



**SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE BY
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

AS SUBSTITUTED BY THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 162, ARTICLE II, DIVISIONS 1-6 SO AS TO ENSURE THE CITY'S ORDINANCES ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW, RECENTLY AMENDED TO PREEMPT THE CITY'S REGULATION OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF TAXICABS INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF DRIVER PERMITS, THE SETTING OF MINIMUM FARES, THE PRESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE SAFETY REGULATIONS IN EXCESS OF THOSE GENERALLY REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, during the 2015 Session, the Georgia General Assembly approved HB 225, effective July 1, 2015, in which the Official Code of Georgia was amended to provide for the regulation of transportation for hire by the State of Georgia, including portions of the taxicab industry, the regulation of which had previously been the responsibility of counties and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to HB 225, the Georgia General Assembly has found that it is in the public interest to provide uniform administration and parity among ride share network services, transportation referral services, and transportation referral services providers, including taxi services, that operate in the state for the safety and protection of the public; and

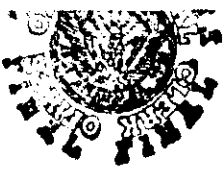
WHEREAS, accordingly, the General Assembly has fully occupied and preempted the entire field of administration and regulation over ride share network services, transportation referral services, transportation referral service providers and taxi services, in the manner in which it had previously completely preempted the field of administration and regulation over limousine services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to HB 225, the State of Georgia has preserved existing county and municipal certificates of public necessity and convenience and medallion systems for taxicabs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to HB 225, counties and municipalities may continue to regulate the operation of taxicab taximeters, and may continue to issue regulations concerning the comfort of taxicabs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to HB 225, the State of Georgia shall issue taxicab driver permits, shall set forth certain taxicab insurance requirements, and shall set forth certain taxicab vehicle safety requirements, and thus, counties and municipalities are preempted from doing so; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to HB 225, the State of Georgia now prohibits counties and municipalities from regulating the minimum taxicab fares within their jurisdictional limits, but permits counties and municipalities to continue to regulate the maximum taxicab fares; and



WHEREAS, it is therefore the desire of the Atlanta City Council to amend Chapter 162 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances so as to ensure that the City's Ordinances are in compliance with state law.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 162, Article II, Division 1, of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances shall be amended such that it shall read as follows (with permanent amendments in bold font and permanent deletions in strikeout font):

ARTICLE II. - ANIMAL-DRAWN VEHICLES, ~~LIMOUSINES, AND TAXICABS AND~~
~~SIMILAR VEHICLES~~

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 162-26. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

~~Bureau means the bureau of taxicabs and vehicles for hire.~~

Business license means the license required of any business operating within the city by chapter 30, article III.

Certificate of public necessity and convenience, CPNC means a license permitting a person to operate one vehicle for hire upon the streets of the city.

Company means any person, association, corporation or other organization operating or intending to engage in the business of operating vehicles for hire.

Company lot means the lot maintained by a company for the purpose of parking its vehicles and for other functions in the operation of the vehicle for hire business and subject to approval by the bureau of traffic and transportation.

Company permit means the application for a permit to engage in the business of operating vehicles for hire.

Department means the Atlanta Police Department.

~~Contract limousine service means the rendering of limousine service by a limousine or extended limousine on a contract basis for any period in excess of 12 hours for any calendar month on hire to any one customer, regardless of whether corresponding fares or fees are collected by the limousine service from the other party contracting or from the passengers of the limousine service.~~

~~Director means the director, bureau of taxicabs and vehicles for hire.~~

~~Driver means an individual permitted to drive a vehicle for hire.~~



~~Extended limousine means a sedan type motor vehicle capable of normally transporting no fewer than nine persons, including the driver.~~

Fees means nonrefundable payments required in this article.

Highways means any of the public streets, roads, boulevards, avenues, drives or alleys of the city.

~~Limousine means any motor vehicle that meets the manufacturer's specifications for luxury limousine with a designed seating capacity for no more than nine passengers with a minimum of five seats located behind the operator of the vehicle and which does not have a door at the rear of the vehicle designed to allow passenger entry or exit; further, no vehicle shall be permitted to be operated both as a taxicab and a limousine.~~

~~Limousine service means the service regularly rendered to the public by furnishing transportation for hire, not over fixed routes, by means of limousines or extended limousines operated by chauffeurs, on the basis of telephone contract, written contract or other prearrangement with holder of the certificate of public necessity and convenience.~~

Narcotic drugs, barbituric acid derivatives and central nervous system stimulants:

- (1) *Narcotic drugs* means coca leaves, opium, cannabis, marijuana, isonipecaine and every synthetic substance known to have narcotic action.
- (2) *Barbituric acid derivative* means each of the salts and derivatives of barbituric acid, also known as malonyl urea, and derivatives, compounds, mixtures or preparations thereof. Barbiturates include all hypnotic or somnifacient drugs, whether or not derivatives of barbituric acids.
- (3) *Central nervous system stimulants* means amphetamine and desocyphedrine and any derivative, compounds, mixture or preparation thereof.

Nolo contendere is to be construed as a guilty plea and is to be considered a conviction.

Open stands means any location on the streets of this city that shall be used by any taxicab on a nonexclusive, first come, first served basis and not by private vehicles or other public conveyances.

~~Permit means the written authority granted to persons who qualify to drive vehicles for hire.~~

~~Sedan includes any luxury or nonluxury sedan type vehicle which has a seating capacity of not more than five passengers and the driver and which is classified as a luxury sedan by the IRS for tax and depreciation purposes and which renders service to the public not over fixed route, operated by chauffeurs on basis of telephone or written contract.~~

~~Sedan service means a pre arranged service regularly rendered to the public by furnishing transportation for hire, not over fixed routes, by means of sedans. Pre arrangement shall constitute a communicated contract prior to pick up, evidenced by a properly completed trip sheet. The trip sheet shall include, but not be limited to, the guest's name, number of passengers to be picked up, time of pick up, final destination, hotel room number, if applicable,~~



and a valid contact phone number.

Taxicab means a motor vehicle **or similar vehicle, device, machine or conveyance used to transport passengers, uses a taximeter, and is authorized to provide taxi services pursuant to this article** used as a public conveyance, subject to this article.

Taximeter means an instrument or device **approved by the Department** attached to a vehicle and designed to measure mechanically or electronically the distance traveled by such vehicle, to record the times the vehicle travels or is in waiting and to indicate the fare to be charged.

Use of narcotic drugs applies to any person who uses one or more of the narcotic drugs or barbituric acid derivatives or central nervous stimulants as defined in this section to any extent, with or without medical need or authority or prescription.

~~**Van** means any vehicle other than a sedan type vehicle with a designed seating capacity of not less than seven and not more than 15 passengers. Vans operating as nonemergency medical transport vehicles shall be required to obtain taxicab CPNC's and shall be subject to all regulations governing taxicabs, including vehicle requirements and fares charged.~~

~~**Vehicle for hire** means any motor vehicle, **taxicabs and** animal-drawn vehicles. or other vehicle or device designed or used for the transportation of passengers (including, but not limited to medical patients) for hire, the charges for the use of which are determined by agreement, mileage or by the length of time for which the vehicle is engaged. Excluded from this definition are intraurban buses and vehicles exclusively regulated by the state public service commission.~~

Sec. 162-27. - Reserved.

Editor's note— Ord. No. 2009-35(09-O-0976), § 1, approved June 23, 2009, renumbered former § 162-27 as § 162-33. See also the Code Comparative Table.

Sec. 162-28. - Enforcement; violations.

- (a) The Department ~~department of police, along with the bureau of vehicles for hire~~ and agents of the Fulton County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals appointed as special deputy sheriffs by the sheriff of Fulton County, shall enforce this article.
- (b) Violations of this article are punishable as provided in section 1-8.

Sec. 162-29. - Hearing officers.

- (a) The mayor shall have the authority to appoint 16 hearing officers for the purpose of acting as fact finders regarding charges brought by the **Department** ~~bureau~~ against individuals and entities for violation of this article. Each hearing officer shall be appointed for a two-year term and shall receive \$75.00 for each day or part thereof the hearing officer appears for hearing. Six of the hearing officers shall be attorneys at law with at least three years in the practice of law. A panel of three hearing officers shall be designated by the ~~director~~ **Department** for each case heard. Each panel shall have at least one attorney at law but shall not have more than two attorneys. No person shall be appointed as a hearing officer who holds any interest in any licenses issued under the



police powers of the city or who represents any interest which may be adverse to that of the city.

