

101.26 LICENSING AND REGULATION OF TAXICABS AND
TAXICAB DRIVERS.

(1) LICENSE REQUIRED. No person shall operate or cause to be operated a taxicab within

the limits of the City of Richland Center without having first secured a Taxicab Business License as

herein provided.

(2) DEFINITIONS. As used in this Section:

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(a) "Taxicab" means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity of less than 8 persons, regularly

engaged in the business of carrying passengers for hire, not operated on a fixed route and equipped with a

taxi meter or similar device by which the fare is mechanically calculated on the basis of distance traveled

or waiting time.

(b) "Taxicab Driver" means a person who operates a taxicab as defined in par. (a).

(3) EXCEPTIONS. No license shall be required of an owner or driver for operating or driving

a taxicab licensed by another municipality for the purpose of delivering passengers to a point within the

City nor to persons operating vehicles over regular routes or between fixed terminals, funeral cars,

ambulances, vehicles licensed by permit of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, or rental cars.

(4) TAXI-CAB BUSINESS LICENSE.

(a) Application. Application for a taxicab license to operate one or more taxicabs or an application to operate additional taxicabs under an existing license shall be made in writing to the City

Clerk upon forms furnished, giving the address from which the business is conducted, and signed by the

owner of the business or his duly authorized agent. The application must also state for each vehicle to be

operated the make, model and year of manufacture, the engine number, serial number, capacity for

passengers, and the Wisconsin State Certificate of Title number and license number.

(b) Public Hearing. The application shall be submitted by the Clerk to the Common Council

which shall set a date for a public hearing before the Common Council to examine the public

convenience and necessity of granting such a license. The Clerk shall notify the applicant of the time and

place set for the hearing, which may be held at a regular or special meeting of the Common Council. The

name of the applicant shall be included in the agenda for such meeting or hearing.

(5) LICENSE FEES; LICENSE YEAR. The taxicab business license fee shall be \$100.00 per

year or any fractional part thereof, except that if a new application is made and at the time of issuance of

the license less than one-half of a license year remains, such fee shall be \$50.00. All license years shall

end December 31. A full license year shall commence January 1 and end December 31 of the same year.

(6) INSURANCE. No taxicab license shall be issued until the applicant deposits with the Clerk

a policy of liability insurance covering all vehicles to be included under the license. Such policy shall

describe each vehicle by make, model and serial number, number of passengers capable of being

accommodated therein at one time and the number of State Motor Vehicle license. Such insurance policy

shall be issued by a company licensed to do business in Wisconsin and shall insure against loss from

liability in such amounts as the Common council shall from time to time designate.

The policy of insurance shall be approved by the City Attorney as to legal form before it is filed,

and shall contain a provision that the same may not be cancelled before the expiration of its term except

upon ten days written notice to the City. The cancellation or other termination of any insurance policy

issued in compliance with this section shall automatically revoke and terminate all licenses issued for the

vehicle covered by such insurance policy, unless another policy shall have been filed and approved

pursuant to this Section, and shall be in effect at the time of such cancellation or termination.

(7) POLICE INSPECTION. The Police Department shall inspect the mechanical condition of

each vehicle for which an application for a license is made and shall make periodic inspections of all

licensed vehicles. No vehicle shall be operated, whether licensed or not, as a taxicab if the Police

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Department shall find that the mechanical condition thereof makes it unsafe for the carrying of

passengers.