of permits for the operation of any taxicab, for-hire car, sightseeing car or charter bus.

Notwithstanding the above limitations and conditions, the City Council is hereby authorized to determine from time to time by resolution whether the public convenience and necessity requires the issuance of additional taxicab or special services vehicle permits. Applications for such additional permits and Council determination of public convenience and necessity therefor shall be in conformity with the terms and conditions set forth in Section 3-A of this ordinance.

Section 8. That Section 3-A of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 95715, is further amended to read as follows:

A-102637 Section 3-A. ADDITIONAL TAXICAB OR SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLE PERMITS -  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Persons desiring additional taxicab or special ser-  
vices vehicle permits, as contemplated hereunder, shall make written ap-  
plication therefor to the City Council on forms prescribed by it. Such  
application shall include the applicant's full name and address, and if  
the applicant is an employee, the name of his employer. In the case of  
taxicabs, applicants shall show by competent evidence that he, or one  
of two joint applicants, has been an operator or a joint licensee of the  
type of vehicle for which such additional permit is sought for at least  
two years next preceding said application.

Before any additional permits to operate taxicabs or special ser-  
vices vehicles are granted, the City Council shall fix a time and place  
for a hearing on the application. Notice of such hearing shall be given  
in writing to the applicant and to all persons holding permits for taxi-  
cabs or special services vehicles as the case may be. Notice shall be  
given to the public by publication in the official newspaper of the city  
not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of hearing. The City  
Council may receive any evidence, hear testimony, and may call witnesses  
as, in its discretion, it may deem advisable



in order to make its determination of whether additional permits shall be granted or denied. In the hearing provided, the burden of proof shall be upon the applicant to establish by clear, cogent and convincing evidence that public convenience and necessity require the operation of the service for which application has been made and that the applicant is fit, able and willing to perform such transportation of persons and property as proposed in the application.

In determining whether public convenience and necessity requires the issuance of additional permits, the City Council shall take into consideration the following:

(a) The number of taxicabs or special services vehicles as the case may be, already operating under permits;

(b) Whether the requirements of public convenience and necessity can be met and complied with only by the issuance of additional permits;

(c) The probable effect of increased service on local traffic conditions;

(d) Whether the increased service would result in ruinous competition;

(e) The effect on working conditions and wages paid to drivers of taxicabs or special services vehicles as the case may be;

(f) Whether the additional service requested cannot best be rendered by existing operators;

(g) The financial responsibility of the applicant;

(h) The type and condition of equipment proposed to be operated;

(i) The character, experience, and responsibility of the applicant and such other relevant facts as the City Council may deem advisable, pertinent, or necessary to aid in determining whether public convenience and necessity require the issuance of such additional permits.

Such additional permits shall be issued and reissued and shall be transferable only as provided in Section 2 of this ordinance.

Taxicabs operated pursuant to such permit shall be equipped with two-way radios operating on an independent radio frequency authorized by the Federal Communications Commission.

Section 9. That Section 4 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 97839, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for anyone driving or operating, or engaged in the business of operating taxicabs, for-hire cars, special service vehicles, or sightseeing cars or charter buses, to charge, demand, collect, or receive any greater or less rate of fare than the following:

TAXICAB METER RATES:

For one passenger for the first 1/5 mile  
or fraction thereof . . . . . \$0.70  
Thereafter for each additional 1/5 mile,  
or fraction thereof . . . . . \$0.10  
For every one minute of waiting time . . . . . \$0.10  
For each additional passenger . . . . . \$0.20  
(No additional passenger shall be picked up without  
the express consent of the original passenger.);

provided, that the total fare computed in accordance with such rates may be paid in script by any handicapped person as defined in Section 1 of this ordinance or by the holder of an identification card which shall be issued by the Department of Human Resources to persons sixty-five years of age or older whose income if married is not more than \$6,000 per year, or if single is not more than \$4,000 per year, which script shall be printed in the form prescribed by the City

Treasurer and shall be sold and redeemed by the City Treasurer at a price which shall be equal to eighty percent (80%) of the face value thereof; provided further that said rates, insofar as they establish a minimum rate, shall not apply --

(1) to the transportation of handicapped students under contract with any public or private school or school district if such contract or satisfactory evidence thereof has been theretofore filed with the City Comptroller, or

(2) to the transportation in any vehicle being operated under a special services vehicle permit of persons sixty-five years of age or older or handicapped persons as defined in Section 1 of this ordinance.