- (b) Hearing officers shall have the following functions:
 - (1) Hold hearings regarding the imposition of any fine by the **Department** ~~bureau~~ for violation of any section in this article.
 - (2) Hold hearings regarding any proposed denial, suspension or revocation of any CPNC, ~~driver permit~~ or company permit.
 - (3) Hear any other matter which requires approval under this article.
- (c) After hearing evidence on the charges presented by the **Department** ~~bureau~~ and the individual **or** entity charged, the panel of hearing officers shall issue findings of fact and shall render a recommendation as to any penalties or fines in writing with reasons for the recommendation. Such findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the police chief, whose decision shall be final, subject to the writ of certiorari as provided by law.
- (d) No action shall be taken pursuant to this section unless the individual or entity charged has been given five days' notice prior to the hearing. Hearings shall be scheduled by the **Department** ~~bureau~~ as often as necessary to promote expeditious handling of the charges.
- (e) All hearings are administrative in nature, and the strict rules of evidence as applied in court trials shall not apply.
- (f) **Department** ~~Bureau~~ officials and employees shall not communicate with hearing panel members about cases the hearing officers will be deciding except as part of their duties within the context of an administrative hearing.
- (g) All testimony at the hearings shall be under oath and shall be subject to cross-examination.
- (h) The **Department** ~~bureau~~ shall ~~tape~~ record each hearing, and such recording with any documentation presented to the hearing panel shall constitute the official record of the hearing. Such ~~tape~~ recordings shall be maintained until 30 days after final action is taken by the chief. ~~A copy of the tape shall be given to a permit holder upon written request accompanied by a cassette tape.~~
- (i) The police chief shall deny, grant, or remand to the panel of hearing officers, any company ~~or driver~~ permit application within 30 calendar days of receipt of the findings and recommendation from the panel of hearing officers. Upon review of the panel of hearing officers' findings and recommendation and/or the record created during the panel hearing, if the police chief determines there exists the need to correct a clear error or prevent a manifest injustice, the police chief may remand the application back to the panel of hearing officers for further hearing. In remanding the application back to the panel of hearing officers, the police chief shall provide written instructions to the panel of hearing officers and the **Department** ~~bureau~~ identifying specific issues and/or matters the police chief requires the panel of hearing officers to conduct further hearing



upon. All applications remanded to the hearing panel of officers shall be scheduled for further hearing before the hearing panel of officers no later than 30 days after the date of remand. A company or ~~driver~~ permit applicant shall be provided with a five day written notice from the **Department** ~~bureau~~ stating the specific issues and/or matters to be addressed on remand, along with the place, date and time of the remand hearing. If the police chief does not make a decision to grant or deny an application within the 30 calendar days provided, and does not choose to remand the application to the hearing panel of officers, the recommendation of the hearing panel of officers shall become the final decision of the police chief.

Sec. 162-30. - Power of mayor to suspend and revoke permits and CPNCs and impose civil fines.

- (a) The mayor or the mayor's designee, upon receiving the recommendation of the hearing officers, shall have the authority to suspend and revoke, where applicable, permits and CPNCs and to impose civil fines for violations of this article. Such fine shall not exceed \$1,000.00 per violation.
- (b) At the time the ~~driver~~, company or CPNC holder is cited for a violation in connection with this section, the ~~driver or~~ company shall surrender the permit to the person issuing the citation, who will then give the driver or company a temporary permit good for 30 days or until final action is taken by the police chief. The regular permits will not be returned until any fines imposed by the police chief have been paid. In the case of a suspension no temporary permit will be issued or any temporary permit previously issued will also be surrendered to the **Department** ~~bureau~~. Failure to pay any fines imposed pursuant to this section shall constitute due cause for further action by the police chief.
- (c) Persons or entities issued citations may elect to pay fines and waive hearing before the hearing officers for certain offenses as provided in this article.
- (d) The mayor or the mayor's designee shall make the final determination on all denials, suspensions, revocations or other matters, after hearing as set out in section 162-29.

Sec. 162-31. - Classification of vehicles.

The following classifications of vehicles for hire are established:

- (1) Taxicabs; **and**
- (2) Animal-drawn vehicles.;
- (3) ~~Limousines;~~
- (4) ~~Extended limousines;~~
- (5) ~~Vans; and~~
- (6) ~~Sedans.~~

Sec. 162-32. - Classifications of drivers.



The following classifications of drivers of vehicles for hire are established:

- (1) Taxicab drivers; **and**
- (2) Animal-drawn vehicle drivers.;
- (3) ~~Limousine drivers;~~
- (4) ~~Extended limousine drivers; and~~
- (5) ~~Van drivers.~~

Sec. 162-33. - Applicability of article; payment of fees.

- (a) This article shall apply to all vehicles for hire for which a permit has been issued under this article, whether or not such vehicle is operated exclusively within the geographical legal limits of the city, as well as to vehicles for hire which operate in and out of the geographical legal limits of the city to locations not more than ten miles from the geographical legal limits of the city, including any airport owned and operated by the city, whether located within or outside Fulton County or the city.
- (b) ~~All~~ fees proscribed in this article must be paid for by money order, certified check or cashier's check.

Sec. 162-34. - Inspections.

- (a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Basic distance rate means the **maximum** charge for distance for all intervals except the initial interval.

Basic time rate means the **maximum** charge for time for all intervals except the initial interval.

Cleared means a taximeter is inoperative with respect to all fare indication, when no indication of fare or extras is shown and when all parts are in those positions in which they are designed to be when the vehicle on which the taximeter is installed is not engaged by a passenger.

~~*Cold tire pressure* means the pressure in a tire when the tire is at ambient temperature.~~

Extras means charges to be paid by a passenger in addition to the fare, ~~including any charge at a flat rate for the transportation of passengers in excess of a stated number~~ and **including** any charge for the transportation of baggage.

Face means that side of a taximeter upon which passenger charges are indicated.

Fare means that portion of the charge for the hire of a **taxicab** ~~vehicle~~—that is



automatically calculated by a taximeter through the operation of the distance or time mechanism. **Any fares shall be the maximum fare which may be charged, but which shall not prohibit lower amounts being charged.**

Fifth wheel test means a distance test similar to a road test except that the distance traveled by the vehicle under test is determined by a mechanism known as a "fifth wheel" that is attached to the vehicle and that independently measures and indicates the distance.

Flag means a plate at the end of the lever arm or similar part by which the operating condition of a taximeter is controlled.

Hired means a taximeter that is operative with respect to all applicable indications of fare or extras. The indications of fare include time and distance where applicable unless qualified by another indication of the term "time not recording" or an equivalent expression.

Initial distance of time interval means the interval corresponding to the initial money drop.

Money drop means an increment of fare indication. The initial money drop is the first increment of fare indication following activation of the taximeter.

Multiple-tariff taximeter means one that may be set to calculate fares at any one of two or more rates.

~~*Operating tire pressure* means the pressure in a tire when the vehicle has been driven for at least five miles or eight kilometers.~~

Road test means a distance test, over a measured course, of a complete taximeter assembly when installed on a vehicle, the mechanism being actuated as a result of vehicle travel.

Rolling circumference means the straight line distance traveled per revolution of the wheel that actuates the taximeter. If more than one wheel actuates the taximeter, the rolling circumference is the average distance traveled per revolution of the wheels.

Simulated road test means a distance test during which the taximeter may be actuated by some means other than road travel. The distance traveled is either measured by a properly calibrated roller device or computed from rolling circumference and wheel-turn data.

Single-tariff taximeter means one that calculates fares at a single rate only.

Subsequent distance or time intervals means the intervals corresponding to money drops following the initial money drop.

Taximeter means a device that automatically calculates, at a predetermined rate, and indicates the ~~charge for hire of a vehicle~~ fares based upon distance, time and mileage. Taxicabs operating with nonelectronic taximeters shall be furnished with a sign approved by the **Department** ~~bureau~~ immediately adjacent to the taximeter which



explains the way the fare shall be calculated if the taximeter reaches its highest fare before the passenger's destination is reached. This sign shall be pointed out to the passenger by the driver at the beginning of the trip.

- (b) *Semiannual inspections required.* ~~In addition to all other vehicle inspections required by law, each vehicle for hire~~ **Animal-drawn vehicles and** taximeters shall be subject to a semiannual inspection.

- (c) *Criteria.* All inspections shall be conducted by the **Department** ~~bureau~~ at designated inspection stations and shall consist of the following:

- (1) *Animal-drawn vehicles.* Animal-drawn vehicles shall be inspected for proper markings and materials, exterior lights, glass (no cracks), license plate and license plate lights (if applicable), doors and door locks, body and interior check for conditions of upholstery and floor and proper lubrication of body, springs and wheels. In addition, the harness must be oiled and cleaned so as to be soft at all times, and the harness must be properly fitted and maintained and kept free of makeshift materials such as wire, sisal rope and rusty chaining.

