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**TAXICABS
CITY OF GAYLORD, MICHIGAN**

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Sec. 7401. **DEFINITION.**

The word "Taxicab" as used in this Ordinance shall mean any motor vehicle engaged in carrying passengers for hire and no regular, specified route is traveled; provided, however, that automobiles used exclusively as hearses, funeral cars, or ambulances shall not be construed to be within the definition, nor shall vehicles owned by any governmental unit be construed to be within the definition. (amend. eff. Nov. 2, 1987)

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Sec. 7402. **LICENSE.**

No person shall operate or cause to be operated any taxicab on the street of the City of Gaylord without first obtaining a license as provided in this Ordinance.

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Sec. 7403. **APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.**

The Clerk shall require that any person desiring a license under this Ordinance shall state, in addition to all other pertinent information:

- a. The name, address, age, driving experience of each individual who will drive a taxicab, and whether he has ever been convicted or pleaded guilty to the violation of any Ordinance or statute and the nature of the offense.
- b. The type of vehicle to be used as a taxicab, including the make, model, horsepower, factory number, license number and seating capacity for said taxicab, and the miles said vehicle has been driven.

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Sec. 7403.1. **APPLICATION ACCOMPANIED BY GARAGE MECHANICS CERTIFICATE.**

Each application for such license shall be accompanied by a garage mechanics certificate showing that the motor vehicle proposed to be used by the applicant is in good running condition and is mechanically safe for the purpose of being used for a taxicab.

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Sec. 7403.2. **LICENSE; ISSUED.**

All licenses must be approved by the Gaylord City Council.

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Sec. 7403.3. **LICENSEE; PHYSICAL DEFECTS.**

The City Clerk shall not issue any license to a person under 21 years of age, a person with a physical defect, which would render him an unsafe driver, an insane person, a feeble-minded person, drug addict, an alcoholic, a person convicted of reckless driving twice within the past five years.

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Sec. 7403.4. LICENSE APPLICATION; INSURANCE.

Each application for such license shall be accompanied by evidence of the issuance of insurance in the name of the applicant against injury to person or property arising from the operation of each motor vehicle, each policy of public liability insurance to be in the amount of at least \$30,000.00, and each policy of property damage insurance to be in the amount of at least \$5,000.00, and such insurance must remain in full force during the entire period of time for which the license is granted.

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Sec. 7404. LICENSE CONDITIONS.

Conditions precedent to the continuance of any license issued hereunder are as follows:

- a. The licensee shall immediately report to the Clerk all required information with respect to drivers hired or vehicles acquired subsequent to the issuance of the license. Provided, that no person shall be permitted to drive a taxicab who could not procure a license in his own name because of the provisions of Section 7403.3 of this Ordinance. Provided, further, that the licensee of any licensed vehicle may during the license year replace the vehicle with another and shall be entitled therefor at no added charge.
- b. The licensee shall submit the licensed vehicle to a safety inspection by the Police Department, as follows:
 - (1) Vehicles that are less than three (3) years old shall be inspected once per year;
 - (2) Vehicles that are more than three (3) years old shall be inspected every six (6) months;
 - (3) In addition, a licensee shall submit the licensed vehicle for inspection upon the request of the Chief of Police.

The licensee shall promptly make or cause to be made all repairs ordered as a result of such inspection and shall submit evidence of the same to the Police Department within ten (10) days after the date the repairs were ordered to be made.

- c. No taxicab driver shall permit an intoxicated person to ride in the taxicab in addition to the driver, that is carrying other passengers, nor shall any taxicab transporting an intoxicated person take on or carry any additional passengers except one companion of such intoxicated person.
- d. No taxicab driver shall permit more than six adults to ride in the taxicab in addition to the driver, and not more than two passengers shall be allowed to sit with driver in the front seat of any taxicab.
- e. No taxicab driver shall take on or carry any additional passengers except with

the consent of the passenger or passengers riding in said taxicab at the time.

- f. Each licensee shall plainly display in each licensed taxicab a list of the rates and charges as may be prescribed by the City Council, and no licensee shall charge or permit to be charged any rate or charge different from that prescribed by the Council, provided, however, that this paragraph shall have no effect and shall not act as any limitation until the City Council by resolution prescribes the permissible rates and charges.
- g. For each vehicle licensed the licensee shall pay an annual license fee of \$100.00 in advance for the year said vehicle is operated as a taxicab.
- h. The licensee shall comply with all rules and regulations prescribed by the Police Department.

If a permit is not timely applied for, there shall be added to the regular license fee, an additional fee equal to 100% of the annual license fee.

(amend. eff. June 13, 1983; further amend. eff. Nov. 2, 1987)

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Sec. 7405. LICENSE REVOCATION.

The City Council may revoke any license for cause, and may revoke the license for any vehicle which has not operated for a period of thirty consecutive days. Should any such revocation serve to make available any additional license or licenses within the quota herein established, the City Council may by resolution authorize the Clerk to issue the license to the first qualified applicant thereof.