FOR-HIRE CAR RATES:

For the first two hours of driving time

or fraction thereof . . . . . \$18.00

For each successive hour or fraction

thereof, at the rate of . . . . . \$ 9.00 per hour.

A flat rate shall be permitted for funerals only, provided such flat rate shall not be less than the minimum charge for two hours of driving time as hereinabove in this section provided.

SIGHTSEEING CAR RATES:

For any one trip the fare for any one passenger on account of transportation shall not exceed \$10.00 or be less than \$2.00, provided that children under five years of age may be transported free of charge and the fare for children from 5 to 12 years of age may be one-half of the adult fare.

CHARTER BUS RATES:

The charge for use of charter bus shall be a sum certain determined by agreement between the contracting persons at the time



of chartering, provided that in determining said sum, waiting time may be included at an agreed rate.

It shall be unlawful for any driver or operator of a vehicle licensed as a sightseeing car or charter bus to charge, demand or collect any fare in any other manner than provided for in this ordinance or, when not used as a sightseeing bus, from any passenger or person other than a person chartering the bus or his designated agent.

SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLE RATES:

Charges for the transportation in any special services vehicle of persons sixty-five years of age or older or handicapped persons as defined in Section 1 of this ordinance shall be in accordance with the schedule of rates, fares and charges filed with the City Comptroller by the permit holder for any such special services vehicle; provided that any such schedule of rates, fares and charges shall be uniform as to all special services vehicles having the same color scheme; and provided further that no such schedule of rates, fares and charges shall be the same as or greater than the taxicab meter rates established in this section.

Said rates shall not apply to the transportation of passengers between docks, railroad stations, hotels and airports when the passenger pays fare by means of a transfer coupon forming a part of a through ticket issued by a transportation company, but provided that when the transportation is by means of a taxicab, the taxicab meter shall be in operation.

Section 10. That Section 5 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 93542, is further amended to read as follows:

A-102637 Section 5. Each taxicab or special services vehicle shall have conspicuously displayed within its passenger compartment a card bearing the name and number of said taxicab or special services vehicle, and the rates of fare fixed by this ordinance as to any such taxicab, or the schedule of rates filed with the City Comptroller for any such special services vehicle; provided that any vehicle being operated both as a taxicab and as a special services vehicle shall have displayed a card bearing the rates of fare applicable to both such types of operation. Said card shall be of a form and size approved by the City Comptroller and shall be posted as prescribed by him. During hours of darkness such cards shall be so illuminated as to be readily discernable by passengers.

Section 11. That Section 7 of Ordinance 59866 is amended to read as follows:

Section 7. Except as provided in Section 4 of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful:

- (a) for any person to drive or operate, or engage in the business of operating, a taxicab or taxicabs, unless a taximeter is at all times used on each of such taxicabs in determining the fare or rate to be charged and collected; or
- (b) for any person operating or driving, or engaged in the business of operating, a taxicab or taxicabs, to charge, demand, collect, or receive any fare, rate or charge which is not directly based, measured and computed upon the record on the reading face of the taximeter used on such taxicab or taxicabs; or
- (c) for any person to use or employ any other or different method of computing or measuring such distance or time charges than the methods hereinabove specifically provided.

Section 12. That Section 13 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 89192, is further amended to read as follows:

A-102637 Section 13. Every person owning or operating any taxicab, for-hire car, special services vehicle, sightseeing car, or charter bus, shall keep an accurate daily trip sheet for each shift that such equipment is operated. These trip sheets shall be kept on file for a period of five (5) years, shall be open for inspection at all times by the City Comptroller or his deputies and shall show the following information: the driver's name and For-Hire Driver's License number, the company name and vehicle number, the date, time and place of origin and of dismissal of each trip, the fare paid, number of passengers paying, and any other items for which a charge is made. The driver of any taxicab, special services vehicle, or for-hire car, shall on request of any passenger paying him a fare for any trip, issue a receipt showing such information for said trip. Every driver of a taxicab or special services vehicle, and every operator of a vehicle for hire, in addition to the above required information, shall cause to be entered on the trip sheet the time of beginning and end of each shift and the mileage reading of the vehicle at the beginning and end of each shift.

Every owner or operator of any taxicab, for-hire car, special services vehicle, sightseeing car or charter bus shall also cause to be at all times carried in such vehicles permits issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles of Washington showing such vehicles to be properly bonded for the protection of the public, and also the licenses and permits issued pursuant to City ordinances.