- (2) ~~*Taximeters*~~ **Taxicabs.** All **taximeters** ~~taxicabs~~ shall be inspected on a semiannual basis by companies, **and such companies** ~~which~~ shall place on their affiliated vehicles a sticker approved by the **Department** ~~bureau~~ which shall serve as proof of such inspection for proper markings, display of information, ~~brakes, parking brakes, lights, turn signals, windshield wipers, rearview mirrors, windshield and windows, horn, tires and wheels, steering mechanisms, exhaust system, motor vehicle frame, vehicle fluids, emission control system, seat belts~~ and the following requirements concerning the exterior and interior of ~~taxicabs and taximeters~~ in accordance with standards which shall be available for inspection at the office of the ~~director~~ **Taxicab Section of the Department:**

- a. **Reserved.** ~~*Exterior.*~~ Headlights, taillights, brake lights, directional signal lights, license plate lights, windshield, vent glasses, windshield wipers, all other vehicle glass, glass window raisers, doors and door locks, trunk lid, trunk, hood, interior door handles, exhaust system, splash shields, hubeaps, bumpers, fenders, body and tires shall be inspected to ascertain that each is functioning properly. Each ~~taxicab~~ shall be maintained in a clean condition. There shall be no tears or rust holes in the vehicle body and no loose pieces such as fenders, bumpers or trim hanging from the vehicle body. There shall be no unrepaired body damage or any body condition that would create a safety problem or interfere with the operation of the vehicle.
- b. **Reserved.** ~~*Interior.*~~ The rearview mirror, steering wheel, foot brakes, parking brakes and air conditioning and heating systems shall be inspected to ascertain that each is functioning properly. The upholstery, floor mats, headlining, door panels and the trunk compartment shall be inspected to determine whether they are clean, free of tears and that the trunk has sufficient space for passengers' luggage. The vehicle shall contain a spare tire and a jack and a functional and safe method of two-way communication between the company and the driver. The method of



~~communication between the company and the driver may include two-way radios or cellular telephones with hands-free capability. At no time shall two-way communication between the taxicab driver and company be conducted by the use of a hand-held cellular telephone without hands-free capability.~~

c. *Taximeter.*

1. *Design of indicating elements.*

- i. *Generally.* A taximeter shall be equipped with a primary indicating element.
- ii. *Advancement of indicating elements.* Except when a taximeter is being cleared, the primary indicating elements shall be susceptible of advancement only by the rotation of the vehicle wheels or by the time mechanism.
- iii. *Visibility of indications.* Except when a taximeter is being cleared, indications of fare and extras shall be clearly visible at all times and at least ten mm high for the fare and four mm high for all other indications.
- iv. *Actuation of fare-indicating mechanism.* When a taximeter designed to calculate fares upon the basis of a combination of distance traveled and time elapsed is operative with respect to fare indication, the fare-indicating mechanism shall be actuated by the distance mechanism whenever the vehicle is in motion at such a speed that the rate of distance revenue equals or exceeds the time rate and may be actuated by the time mechanism whenever the vehicle speed is less than this and when the vehicle is not in motion. Means shall be provided for the vehicle operator to render the time mechanism either operative or inoperative with respect to the fare-indicating mechanism.

2. *Operating condition.*

- i. *Generally.* Whenever the indicating elements of a taximeter are set to indicate a charge for the hire of the vehicle, the character of the fare indication shall be clearly shown on the taximeter face. When a taximeter is cleared, the indication "not registering," "vacant" or an equivalent expression shall be shown.
- ii. *Single-tariff taximeter.* Whenever a single-tariff taximeter is set so as to register charges, the indication "registering," "hired" or an equivalent expression shall be shown.
- iii. *Multiple-tariff taximeter.* Whenever a multiple-tariff



taximeter is set so as to register charges, the basis for the particular tariff for which it is set shall be shown.

3. *Extra charges.* Extra charges shall be indicated as a separate item and shall not be included in the fare indication. They shall be identified by the term "extras" or by an equivalent expression. Values shall be defined by suitable words or monetary signs.
4. *Protection of indications.* Indications of fare and extras shall be displayed through and entirely protected by glass or other suitable transparent material securely attached to the housing of the taximeter.
5. *Basis of fare calculations.* A taximeter shall calculate fares only upon the basis of distance traveled, time elapsed or a combination of distance traveled and time elapsed.
6. *Design of operating control.*
 - i. *Means of control.* A control lever-arm knob, handle or other convenient and effective means shall be provided to set the taximeter mechanism for the desired operating condition and to clear the taximeter.
 - ii. *Positions of control.* The several positions of the control lever shall be mechanically defined, and displacement from any of these positions shall be sufficiently obstructed that the accidental or inadvertent changing of the operating condition of the taximeter is improbable. Possible movement of this control to an operating position immediately following its movement to the cleared position shall automatically be delayed enough to permit the taximeter mechanism to come to complete rest in the cleared condition.
7. *Provision for security seals.* Adequate provision shall be made for affixing lead-and-wire seals to a taximeter and to other parts required for service operation of a complete installation on a vehicle so that no adjustments, alterations or replacements affecting in any way the accuracy or indications of the device or the assembly can be made without mutilating the seals. The sealing means shall be such that it is not necessary to disassemble or remove any part of the device or of the vehicle to apply or inspect the seals.
8. *Distance test methods.* To determine compliance with distance tolerances, a distance test of a taximeter shall be conducted utilizing one or more of the following test methods:
 - i. *Road test.* A road test consists of driving the vehicle over a precisely measured road course.



- ii. *Fifth wheel test.* A fifth wheel test consists of driving the vehicle in a simulated road test; 150 pounds or 70 kilograms of test weights may be substituted in lieu of the second person.
- 9. *Tolerance values.*
 - i. *Distance tests.* Maintenance and acceptance tolerances for taximeters shall be as follows:
 - A. On overregistration, one percent of the interval under test.
 - B. On underregistration, four percent of the interval under test, with an added tolerance of 100 feet or 30 miles whenever the initial interval is included in the interval under test.
 - ii. *Time tests on individual time intervals.* Maintenance and acceptance tolerances on individual time intervals shall be as follows:
 - A. On overregistration, three seconds per minute (five percent).
 - B. On underregistration, nine seconds per minute (15 percent) on the initial interval and six seconds per minute (ten percent) on subsequent intervals.
- 10. *Time mechanism tests.* The time mechanism shall be tested at least through the first five time intervals.
- 11. **Reserved.** ~~*Tire pressure.* At the completion of the test run, the tires of the vehicle under test shall be checked to determine that the tire pressure is that operating tire pressure posted in the vehicle. If not, the tire pressure should be adjusted to the posted tire pressure and further test may be conducted to determine the operating characteristics of the odometer.~~
- 12. *User requirements.*
 - i. **Reserved.** ~~*Inflation of vehicle tires.* The operational tire pressure of passenger vehicles and truck tires shall be maintained.~~
 - ii. *Position and illumination of taximeter.* When mounted upon a vehicle, a taximeter shall be so located that its face can be seen by a passenger from the rear compartment of the vehicle. Adequate lighting facilities shall be provided for so illuminating the face of the taximeter that the



indications thereof may be conveniently read by the passenger, and the face of the taximeter shall be so illuminated whenever the taximeter is in operation and artificial illumination is necessary for the convenient reading of its indications.

- iii. *Statement of rates.* The distance and time rates for which a taximeter is adjusted shall be given.
 - iv. *Reinspection.* Whenever a taximeter has been damaged or repairs that might in any way affect the accuracy of its indications have been made or any of the official security seals have been mutilated, such device shall not thereafter be used until it has been officially examined and reapproved.
- (d) *Sticker.* All vehicles for hire passing the semiannual inspection shall have affixed to the lower right rear windshield an inspection sticker issued by the **Department** bureau showing the vehicle's CPNC number and the date of the inspection.
 - (e) *Time of inspection.* Each vehicle for hire shall be inspected during the month of the expiration of the current inspection sticker issued by the **Department** bureau. Willful failure to have a vehicle for hire inspected as required in this section shall be a ground for suspension of the CPNC pursuant to section 162-63.
 - (f) *Correction slip.* If a vehicle for hire fails to pass the requirements of the **Department's** bureau's inspection, a correction slip shall be issued to the driver, listing the items that need correction and showing the status of the inspection. The vehicle shall not be operated as a vehicle for hire until it successfully passes inspection; provided that the police chief or the chief's designee, in the chief's discretion, for two periods not to exceed 15 days each, may allow the continued use of a vehicle for hire which substantially complies with the inspection requirements. The police chief shall forward to the company holder a copy of the correction slip.
 - (g) *Random inspections.* All taxicabs may be subject to random inspections at any time.
 - (h) *Schedule.* The police chief or the chief's designee shall establish a schedule of inspection for all vehicles for hire for which CPNCs have been issued.
 - (i) *Random inspections for certain violations.* Nothing in this section shall prohibit the random inspection of vehicles for hire by personnel of the **Department** department of police and of the bureau where possible violations of this article or other violations of law regarding the condition of vehicles for hire are evident by visual inspection.
 - (j) **Reserved.** *Limousines.* ~~All vehicles rendering limousine service or contract limousine service shall be inspected by the police chief or the chief's designee and found to be limousines or extended limousines, as defined in this article, and found to meet reasonable standards of comfort and safe operation. No vehicle shall be approved for limousine service as a limousine if it bears any advertising or other writing or emblem on the outside, except for license plates, inspection stickers or medallions, as may be required by law, or display of the flag or emblem relating to the office of the passenger~~



