STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER } ss.:
CITY OF WHITE PLAINS }

I, the undersigned, City Clerk, of the City of White Plains, NY, do hereby certify that I have compared the proceeding with the original Ordinance adopted by the Common Council of the City of White Plains, NY, by a vote of the majority of the members of the Common Council at a **Regular Stated** meeting held **October 5, 2026** , and I do hereby certify the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City of White Plains, NY, this

October 6, 2026

Jill Iannetta
City Clerk of White Plains

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from the

CITY OF WHITE PLAINS
255 Main Street
White Plains, NY 10601

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ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE PLAINS AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE WHITE PLAINS MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 4-15 PERTAINING TO TAXICABS

ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

of the

CITY OF WHITE PLAINS

on

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The Common Council of the City of White Plains hereby ordains and enacts as follows:

Section 1**.** Title IV, Chapter 4-15 entitled "Taxicabs" of the White Plains Municipal Code", is hereby amended at the indicated sections as follows:

A. **Sec. 4-15-1. Definitions.**

(17) Taxicab medallion license owner: ~~An~~The individual, partnership, corporation, or ~~any~~ other entity to ~~in whose name the state registration is issued pursuant~~ to ~~the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law and who has been issued~~whom a White Plains taxicab medallion license ~~for~~ has ~~such~~ been ~~vehicle.~~ issued.

(18) Taxicab medallion lessee: An individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity authorized in writing by the Commissioner of Public Safety, pursuant to Section 4-15-10, to operate under a taxicab medallion license in accordance with an approved lease.

~~(18)~~ (19) Taxicab medallion sticker: The sticker issued exclusively by the Department of Public Safety, and placed on the vehicle by the licensing officer, certifying the vehicle as a licensed White Plains taxicab as defined in this chapter. The sticker shall state the taxicab medallion license number and the year for which it is issued.

~~(19)~~(20) Taxicab stand: Any place alongside the curb of a street or elsewhere which is exclusively reserved for the use of taxicabs. Only taxicabs with a White Plains taxicab medallion may use taxi

B. Sec. 4-15-2. Issuance of taxicab medallion licenses, at subsection A as follows:

A. Limitation on taxicab medallion licenses: Two hundred (200) taxicab medallion licenses are hereby found adequate to serve the needs of the public and the city; and such number is hereby established as the maximum amount of taxicab medallion licenses to be issued pursuant to this chapter. Of the 200 taxicab medallion licenses authorized, five (5) shall be specifically designated for accessible taxicabs, and shall be designated thus in perpetuity. The 5 accessible medallions shall be sold for ~~$20,000.00~~$10,000.00 each.

C. Sec. 4-15-6. Duties and responsibilities of taxicab medallion owners and lessees, at subsections A and C as follows:

The owner and, during the term of an approved lease, the lessee of every vehicle licensed under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter and operating within the City of White Plains shall comply with the following requirements:

A. Responsibilities relating to drivers

(7) Supervisory responsibility: Diligently supervise his or her employees to assure compliance with this chapter. Multiple convictions of employees for violations under this chapter, shall be construed as evidence of failure to supervise and may result in fines or the revocation or suspension of the owner's taxicab medallion. license or the suspension or revocation of the Commissioner's approval of the lease.

C. Responsibilities related to administration

(2) Insurance: Insure all taxicabs in accordance with the New York State Motor Vehicle Law. It shall be the duty of the owner and lessee to report a cancellation or revocation of insurance immediately to the Commissioner of Public Safety.