Section 13. That Section 14 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 62610, is further amended to read as follows:

A-102637 Section 14. All vehicles operated under authority of this ordinance shall be inspected from time to time by the City Comptroller for the purpose of determining cleanliness, proper equipment, appearance and safe condition for the transportation of passengers; and the City Comptroller shall at the time of such inspection, determine for the guidance of the public the classification and capacity of the vehicle inspected; and it shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate, or engage in the business of operating, any taxicab, for-hire car, special services vehicle, or sightseeing car or charter bus, unless and until the same has been inspected and approved by the City Comptroller.

Section 14. That Section 15 of Ordinance 59866 is amended to read as follows:

Section 15. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, controlling, or engaged in the business of operating taxicabs, for-hire cars, special services vehicles, or sightseeing cars or charter buses to employ as a driver of any such vehicle, or permit any such vehicle to be driven by, a driver who does not possess a valid and subsisting For-Hire Driver's License.

Section 15. That Section 16 of Ordinance 59866 is amended to read as follows:

Section 16. Any driver of a taxicab, special services vehicle, or for-hire car who shall charge any passenger a rate of fare other than that provided for in Section 4 hereof, shall upon conviction thereof, be punished, in addition to the other penalties herein provided, by having his For-Hire Driver's License suspended for a period of not less than six months nor more than one year.

Section 16. That Section 17 of Ordinance 59866 is amended to read as follows:



Section 17. Any driver of a taxicab, special services vehicle, or for-hire car employed to carry passengers to a definite point shall take the most direct route possible that will carry the passenger safely and expeditiously to his destination.

Section 17. That Section 20 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 87597, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 20. It shall be unlawful for anyone engaged in the business of operating a taxicab, special services vehicle, for-hire car, or sightseeing car or charter bus, to knowingly employ a driver who has within one (1) year been convicted of driving any motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Section 18. That Section 21 of Ordinance 59866 is amended to read as follows:

Section 21. If any driver of a taxicab, for-hire car, special services vehicle, or sightseeing car or charter bus, shall be convicted of driving such vehicle while drunk or under the influence of narcotics, the For-Hire Driver's License of such driver shall be revoked, and he shall not be granted a For-Hire Driver's License for a period of at least one year from the date of such conviction.

Section 19. That Section 22 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 73762, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 22. It is unlawful for any driver of a taxicab to refuse to accept as a passenger any person of proper deportment who requests a ride when the taxicab is unemployed, or for the driver of a special services vehicle to refuse to accept as a passenger any handicapped person presenting a proper identification card, or any person sixty-five years of age or older presenting a medicare card or other proof of age, who requests a ride when the special services vehicle is unemployed; and it is unlawful for any person to refuse

to pay the regular fare for a taxicab, for-hire car, special services vehicle, or sightseeing car or charter bus, after having hired the same.

Section 20. That Section 24 of Ordinance 59866 is hereby repealed.

Section 21. That Section 25 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 74086, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 25. Persons served with a taxicab or special services vehicle hereunder shall be entitled to have such valises or small hand baggage as can be conveniently carried within the vehicle loaded, conveyed and unloaded without charge. Persons cancelling calls for taxicabs, special services vehicle, or for-hire cars after dispatch in answer thereto, may be charged the same rate as if used.

Section 22. That Section 27 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 74086, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 27. No trunk or baggage except as provided in Section 25 shall be carried by any taxicab or special services vehicle.

Section 23. That Section 21.67.160 of Ordinance 91910 (Traffic Code) is hereby repealed.

Section 24. That Section 1 of Ordinance 93789 is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The following terms for the purpose of this ordinance shall mean:

"CABULANCE": any motor vehicle for hire driven by the owner or his employee and which is designed for the transportation of handicapped persons who by reason of physical or mental infirmity may not be conveniently transported on public mass transportation vehicles or in taxicabs, or who cannot drive their own automobile. This definition shall not be construed to include taxicabs, special services vehicles, ambulances or mass transportation vehicles.

(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

"CABULANCE OPERATOR": anyone engaging in the business of transporting physically or mentally infirm persons in a Cabulance.

"DRIVER": anyone in charge of, or driving, any Cabulance.

Section 25. The invalidity of any section, subsection, provision, clause, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 26. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 5 day of February, 1973,  
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 5 day of  
February, 1973. Wm E. Uai

President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council.  
Approved by me this 13 day of February, 1973.

Wm Uhlman  
Mayor.  
Filed by me this 13 day of February, 1973.

Attest: C. H. Ehlanson  
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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By J. H. Alper  
Deputy Clerk.