~~while the limousine is in use or which is equipped with an outside roof light or similar roof devices; this shall not apply to extended limousines. Vehicles rendering contract limousine service may display on their sides not more than two signs, logos or other emblems which identify the person or organization making available the service and the class of persons to whom the service is made available, provided the signs, logos or emblems may not exceed in total area 400 square inches each.~~

- (k) **Reserved.** ~~Sedan service.~~ All vehicles rendering sedan service shall be subject to the same criteria herein established for taxicabs.
- (l) *Tape.* No tape is allowed on any interior part of vehicle to repair damages (i.e., seats, arm rests, dash board or headliners). Any holes in carpet will require carpet to be repaired or replaced.
- (m) *Carpet and headliners.* Carpet remnants cannot be used to cover holes. Dirty carpet must be cleaned; if cleaning does not remove spots, carpet must be replaced. No staples or thumb tacks will be allowed to repair and/or replace headliners.
- (n) *Exterior.* Grills of all vehicles must be in place and complete. Paint must be well-blended with the natural configuration and color of the vehicle. Repairs should have a smooth surface. Engines must not give off excessive smoke/fumes or noise.
- (o) **Reserved.** ~~Emission control.~~ All motorized vehicles for hire must show proof in the form of a state issued certificate, that the vehicle is currently in compliance with state established emissions control standards, at the time of each bi-annual inspection.
- (p) *Responsibility for compliance.* Companies and CPNC holders shall be responsible for compliance with this section.

Sec. 162-35. - Agents for service of citations.

The company and its officers for which a vehicle for hire is driven shall constitute agents of the CPNC holder and the driver of such vehicle for the purpose of serving citations on ~~either the driver or the CPNC holder~~ for failing to comply with this article.

Sec. 162-36. - Information to be displayed on taxicabs.

- (a) *Required.* All taxicabs shall have affixed to the exterior the following:
 - (1) *CPNC number*, affixed by means of permanent, nonmagnetic decals to the front left hood, the rear right trunk lid and each front fender, at least five inches in height, news gothic bold in style, with a width of at least three-eighths of an inch and black or white in color, whichever is most prominent against the background color.
 - (2) *Name of company*, painted or affixed by decal, according to specifications provided by the police chief, to the right and left front doors.
 - (3) *Schedule of **maximum** rates*, painted or affixed by decal to the left and right rear doors.



Monthly insurance sticker. Each taxicab for hire shall have affixed to the upper right corner of the front windshield a current monthly insurance sticker issued by the **Department** ~~bureau~~.

- (c) *Schedule of rates; identifying information.* Each taxicab shall have a schedule of passenger rights, which shall include the right to an air-conditioned cab, the right to direct the driver to use a certain route to a destination, except in a flat rate zone and an explanation of all rates and charges including flat rate fares, its CPNC number and the company's name and telephone number in addition to the **Department's** ~~bureau's~~ telephone number for complaints and comments on the rear passenger window. ~~The driver permit shall be three and one-half inches by five inches in size, placed in a bracket or receptacle of a type approved by the bureau and shall be located on the right half of the dash.~~
- (d) *Logo and identification scheme.* Each company shall submit to the police chief a company logo and identification scheme which shall not be the same or similar to any other and which within ten days shall be approved or rejected. Upon approval, the company logo and identification scheme shall be affixed to each vehicle for hire in the company's fleet. The logo and identification scheme shall be affixed to the left and right front doors and any other part of the vehicle, if applicable, and shall not be less than 12 inches in height, but not greater than 24 inches in height.
- (e) *Dome light on roof.* All taxicabs shall be equipped with a dome light not less than six inches in height, permanently affixed to the roof, bearing the term "taxi" or the company name.
- (f) **Reserved.** ~~Advertising inside vehicle. Any advertising material to be displayed inside the taxicab must be approved by the bureau; such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.~~
- (g) *Responsibility for compliance.* CPNC holders and companies shall be responsible for compliance with this section, ~~except that drivers shall be responsible for compliance with requirements relating to display of driver permits.~~

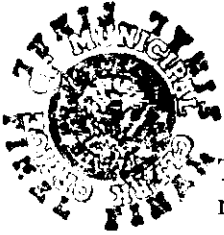
Sec. 162-37. – **Reserved** ~~Markings and materials for vehicles other than taxicabs.~~

~~Regulations issued by the police chief shall govern the markings and material to be located on all vehicles for hire other than taxicabs.~~

Sec. 162-38. - Interior requirements.

- (a) The interior of each vehicle for hire shall be maintained in a clean condition, free of foreign matter and offensive odors. There shall be no litter in the vehicle or trunk and the seats shall be kept clean and without holes or large wear spots.
- (b) All vehicles for hire shall present a clean environment for passengers.
- (c) ~~Drivers,~~ Companies and CPNC holders shall be responsible for compliance with this section.

Sec. 162-39. - Weight; vision-obstructing devices; doors; vehicle age.



The minimum weight of a taxicab shall be 2,000 pounds, as determined by the manufacturer's specifications.

- (b) No taxicab shall be equipped with shades, curtains or any other vision-obstructing device.
- (c) No taxicab shall have less than three doors for loading passengers, and each taxicab must be a station wagon, a sedan, a minivan or a sports utility vehicle. ~~All such vehicles shall meet the emission standards as set by federal guidelines for their particular class.~~
- (d) No vehicle operated as a taxicab shall be more than six years old (see section 162-61 for phase-in of model years). By December of each year, automobiles of a model year seven years prior to that year must be replaced.
- (e) ~~Drivers,~~ eCompanies and CPNC holders shall be responsible for compliance with this section.

Sec. 162-40. - ~~Driver training~~ **Reserved.**

~~All vehicle for hire drivers operating within the city shall be required to undergo training in the Atlanta ambassador education program. Such training shall be in addition to all other required training and shall include instruction on the topics of courtesy and professionalism, rules and regulations and history, geography and attractions.~~

Sec. 162-41. - ~~Map of metropolitan area~~ **Reserved.**

~~Each driver shall maintain in each vehicle for hire a suitable map or street guide of the metropolitan Atlanta area.~~

Sec. 162-42. - Miscellaneous requirements and penalties.

- (a) Within 24 hours of the discovery of any personal property left by a passenger in a vehicle for hire, a driver shall forward such property to the **Department** bureau.
- (b) A driver shall take the most direct route to a passenger's destination unless otherwise authorized or directed by the passenger.
- (c) **Reserved.** ~~It shall be unlawful for any driver of a vehicle for hire for which a current CPNC has not been issued by the city to solicit or engage passengers within the city. However, this section does not apply to any limousine company if such company is licensed by a local governing authority within the state and if such company has obtained a sticker from the city issued pursuant to section 162-141.1 for each limousine which the company will operate within the limits of the city.~~
- (d) A taxicab driver shall not refuse to accept a passenger unless the passenger **has demonstrated that they may be** ~~is obviously intoxicated or dangerous.~~
- (e) No driver shall refuse to accept a passenger solely on the basis of that passenger's or perception of that passenger's race, color, creed, religion, sex, domestic relationship status, parental status, familial status, sexual orientation, national origin, gender



identity, age, or disability.