D. Sec. 4-15-8. Suspension, revocation or refusal to renew ~~taxicab~~ licenses; ~~operator~~ suspension ~~license~~ or ~~and~~ revocation ~~medallion~~ of ~~license~~ lease approval, at subsections A and C as follows:

A. Reasons for suspension, revocation or refusal to renew. The Commissioner of Public Safety~~, or the commissioners~~ Commissioner's ~~designee with the approval of the Commissioner~~, may suspend, cancel, or revoke a taxicab operator's license or taxicab medallion ~~owner's~~ license, suspend ~~and~~ or ~~may~~ revoke approval of a taxicab medallion lease; or refuse to approve an application or ~~a~~ renewal for any of the following reasons:

(1) Conviction: The conviction of the applicant or licensee of a felony or misdemeanor under the New York Penal Law of any crime or offense involving violence, dishonesty, deceit, indecency, degeneracy, moral turpitude, gambling or the illegal use, sale or possession of drugs. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall nevertheless, apply the standards for licensure and employment of persons previously convicted of one (1) or more criminal offenses embodied in Article 23-a of the Correction Law.

(2) False application: If the licensee or applicant has made a material false statement or concealed a material fact in connection with the application for a license or the renewal thereof.

(3) Drug testing: For taxicab drivers, upon a positive drug test result, or failure to submit to a drug test.

(4) Defensive Driving Course: For taxicab drivers, failure to complete/pass a New York State Department of Motor Vehicle certified defensive driving course.

(5) Violations: If the licensee or lessee has been convicted of or has ~~pled~~ pleaded guilty to any violation of the provisions of this chapter.

(6) Prior revocation or suspension: If the applicant, any officer, director, stockholder, or partner or any other person directly or indirectly interested in the application for a taxicab medallion license was the former holder, was an officer, director, partner or stockholder in a corporation or a partnership which was the former holder of a taxicab medallion license which had been revoked or suspended.

(7) Unfit applicant, ~~or~~ licensee, or lessee: If the applicant, licensee, or lessee, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Safety, is not fit to ~~be~~hold a ~~licensee,~~license or an approved lease based upon the requirements enumerated in this chapter; or if, in the opinion of the Commissioner, approval ~~of~~ or the continued ~~application~~ approval is not in the best interest of the general public welfare and safety.

C. Hearings.

(1) Notice ~~to licensee~~: Notice of an order ~~of suspension~~ suspending or ~~revocation of~~ revoking a license or ~~refusal~~ lease approval, or refusing to renew a license, shall be given personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the affected applicant, licensee, ~~directed~~ lessee, ~~to~~ and medallion owner, as applicable, at the address appearing ~~on~~ in the records of the Department of Public Safety. ~~for the licensee. Said~~ The notice shall ~~include a statement~~ state that the ~~applicant~~ affected ~~or licensee~~ party is entitled to request a hearing, provided such that the request is made in writing to the Commissioner of Public Safety.

(3) Scheduling of hearing: A hearing shall be conducted by the Commissioner or ~~his~~the Commissioner's designee within two (2) business days after the written request is received if ~~such~~ the suspension or cancellation of a license or lease approval was imposed with less than seven (7) days' notice. Where ~~notice of~~ at least seven (7) days' notice has been ~~given with respect to a suspension or cancellation of a license,~~given, a hearing shall be held within seven (7) days after receipt of the written request.

D. Sec. 4-15-10. Transfer or lease of taxicab medallion ~~license ownership.~~ license.

A taxicab medallion license may be sold~~, but may not be rented~~ or leased only in accordance with this section.

a) For a sale, the purchaser of a taxicab medallion license must present the Bill of Sale signed by both parties to the transaction as well as proof showing the source of funds to the Commissioner of Public Safety. The purchaser must then apply for a license in

accordance with the requirements of this Chapter, and pay the required fee as set forth in Section 4-15-14 to the Department of Public Safety for the cost and expense of the processing and investigation thereof. If the purchaser shall qualify for a license, a license may be issued to such new owner provided that the prior owner of such license shall consent to the cancellation of his license so that the total number of licenses authorized to be issued under this chapter shall remain the same.

b) No lease of a taxicab medallion license shall become effective unless approved in writing by the Commissioner of Public Safety. The parties shall submit a written lease for a term not exceeding two (2) years, using substantially the form prescribed by the Commissioner. The proposed lessee shall be duly licensed as a taxicab operator in the City of White Plains and shall pay the required fee set forth in Section 4-15-14 for the cost and expense of processing the lease application. A lease may be renewed upon expiration of the initial term, provided that the renewal lease is submitted to and approved in writing by the Commissioner before it becomes effective. During the term of an approved lease, the lessee shall be subject to all duties, responsibilities, and requirements imposed upon a taxicab medallion owner under this chapter, except where the context clearly requires otherwise. The leasing of a medallion shall not relieve the medallion owner of any obligation under this chapter.