# The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

MR. PRESIDENT:

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Your Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH and FINANCE

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to which was referred C.B. 93525,

relating to and regulating the conveyance of passengers and baggage for hire; amending Sections 233, 234, and 238 of the License Code (Ordinance 48022) and Sections 1, 2, 3, 3-A, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 25, and 27 of Ordinance 59866, and Section 1 of Ordinance 93789; and repealing Sections 2-H and 24 of Ordinance 59866 and Section 21.67.160 of Ordinance 91910 (Traffic Code),

RECOMMEND THAT THE SAME BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Page 10, Line 17, Section 3-A: Before "Applicants" insert "In the case of taxicabs,"

AND WHEN SO AMENDED THAT THE SAME DO PASS.

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## Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF WASHINGTON,  
KING COUNTY—SS.

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below

stated period. The annexed notice, a

ORDINANCE NO 101857

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on

Feb 16, 1973

Notary Public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle.

(Note: RCW 42.38.060 states—"It shall not be necessary for a notary public in certifying an oath to be used in any of the courts in this state, to append an impression of his official seal—")

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**ORDINANCE 101557**

AN ORDINANCE relating to and regulating the conveyance of passengers and baggage for hire; amending Sections 233, 234, and 235 of the License Code (Ordinance 48022) and Sections 1, 2, 3-A, 4, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 25 and 27 of Ordinance 59866, and Section 1 of Ordinance 59789; and repealing Sections 2-H and 2-I of Ordinance 59866 and Section 21.07.160 of Ordinance 51913 (Traffic Code).

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 233 of the License Code (Ordinance 48022) is amended to read as follows:

Section 233. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, operate, drive, or ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF PICKING UP PASSENGERS IN a vehicle for hire within the City of Seattle without having FOR SUCH VEHICLE, a license to be known as a "Vehicle License."

Section 2. That Section 234 of the License Code (Ordinance 48022), as last amended by Ordinance 59191, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 234. The City Comptroller shall furnish with each Vehicle License issued, one or more tags or plates, to be known as Seattle Vehicle License plates. Each such plate shall bear the number of such Vehicle License and the year for which said license was issued, and the words "Seattle Vehicle License." The form, material, and positioning on the vehicle of each such license plate shall be as prescribed by the City Comptroller. It shall be unlawful for any owner, operator, or driver of a vehicle for hire to operate such vehicle without having conspicuously displayed thereon, a Seattle Vehicle License plate, furnished and authorized by the City Comptroller, or to operate such vehicle with expired or illegible Seattle Vehicle License plates thereon, or to fail to comply with any regulation of the City Comptroller relating to such plates.

UPON THE TRANSFER OF A TAXICAB PERMIT TO A STAND-BY VEHICLE AS PROVIDED FOR IN ORDINANCE 59866, SUCH VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES MAY BE PLACED ON SUCH STAND-BY VEHICLE, AND SUCH STAND-BY VEHICLE MAY BE OPERATED UNDER THE VEHICLE LICENSE FOR WHICH SUCH

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AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE CERTIFICATION BY A MEDICAL DOCTOR THAT SUCH HANDICAP LIMITS SUCH PERSON'S ACTIVITIES, FUNCTIONING AND ABILITY TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

(h) THE PHRASE "ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF OPERATING ANY TAXICAB, FOR-HIRE CAR, SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLE, SIGHTSEEING CAR, OR CHARTER BUS" MEANS THE PICKUP AND TRANSPORTATION OF ANY FARE-PAYING PASSENGER FROM A POINT WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, WHETHER OR NOT THE VEHICLE IS DISPATCHED FROM A TAXICAB STAND OR OFFICE WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED LIMITS OF KING COUNTY OR ANY OTHER MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND WHETHER OR NOT THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION OR ROUTE OF TRAVEL IS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE. PROVIDED THAT NOTHING IN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO APPLY TO A TAXICAB, FOR HIRE CAR, SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLE, SIGHTSEEING CAR OR CHARTER BUS LICENSED BY KING COUNTY OR ANY OTHER MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS FROM A POINT WITHIN UNINCORPORATED KING COUNTY OR OTHER LICENSING MUNICIPALITY TO A DESTINATION OUTSIDE THEREOF, WHETHER OR NOT THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION OR ROUTE TRAVELED IS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE.