- (f) ~~Reserved. It shall be unlawful for any driver, company or CPNC holder to operate any vehicle for hire for which a CPNC has been issued which is not insured in the amounts required by the state.~~
- (g) No taxicab shall be permitted to carry nonpaying passengers while transporting a paying passenger except for the purpose of driver training.
- (h) It shall be unlawful ~~for a driver~~ to operate the vehicle in a manner which threatens a passenger or anyone else or to threaten or otherwise abuse a passenger or for any passenger to abuse a driver, and it shall also be unlawful ~~for a driver~~ to discharge any passenger before reaching the passenger's destination unless the driver has a reasonable belief that the passenger is dangerous or unless street conditions do not permit a safe discharge.
- (i) No television sets may be operated on the front seat on which the driver sits inside of a moving taxicab.
- (j) ~~Drivers, e~~Companies and CPNC holders shall be prohibited from refusing to display to **Department** ~~bureau~~ inspectors or law enforcement officers any information required by this article, and shall be prohibited from failing to cooperate with **Department** ~~bureau~~ inspectors in performing their duties.
- (k) It shall be unlawful ~~for drivers~~ to drive or for companies or CPNC holders to allow to be driven any vehicle for hire which does not have a valid inspection sticker, **or** correction slip ~~or valid insurance sticker~~ or any unsealed or improperly working taxi fare meter.
- (l) ~~Reserved. Companies operating vehicles for hire shall be prohibited from allowing such vehicles to be operated by persons not holding valid driver permits.~~
- (m) ~~Reserved. Driver transfer of affiliation from one company to another shall be limited to one per driver per year. For purposes of this subsection, the term "transfer" means a change of a driver's company affiliation which is the result of a violation of this chapter relating to such driver's operation of a vehicle for hire. No company shall be prohibited by this article [chapter] from terminating a driver's affiliation with that company. Any time a driver changes company affiliation for whatever reason, the company the driver is leaving must notify the Department bureau in writing of the reason within three days of such change. This notice shall remain available for inspection by any company or by the public. Further, this provision shall not limit a driver's right to transfer affiliation from one company to another pursuant to section 162-81 of this Code where there has been no violation.~~
- (n) **Reserved.** Drivers shall not be required to carry more than \$15.00 in change.
- (o) Drivers shall offer ~~e~~Completed receipts **must be offered** to their passengers showing the amount of fare paid, name of company and contact information, the drivers name, CPNC number, number of passengers, location of trip, origination and location of trip termination. If the passenger refuses to accept a receipt, such refusal shall be annotated in the driver's trip sheet.



It shall be unlawful for ~~any driver~~ to carry a number of passengers that exceeds the seating capacity of the vehicle for hire according to the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.

- (q) **Companies and CPNC holders shall be responsible for the failure of their drivers to comply with this section.** ~~Any driver found guilty of disorderly conduct, particularly fighting, using profane and/or abusive language or any other violent act while on a taxicab stand or driving a cab will be subject to the following penalties:~~

- ~~(1) — First offense, \$250.00 fine (may waive hearing).~~
- ~~(2) — Second offense, \$250.00 fine and 30 days suspension.~~
- ~~(3) — Third offense, 60 days suspension, \$500.00 fine and/or possibility of permanent revocation of permit.~~

Sec. 162-43. - Table of violations.

TABLE OF FINES AND DISCIPLINE

GENERAL

Offense:

~~Section 162-78(a)(1), trip sheets.~~

~~Section 162-78(a)(2), dress code.~~

~~Section 162-81, change of company.~~

~~Section 162-36(a), (c), information displayed on exterior and interior of cab.~~

~~Section 162-34(c)(2)c., failure to provide air conditioning.~~

~~Section 162-38, failure to meet interior requirements.~~

~~Section 166-42(k), failure to have inspection sticker, correction slip, insurance sticker.~~

~~Section 162-42(p), seating capacity. Section 162-41, map.~~

~~Section 162-61(a), age limitations.~~

~~Section 162-34(e)(2)(b), interior requirements (other than failure to have two-way communication).~~

Fine:

First offense, \$25.00.

Second offense, \$50.00.

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Third offense, \$75.00.

Fourth offense, \$100.00.

Subsequent offenses, over \$100.00.

APPEARANCE REQUIRED BEFORE HEARING PANEL ONLY
ON THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN A YEAR

Offense:

Section 162-99(2), company office, employee, and facilities requirements.

Section 162-117, use of taxicab stands, including line jumping.

Section 162-34(e)(2)b., failure to have two-way communication.

Fine:

First offense, \$50.00.

Second offense, \$75.00.

Third offense, \$100.00.

Subsequent offenses, over \$100.00.

APPEARANCE REQUIRED BEFORE HEARING PANEL

Offense:

Section 162-42(d), refusing a trip.

Section 162-42(b), (h), (j), failure to cooperate; abusing a passenger; overcharge; not taking most direct route.

Fine:

First offense, \$75.00.

Second offense, \$100.00.

Third offense, \$125.00.

Subsequent offenses, over \$125.00.

~~APPEARANCE REQUIRED BEFORE HEARING PANEL~~

Offense:

Section 162-42(f), failure to have insurance.



~~\$500.00.~~

APPEARANCE REQUIRED BEFORE HEARING PANEL

Offense:

Section 162-61(a), exceeding age limitations for taxicabs.

Fine:

CPNC holder:

First offense, \$250.00 fine, verbal reprimand.

Second offense, \$250.00 fine, 30-day suspension of CPNC.

Third offense, \$500.00 fine, 90-day suspension of CPNC up to revocation of CPNC.

~~Taxicab driver:~~

~~First offense, \$250.00 fine, car towed, verbal reprimand.~~


~~Second offense, \$250.00 fine, 30-day suspension of permit.~~

~~Third offense, \$500.00 fine, 90-day suspension of permit up to revocation of permit.~~

CORRECTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS

	Company sign not properly affixed	Three days, or next inspection date
	CPNC not placed correctly	Three days, or next inspection date
	Phone number or rate signs not properly located	Three days, or next inspection date
	<i>Taximeter</i>	Meter passes between 55 and 65 seconds
	Meter is fast—6 seconds or more	Do not operate
	Meter is slow—6 seconds or more	Do not operate
	<i>Mechanism that must be operable</i>	Three days or next inspection
	Interior light or electrical problem	Three days or next inspection
(1)	Headlights (one beam)	Three days or next inspection
(2)	Taillights (one side)	Three days or next inspection



			
(3)	Signal lights (one) tag light		Three days or next inspection
(4)	Both signals not operable		Do not operate
(5)	Brake lights		Do not operate
(6)	Door opener (handles)		Do not operate
Climate control			Do not operate
(1)	Air conditioner (summer time) Does not cool		Do not operate
(2)	Heater will not warm up (winter time)		Do not operate
Loud muffler			Next inspection date
Trunk lock			Next inspection date
<i>Tires</i>			
(1)	Balding tires		Next inspection date
(2)	Balding with thread showing		Do not operate
<i>Windshield cracks</i>			
(1)	Cracks 12 inches or more		15 days to replace
(2)	Unattractive, or safety hazard		Do not operate
(3)	Overall paint job		15 days
(4)	Headliner		15 days
<i>Spare tire</i>			
(1)	No spare tire in trunk		Do not operate
(2)	Bald and improper thread		Do not operate
(3)	Spare tire not inflated		Have driver inflate right away
<i>Interior light or electrical problem:</i>			
(7)	2-way communication		Do not operate



(8)	No hands-free device	3 days or next inspection
Information to be Displayed		

Sec. 162-44. - Reserved.

Sec. 162-45. - Unlawful use of vehicles for hire by businesses and their employees:

(a) — ~~It shall be unlawful for any agent or employee of any entity required to have an occupation tax certificate pursuant to section 30-51, et seq., to direct patrons to any unlicensed and/or un-permitted vehicle for hire, or for any entity required to have an occupation tax certificate pursuant to section 30-51, et seq., to knowingly permit or allow any of its agents or employees to direct patrons to any unlicensed and/or un-permitted vehicle for hire. For purposes of this section, "unlicensed and/or un-permitted vehicle for hire" shall mean a vehicle for hire which has not been properly licensed or permitted by either the city's bureau of taxicabs and vehicles for hire or the State of Georgia.~~

(b) — ~~In addition, it shall be unlawful for any agent or employee of any entity required to have an occupation tax certificate pursuant to section 30-51, et seq., to allow a vehicle which is not pre-arranged, to stage. For purposes of this section, stage shall mean to stop, park, or otherwise place a vehicle for hire, other than a taxicab, in the loading or curbside area of any business required to have an occupation tax certificate pursuant to section 30-51, et seq., when the vehicle is not engaged in a pre-arranged round trip or one way fare. Prearrangement, as required by this subsection, shall be via a communicated contract prior to pick up, evidenced by a properly completed trip sheet. The trip sheet shall include, but not be limited to, the guest's name, number of passengers to be picked up, time of pick up, final destination, hotel room number, if applicable, and a valid contact phone number. Vehicle for hire operators shall make said trip sheets available for verification by employees of the pick up location, as well as all law enforcement agencies. In addition, said trip sheets shall be completed prior to arrival at the pick up location.~~

Secs. 162-44~~6~~–162-55. - Reserved.

SECTION 2: That Chapter 162, Article II, Division 2 (CPNC), of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances shall be amended such that it shall read as follows (with permanent amendments in bold font and permanent deletions in strikeout font):

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162-56. - Required.

No vehicle for hire shall be operated on the highways of the city until its owner or lessee has obtained for such vehicle a valid certificate of public necessity and convenience, and until the company with which it is affiliated has obtained a business license from the city. No such business license shall be issued until the CPNC and company permits have been issued by the **Department** ~~bureau~~.

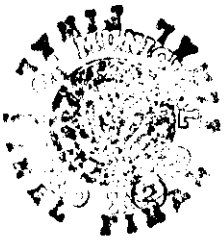
Sec. 162-57. - Qualifications of applicant.