F. Sec. 4-15-14. Fees.

The following fees shall be in effect as of the date of this ordinance:

Taxicab Operator's License and Annual Renewals	$100.00
Taxicab Medallion License Renewals	$ 300.00
Taxicab Vehicle Change or Company Change	$ 50.00
Taxicab Driver Fingerprinting (includes New York State processing fee)	$100.00
Taxi Ordinance Books	$10.00
Replacement of Lost Badge/License/Medallion/Decal	$ 25.00
Taxicab Medallion License Transfer of Ownership or Lease Approval	~~$1,0000~~ $350.00

G. Sec. 4-15-19. Taxicab rate schedule

A. All White Plains medallion taxicabs shall be equipped with a certified taximeter that is in good working condition.

B. For transporting passengers the first 2/8 of a mile or less: ~~$4.00.~~$5.00.

C. For transporting passengers any distance exceeding 2/8 of a mile, there shall be a charge of ~~$0.25~~ $0.30 per each additional 1/8th of a mile. There shall be a charge of two dollars ~~($2.00)~~ and fifty cents ($2.50) for every 5 minutes of waiting time.

D. For an out-of-town trip originating or terminating within the City of White Plains, an agreed upon flat rate shall be charged inclusive of any tolls required.

E. There shall be a surcharge of one dollar ($1.00):

1. For each additional passenger in the same party traveling to the same destination;

2. For trips occurring between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.;

3. For trips occurring on the following holidays: New Year's Day (January 1), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (first Monday in September), Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November), and Christmas Day (December 25); and

~~4. When Gas prices exceed a weekly average of $3.00 a gallon for White Plains, New York as determined by the Automobile Association of America (AAA).~~

F. For purposes of payment of fare, one child five (5) years of age or under will ride free if accompanied by an adult passenger.

G. The taxicab medallion license owner or lessee and the taxicab drivers shall display the rates of fare on a rate card provided by the Department of Public Safety as outlined in subsections A, B and C of this section. ~~It~~ The rate card shall be displayed in the interior ~~portion~~ of the vehicle in ~~such~~ a manner ~~as to be~~ visible at all times to all passengers and shall not obstruct the driver's view of the windshield.

H. The taxicab driver who demands a greater price or rate, than determined by the meter, or as outlined in subsections A, B and C of this section shall not be entitled to receive any pay for the transportation of any passenger.

H. Sec. 4-15-21. Violations.

A. A taxicab medallion owner, lessee, or taxicab ~~driver, while licensed hereunder,~~driver who violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon a guilty plea or ~~a~~ conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars ($500) or imprisonment not exceeding fifteen (15) days, or ~~by~~ both, for the first violation, and by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000) or imprisonment not exceeding fifteen (15) days or both, for a second or any subsequent violation. Each ~~and every~~ day ~~such~~ that a violation exists constitutes a separate and distinct violation.

B. Any person who violates Section 4-15-3 shall upon a guilty plea or conviction be punished by a fine of up to twenty-five hundred dollars ($2500) or imprisonment not exceeding (15) days or by both.

I. Sec. 4-15-22. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately, except that the provisions of Sec. 4-15-4 (B)(5) shall take effect one hundred eighty days from enactment, and the provisions of Section 4-15-18 (A) shall take effect upon the next annual medallion renewal after enactment, and the provisions of Section 4-15-19 shall take effect ninety days from enactment. The Taxicab Zone and Rate Schedule put in to effect February 1, 2002 shall remain in effect until such time as the provisions of Section 4-15-19 become effective.

Section 2. Pursuant to section 34 of the Charter of the City of White Plains this ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days after the adoption of this ordinance.