Section 5. That Section 2 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 100473, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 2. PERMIT: CITY COMPTROLLER TO ISSUE APPLICATIONS: It shall be unlawful to engage in the business of operating any taxicab, for-hire car, SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLE, sightseeing car, or charter bus, without first obtaining a permit so to do from the City Comptroller to be obtained in the following manner:

The applicant for such permit, in manner approved by the City Comptroller, shall show in his application the classification under which the vehicle will be operated, as "taxicab," "for-hire car," "SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLE," or "sightseeing car or charter bus," the yearly period for which the permit is sought and shall furnish full, true and accurate information concerning the ownership, identification, name, fictitious or otherwise, under which the vehicle is to be operated, the distinguishing col-

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DINANCE AND DESIGNATED AS A STAND-BY VEHICLE, AND SUCH STAND-BY VEHICLE MAY BE OPERATED UNDER SUCH PERMIT.

No taxicab permit shall be issued for a second or succeeding year for the same taxicab or for any other taxicab under the same permit, unless the taxicab and any other taxicab for which the permit has been transferred as herein authorized, has during the yearly period covered by the permit been operated for at least ten (10) miles per day for at least two hundred forty (240) days of said year, AND NO SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLE PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED FOR A SECOND YEAR FOR THE SAME SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLE OR FOR ANY OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLE UNDER THE SAME PERMIT, UNLESS THE SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLE AND ANY OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE PERMIT HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED AS HEREIN AUTHORIZED, HAS DURING THE YEARLY PERIOD COVERED BY THE PERMIT BEEN OPERATED FOR AT LEAST TEN (10) MILES PER DAY FOR ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAYS OF SAID YEAR, nor shall any new taxicab or SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLE permit be issued to any person holding a permit which lapses because of failure to meet the foregoing requirement in the next preceding year; provided, that the City Council, for good cause shown, may waive the foregoing requirement, and upon such waiver the City Comptroller shall be authorized to issue a new permit.

Section 6. That Section 2-h of Ordinance 59866, added thereto by Ordinance 83525 is hereby repealed.

Section 7. That Section 3 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 95032, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 3. The number of taxicabs and SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLES authorized to operate, and for which permits may be issued, shall be based upon the population of the City, as determined in the last preceding United States Census, at the ratio of one (1) taxicab to each twenty-five hundred (2,500) inhabitants, AND ONE (1) SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLE TO EACH TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (25,000) INHABITANTS. Provided, that this limitation shall not affect taxicabs in operation under license on September 9, 1966 except as such vehicles are abandoned through inability of operators to meet the requirements of this ordinance. Provided, further, that notwithstanding such limitation of the total number of taxicab permits herein prescribed, the City Comptroller may under the pro-

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whether public convenience necessity require the issuance of such additional permits.

SUCH ADDITIONAL PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED AND TRANSFERABLE ONLY PROVIDED IN SECTION 1 OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Taxicabs operated pursuant to such permit shall be equipped with two-way radios operating on an independent radio frequency authorized by the Federal Communications Commission.

Section 9. That Section 9 of Ordinance 59866, as last amended by Ordinance 97839, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 9. It shall be lawful for anyone driving or operating, or engaged in the business of operating taxicabs, hire cars, SPECIAL SERVICES VEHICLES, or sightseeing or charter buses, to charge, demand, collect, or receive greater or less rate of fare than the following:

**TAXICAB METER RATES:**

For one passenger for the first 1/5 mile or fraction thereof ..... \$1.00  
Thereafter for each additional 1/5 mile, or fraction thereof ..... \$0.20  
For every one minute of waiting time ..... \$0.10  
For each additional passenger ..... \$0.10

(No additional passenger shall be picked up without the express consent of the original passenger.)

PROVIDED, THAT THE TOTAL FARE COMPUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH RATES MAY BE PAID IN SCRIPT BY A HANDICAPPED PERSON AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF THIS ORDINANCE OR BY THE HOLDER OF AN IDENTIFICATION CARD WHICH SHALL BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHOSE INCOME IF MARRIED IS NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 PER YEAR OR IF SINGLE IS NOT MORE THAN \$4,000 PER YEAR, WHICH SCRIPT SHALL BE PRINTED IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE CITY TREASURER AND SHALL BE SOLD AND REDEEMED BY THE CITY TREASURER AT A PRICE WHICH SHALL BE EQUAL TO EIGHTY PERCENT (80%) OF THE FACE VALUE THEREOF. PROVIDED FURTHER THAT said rates, insofar as they establish a minimum rate, shall not apply—

(1) to the transportation of handicapped students under contract with any public or private school or school district.