- (a) In order to secure a CPNC, an applicant must first provide a document showing a current CPNC holder's willingness to sell or lease a CPNC and must provide information showing its qualification on a form provided by the **Department** ~~bureau~~. The applicant must:
- (1) Be at least 18 years of age.
 - (2) Be a citizen of the United States or an alien admitted for permanent residence or otherwise granted employment authorization by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.
 - (3) Reserved.
 - (4) Not have been convicted of any felony if such violation is related to the operation of a motor vehicle or with operation of a vehicle for hire and not have been convicted of any section of this Code or other ordinance of the city governing the conduct of CPNC holders; provided, however, that all such persons shall be entitled to the full benefits of O.C.G.A. tit. 42, ch. 8, art. 3 (O.C.G.A. § 42-8-60 et seq.), the First Offender Act and be considered as provided in section 30-29.
- (b) Should the applicant for a CPNC be a corporation or partnership, the chief executive officer of the corporation or, if a partnership, the partner with the greatest proprietary interest shall possess all of the requirements set out in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 162-58. - ~~Insurance; residency requirements; n~~Notice of changes; company affiliation.

In order to maintain a CPNC for a vehicle for hire, any person and any taxicab driver or company operating within the city using such CPNC must:

- (1) **Reserved.** ~~Obtain and maintain automobile liability insurance in the same amounts per vehicle for hire as are required of all vehicles by the state:~~
- a. ~~— \$10,000.00 property damage; and provide current certificates of insurance evidencing such coverage, the name of the insurance company supplying the coverage and the policy number. The insurance must provide specific coverage for a vehicle used in the business of transporting passengers. Self insurance programs approved for commercial vehicle by the state insurance commissioner shall satisfy this requirement. For the purpose of proof of insurance, the CPNC holder shall have affixed, a decal obtained monthly from the bureau to the vehicle for hire.~~



Reserved. All taxicab companies and taxicab drivers holding CPNCs in the city shall be required to prove, on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 in which they intend to do business in the city that they have the amount of insurance which is required by the state for the operation of a motor vehicle in this state with respect to personal injury liability, property damage liability and personal injury protection benefits available to drivers, passengers, pedestrians and others. Such proof of insurance coverage may be made in either of two ways, as follows:

- a. — By providing to the director, bureau of taxicabs and vehicles for hire the first day of each quarter, in the months mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, either a current insurance identification card for each vehicle intended to be operated in the coming quarter or a verified statement from a licensed insurance agent or licensed insurance company within this state setting forth the identity of the vehicles for which coverage has been procured, by vehicle identification number, make and model, the amount of coverage afforded to each such vehicle and the term for which such coverage has been prepared by the taxicab company or taxicab driver; or
- b. — If the taxicab driver or taxicab company or both are covered under a self-insurance program, rather than by a licensed insurance company, by providing to the director, bureau of taxicabs and vehicles for hire the following information:
 1. — The self insurance certificate number issued by the state department of public safety;
 2. — The identity of each vehicle for which coverage has been procured or approved under such self insurance certificate for the coming quarter by vehicle identification number, make and model;
 3. — The name and address of the self insurance plan, if other than the taxicab company itself; and
 4. — A sworn statement by the president or other managing officer of the self insurance plan or by a certified public accountant for such plan or banking or financial institutions that the plan meets the net worth requirements of the state department of public safety and that at least \$100,000.00 of such net worth is in the form of unencumbered cash or its equivalent. Investments which are equivalent to cash shall be defined, for this purpose, to include cash deposited in banks, time deposits with banks, savings and loan associations, insurance companies, credit unions and similar licensed financial institutions; state and municipal bonds; and such other cash investments as may be approved from time to time by the bureau, but under no circumstances to include investments in real estate or interest in real estate or investments in personal property such as motor vehicles nor shall it include promissory notes from officers of the corporation, investors or other individuals, whether secured or unsecured. This subsection shall be in addition to the requirements for the issuance of insurance stickers provided in subsection (1) of this section.



Reserved. The agreement between any driver or company and any self-insurance plan shall provide that if the self-insurance plan's cash or equivalent reserves drop below the sum of \$100,000.00 at any time during the quarter, the self-insurance plan shall notify the company or driver and the company or driver shall in turn notify the bureau of taxicabs and vehicles for hire. Upon verifying such information, the director shall suspend such self-insured driver or company from operating in the city unless and until the driver or company is properly insured as required by this section.

- (4) Within ten days of any of the following, the CPNC holder shall so notify the **Department** bureau in writing:
- a. Change in the chief executive officer, if a corporation, and the notification shall set out the names of the persons involved in the change.
 - b. Change in the CPNC holder of 50 percent or more of the proprietary interest, if a partnership, corporation, firm or association, and the notification shall set out the names of the persons involved in the change.
 - c. Change of address of the CPNC holder.
- (5) Each CPNC holder of the taxicab classification shall be affiliated with a company, except when the CPNC holder is a company. The CPNC holder shall notify the **Department** bureau of any change in the holder's company affiliation within three days of any such change on a form to be provided by the **Department** bureau.

Sec. 162-59. - Replacement vehicle.

If a vehicle for hire for which a CPNC has been issued is replaced by another vehicle, no new CPNC application shall be required. However, the vehicle identification information set forth in section 162-56 shall, within five days of replacement, be submitted to the **Department** bureau.

Sec. 162-60. - **Reserved.** Temporary CPNC for limousines.

~~Any person holding a limousine company permit pursuant to this article may obtain temporary CPNCs valid for a seven-day period for additional vehicles which satisfy the inspection and insurance standards contained in this article by submitting, at least 14 days prior to the effective date of such temporary CPNCs, an application containing identification information and proof of insurance for such additional vehicles, along with a fee of \$150.00 for each temporary CPNC. No limousine company shall be issued more than 100 temporary CPNCs within any seven-day period.~~

Sec. 162-61. - Number limited; costs.

- (a) The maximum number of taxicab CPNC's outstanding shall be 1,600, which is the number of CPNC's issued as a result of the legislative limitation established in 1995. This limitation is specifically based upon the relationship between the number of taxicabs operating within a geographic area and the quality of service they provide. An excessive number of taxicabs results in a reduced level of service and more passenger complaints. A taxicab CPNC will be issued to, and can only remain affixed to a vehicle which meets the age limitations set forth below:



No vehicle having a vehicle age greater than ten years may be operated as a taxicab in the City. For purposes of this article, the term "vehicle age" shall be determined based on the vehicle's model year, and a "year" shall be measured through the last day of that respective calendar year (for example, a vehicle with a model year of 2000 shall have a vehicle age of one year as of January 1, 2001). This ten-year age provision shall be temporary in nature and shall only remain in effect until December 31, 2015, after which time, it shall no longer be of any further force and effect, and said taxicab age provision shall revert back to a "vehicle age" of no greater than eight years.

As of August 15, 2001, no new or replacement taxicab vehicle may be operated as a taxicab in the City if such vehicle is greater than five years old. However, until December 31, 2015, any such new or replacement vehicle for which a CPNC is obtained may continue to be operated as a taxicab through that vehicle's tenth model year provided that the vehicle continues to be in compliance with all other provisions of the City Code which pertain to the regulation of taxicabs licensed to operate in the City.

After December 31, 2015, any such new or replacement vehicle may continue to be operated as a taxicab through that vehicle's eighth model year provided that the vehicle continues to be in compliance with all other provisions of the City Code which pertain to the regulation of taxicabs licensed to operate in the City.

- (b) The maximum number of animal-drawn vehicle CPNC's outstanding shall be 31, which is the number of CPNC's issued as a result of the legislative limitation established in 1995. This limitation is specifically based upon the quality of service provided by animal-drawn vehicles and upon the necessity for humane treatment of the animals involved.
- (c) **Reserved.** ~~The maximum number of sedan CPNC's shall be 500. Any entity holding a city limousine CPNC at the time this legislation is enacted, may present the CPNC to the bureau to be converted to as a sedan CPNC. A sedan CPNC will only be issued to and can only remain affixed to a vehicle that is three years old or less as of January 1 of the year in question. This age limit will be phased in as follows:~~
 - (1) ~~All sedans will be five years or less as of January 1, 1996.~~
 - (2) ~~All sedans will be four years or less as of January 1, 1997.~~
 - (3) ~~All sedans will be three years or less as of January 1, 1998 and thereafter.~~
- (d) ~~The cost of each CPNC issued by the Department bureau shall be \$6,000.00 for taxicabs, \$6,000.00 for sedans, and \$600.00 for carriages. The market value² of any type of CPNC will be determined on January 1 of each year. Any CPNC sold by the City of Atlanta will be sold in accordance with Chapter 2, Article X of the Atlanta Code of Ordinances; and shall be sold for no less than market value during that year. No sedan or taxicab CPNC shall be sold for less than \$6,000.00. No carriage CPNC shall be sold for less than \$600.00.~~
- (e) ~~The maximum number of CPNCs which may be issued to limousines shall be the number of those certificates which are being held on the date the ordinance from which this section derives becomes law.~~



Sec. 162-61.1. - Renewal.

The CPNC holder shall apply for and obtain an annual renewal of the CPNC upon payment of a fee of \$100.00 and provision of evidence that the holder continues to possess the necessary qualifications for holding a CPNC. This fee shall be paid by the last day of the month in which the CPNC was initially issued. Those persons holding CPNC's who paid annual CPNC fees between September 17, 1997 and the date on which this section becomes effective, and who can produce a receipt or other proper proof of such payment, will receive credit for such payments toward future CPNC annual renewal fees.

Sec. 162-62. - Transferability.

- (a) A CPNC for a vehicle for hire shall be transferred pursuant to a purchase, gift bequest or acquisition of the stock or asset of a corporation, provided that the following requirements are met:
 - (1) A written statement is submitted to the **Department** ~~bureau~~ including the following information:
 - a. The name and address of the transferor and the transferee;
 - b. The CPNC number and the date the transferor received same;
 - c. A description of the vehicle transferred or a description of the vehicle to which the CPNC is being transferred, which includes make, model, year and vehicle information number (serial number).
 - (2) A nonrefundable transfer fee of \$100.00 shall be required.
 - (3) The transferee shall submit an application for a CPNC and shall meet all requirements for same.
 - (4) A certified copy of a binding agreement to transfer the CPNC shall be provided, if such an agreement exists.
 - (5) The vehicle of the transferee shall have been inspected and approved for the issuance of an inspection sticker, and otherwise comply with all of the requirements of this chapter.
 - (6) No voluntary transfer or sale of a CPNC may be made if a judgment has been filed with the **Department** ~~bureau~~ against the holder of a CPNC and remains unsatisfied and notice of said judgment has been filed with the **Department** ~~bureau~~, except that a transfer may be permitted if an appeal is pending from an unsatisfied judgment and a bond is filed in an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment but not to exceed the fair market value of the CPNC or CPNC's being transferred. Transfer may also be permitted without filing a bond, provided that all the judgment creditors of unsatisfied judgments file written permission for such a transfer with the **Department** ~~bureau~~.
 - (7) The transferee shall supply proof to the **Department** ~~bureau~~ that he or his



transferor has filed a bond to cover all of the outstanding tort liabilities of the transferor in excess of the amount covered by a bond or insurance policy in effect at the time the claim arose; however, this requirement shall not apply to a legatee or distributee of a descendant's estate owning a CPNC.

- (8) An owner's interest in a CPNC may be transferred involuntarily and disposed of by public or private sale in the same manner as personal property. However, upon such involuntary transfer, the owner's CPNC shall immediately be canceled and a new CPNC issued to the transferee, provided that the transferee has satisfied the requirements contained above in subsection (f), except that if the involuntary transfer is by reason of a tort judgment against an involuntary transferor, no bond need be provided with respect to the same judgment.
- (9) All open items, including summons, outstanding fines and penalties against the CPNC must be cleared before a transfer will be approved. When the transferor is a corporation and there are two or more CPNC's open items against all CPNC's must be cleared in order to transfer one CPNC.
- (b) A CPNC may not be transferred during a period of suspension.
- (c) If a CPNC has been revoked, transfer will be permitted in accordance with subsection (a).
- (d) In the event of the death of any person holding a CPNC, the CPNC may be transferred by the chief to the administrator, executor or any lawful heir of the deceased person if the transferee meets all requirements for obtaining a CPNC. The CPNC shall be automatically suspended upon the death of the CPNC holder pending the presentation of letters of temporary administration to the **Department** ~~bureau~~. If no application for a transfer has been filed within one year from the time of the presentation of letters of temporary administration to the **Department** ~~bureau~~, this shall constitute due cause for the revocation of the CPNC. When a CPNC or stock in a corporation owning a CPNC is distributed from an estate to a legatee or distributee, the following documents shall be submitted with the transfer application:
 - (1) A certified copy of the relevant death certificate;
 - (2) A certified copy of letters testamentary or letters of administration; and
 - (3) A copy of the will, if any, certified by the attorney for the estate.
- (e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the transfer of a security interest in a CPNC from its owner to a financial or lending institution or corporation or individual so that such CPNC may be used as collateral for a loan. Notice of the use of any CPNC as collateral for a loan must be provided by the person to whom the CPNC has been issued within five days to the **Department** ~~bureau~~ on a form provided by the **Department** ~~bureau~~.

Sec. 162-63. - Revocation and suspension.

- (a) Upon a finding of due cause, as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the mayor or the mayor's designee shall have the authority to revoke or suspend any CPNC for a vehicle for hire issued by the city.



Due cause for the revocation or suspension of a CPNC shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

- (1) The failure of the CPNC holder to maintain any and all of the general qualifications applicable to the initial issuance of the CPNC as set forth in sections 162-57 and 162-58.
- (2) Obtaining a CPNC by providing false information.
- (3) Violation of any section of this article.
- (4) If the holder of the CPNC has knowledge or in the exercise of reasonable care should have had knowledge of the violation of a driver who is affiliated with the CPNC holder of any of the following offenses:
 - a. Driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages or drugs.
 - b. Criminal homicide, rape, aggravated battery, mayhem, burglary, aggravated assault, kidnapping, robbery, child molestation, criminal solicitation to commit any of such, criminal attempt to commit any of such or possession, sale or distribution of narcotic drugs, barbituric acid derivatives or central nervous system stimulants, if such violation is related to the operation of a vehicle for hire or violation of any section of this Code or other ordinance of the city governing the conduct of drivers of vehicles for hire.
- (5) Failure to operate the vehicle for which the CPNC has been issued as a vehicle for hire six months out of any given one-year period.
- (c) No CPNC issued by the city shall be revoked or suspended except upon a finding of due cause as defined in subsection (b) of this section and after a hearing and upon a prior five-day written notice to the CPNC holder stating the place, date, time and purpose of such hearing and setting forth the charge upon which the hearing shall be held. The hearing shall be held within 15 days of the date the notice is issued.
- (d) A panel of duly appointed hearing officers shall conduct the hearings and report its conclusions and recommendations to the mayor or the mayor's designee. The mayor or the mayor's designee, upon receiving the report, may revoke or suspend any CPNC. In lieu of suspension or revocation, the mayor or the mayor's designee may impose a fine upon any CPNC holder, such fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each violation. The maximum period of suspension of a CPNC shall be 12 months.
- (e) After revocation of a CPNC pursuant to subsection (b)(2) of this section, no application for a CPNC shall be accepted or considered for a period of 36 months from the date of revocation.
- (f) For due cause, for a violation of this article which results in a situation in which continued operation by the CPNC holder endangers the health, welfare or safety of the public, the mayor or the mayor's designee may suspend any CPNC under this section. Such immediate temporary suspension may be done upon summary consideration of



facts that indicate due cause and of facts that indicate an immediate danger. Notice of the temporary suspension shall be given immediately to the CPNC holder stating the facts upon which the suspension is based and stating the time and place of a full hearing as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

- (g) Whenever any person holding a CPNC is convicted of or pleads guilty to or pleads nolo contendere to any of the following offenses in any court, such disposition shall constitute due cause for suspension, revocation or a fine in accordance with subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this section: driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages or drugs, criminal homicide, rape, aggravated battery, mayhem, burglary, aggravated assault, kidnapping, robbery, child molestation, criminal solicitation to commit any of such, criminal attempt to commit any of such, or possession, sale or distribution of narcotic drugs, barbiturate acid derivatives or central nervous system stimulants.

Secs. 162-64. – 162-75 Reserved.

SECTION 3: That Chapter 162, Article II, Division 3 (Driver Permits), of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances shall be amended such that it shall read as follows (with permanent amendments in bold font and permanent deletions in strikeout font):

DIVISION 3. - ~~DRIVER PERMITS RESERVED.~~

Secs. 162-76— 162-95. –Reserved.

SECTION 4: That Chapter 162, Article II, Division 4 (Company Permits), Sections 162-97 through 162-100, of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances shall be amended such that they shall read as follows (with permanent amendments in bold font and permanent deletions in strikeout font):

DIVISION 4. - COMPANY PERMITS

Sec. 162-97. - Required; application.

- (a) No company shall operate vehicles for hire without a company permit.
- (b) No company permit shall be granted to a company owning or leasing less than 25 taxicabs.
- (c) **Reserved.** ~~No company permit shall be granted to a company owning or leasing fewer than five limousines or five extended limousines or five vans or sedans or fewer than five of a combination of limousines and extended limousines, vans and sedans which are available for contract limousine service. However, any company in operation on February 3, 1982 shall not be subject to the 25 taxicab requirement nor shall any company in operation or any company which has a pending application for a company permit on the date of passage of the ordinance from which this section derives be subject to the minimum five vehicle requirement for limousines and extended limousines or the minimum five vehicle requirement for a combination of limousines and extended limousines.~~

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An application shall be submitted on forms furnished by the **Department bureau** containing appropriate information which is reasonably related to the business of operating taxicabs and limousines.

Sec. 162-98. - Qualifications of applicants.

- (a) In order to secure a company permit under this division, the company applicant must provide information showing its qualifications on a form provided by the **Department bureau**. The applicant must be:
 - (1) At least 18 years of age.
 - (2) A citizen of the United States or an alien admitted for permanent residence or otherwise granted employment authorization by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.
 - (3) A resident, for at least one year immediately preceding the date of application, of the state.
- (b) **Reserved.** ~~All sedan companies must be established with 5 CPNCs and associated vehicles and must maintain a fleet of 5 CPNCs and vehicles.~~

Sec. 162-99. - Criteria for maintaining permit.

In order to maintain a company permit issued under this division, the company must:

- (1) Hold a current valid city business license.
- (2) Maintain an office within the city staffed by company agents or employees, including a dispatcher, 24 hours a day. Companies may agree to have other companies perform this function to satisfy this requirement by providing name of company to **Department bureau**. Such companies shall inform the **Department bureau** when they have another company perform this function.
- (3) Submit to the **Department bureau** a copy of a current lease, if applicable, for the company premises or an affidavit as to ownership and occupancy.
- (4) Maintain a publicly listed telephone number.
- (5) Maintain the name and home address of each driver affiliated with the company, along with the name of the CPNC holder who owns or leases the vehicle operated by the driver.
- (6) Maintain a log listing the year, make, motor vehicle identification number (serial number), tag number and CPNC number of each vehicle for hire operating in the company fleet.
- (7) Maintain sufficient employees or answering devices at the office to answer the telephone after hours of company operation.



- (8) Provide each driver with a copy of the **Department's** ~~bureau's~~ manual for operation of vehicles for hire.
- (9) Maintain at least one off-street parking lot capable of accommodating its vehicles for hire when not in use.
- (10) Taxicab companies must operate with a minimum of 25 CPNCs in their fleet at all times. No taxicab company can be established with less than 25 CPNCs.
- (11) Have ~~knowledge that all vehicles for hire operating for the company have the insurance coverage required in section 162-58 and~~ have knowledge that such vehicles are in compliance with the standards concerning inspection set out in section 162-34
- (12) Not provide the **Department** ~~bureau~~ with any false or misleading information.

Sec. 162-100. - Report of changes.

Under this division any change of company location must comply with section 162-99. The company shall provide notice in writing to the **Department** ~~bureau~~, including the names of the persons involved, when applicable, within five working days of any of the following:

- (1) Change in the chief executive officer, if a corporation.
- (2) Change in the holder of 50 percent or more of the proprietary interest, if a partnership, corporation, firm or association.
- (3) Change in company phone number.
- (4) Change of company name.
- (5) Change of company location.

Secs. 162-105 – 162-115. –Reserved.

SECTION 5: That Chapter 162, Article II, Division 5, (Taxicabs), of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances shall be amended such that they shall read as follows (with permanent amendments in bold font and permanent deletions in strikeout font):

DIVISION 5. - TAXICABS

Sec. 162-116. - Color scheme.

Each taxicab company shall have all of its taxicabs painted the same color, such color to be chosen by the company and approved by the **Department** ~~bureau~~, and shall have all of its taxicabs marked with a uniform logo or insignia.

Sec. 162-117. - Use of open stands.

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The **Department** ~~bureau~~ shall maintain a list of all open taxicab stands. Taxicab stands shall be created by the **Department** ~~bureau~~ based on the criteria of traffic conditions, public necessity and convenience and the effect on police functions.

- (b) Open stands shall be used exclusively by taxicabs for which CPNCs have been issued by the city. No taxicab shall be placed upon or occupy any taxicab stand except for the purpose of being held forth for hire. Taxicabs shall be placed on stands only from the rear and shall be moved forward and to the front of the stand immediately as space becomes available by the departure or movement of preceding taxicabs. Violation of this rule constitutes line jumping and shall be grounds for suspension of a driver's permit. When a taxicab stand is occupied to its full capacity, no taxicab shall wait outside of a cab stand in violation of any traffic laws of the city. The driver of any taxicab occupying a stand shall not leave that taxicab unattended.
- (c) For purposes of this section, the airport taxicab waiting area known as the bull pen shall be considered a taxicab stand.

Sec. 162-118. - Schedule of fares.

- (a) All taxicab companies and drivers shall charge **up to** the following schedule of **maximum** fares, except as otherwise provided in this section:
 - (1) The first one-eighth mile, \$2.50.
 - (2) Each additional one-eighth mile, \$0.25.
 - (3) Waiting time, \$21.00 per hour.
 - (4) For each additional passenger in excess of one riding in the vehicle on the same trip, \$2.00 per person. Only one child in the company of an adult will be charged the additional passenger fee; any additional children will not be charged any additional passenger fee. Children under six will not be charged.
 - (5) There shall be no charge for use of additional space for luggage, trunks or cargo for which the trunk space in a four-door sedan would not be adequate.
 - (6) A 20 percent discount on a metered fare be given to a disabled or senior citizen.
 - (7) *Fuel surcharge.* Once the gasoline price for regular unleaded fuel has averaged between \$2.90 and \$4.39 over a 14 consecutive day period according to the AAA published data, there shall be imposed a fuel surcharge of \$2.00 per trip.
 - (8) *Initial airport fare.* A charge of \$1.50 shall be applied to all taxicab services originating from the Atlanta Airport. No mileage, waiting time, or other charges are included in the initial airport fare. Additional Atlanta Airport flat rate zone fares shall apply in the manner set forth in this section.

Once the gasoline price for regular unleaded fuel has averaged more than \$4.40 over a fourteen consecutive day period according to the AAA published data, there shall be imposed a fuel surcharge of \$3.00 per trip.



For taxicab trips between (to and from) the Atlanta airport and destinations within the Downtown Flat Rate Zone described in subsection (d) of this section, passengers shall be charged a flat rate fare of \$30.00, with an additional \$2.00 charge for each passenger. In addition to such flat rate fares, a charge of \$21.00 per hour of waiting time shall be imposed. If passengers on the same trip desire different destinations within the same flat fare zone, after the first stop, a \$1.00 charge, in addition to the per-passenger fare, will be assessed to each passenger discharged.

For taxicab trips between (to and from) the Atlanta Airport and to a destination within the Buckhead Flat Rate Zone described in subsection (d) of this section, passengers shall be charged a flat rate fare of \$40.00, with an additional \$2.00 charge for each passenger. In addition to such flat rate fares, a charge of \$21.00 per hour of waiting time shall be imposed. If passengers continue in the same flat fare zone, after the first stop, a \$1.00 charge, in addition to the per-passenger fare, will be assessed to each passenger discharged.

For taxicab trips between (to and from) the Atlanta Airport and to a destination within the Midtown Flat Rate Zone described in subsection (d) of this section, passengers shall be charged a flat rate fare of \$32.00, with an additional \$2.00 charge for each passenger. In addition to such flat rate fares, a charge of \$21.00 per hour of waiting time shall be imposed. If passengers continue in the same flat fare zone, after the first stop, a \$1.00 charge, in addition to the per-passenger fare, will be assessed to each passenger discharged.

All fares listed in this section shall include applicable sales tax.

- (c) If two or more passengers enter the same taxicab at the airport and the destinations of such passengers are not all within the downtown zone, the passenger going to the downtown zone shall pay the flat rate as set out in subsection (b) of this section, and the remaining passenger shall pay the same fare as the first passenger plus the fare computed on the meter as set out in subsection (a) of this section for the remaining segment of the trip. If passengers on the same trip desire different locations within the same flat fare zone, after the first stop, a \$1.00 charge or \$0.50 for senior and disabled citizens, in addition to the per-passenger fare, will be addressed to each passenger discharged.
- (d) The legal description of the Downtown Flat Rate Zone shall be as follows:
Starting at the intersection of Ashby Street and North Avenue, then proceeding east on North Avenue to the intersection of North Avenue and Boulevard. Then proceeding south on Boulevard to the intersection of Boulevard and Atlanta Avenue. Then proceeding west on Atlanta Avenue to the intersection of Atlanta Avenue and Interstate 75/85. Then proceeding north on Interstate 75/85 to the intersection of Interstate 75/85 and Georgia Avenue. Then proceeding west on Georgia Avenue to the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Glenn Street. Then proceeding west on Glenn Street to Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard continuing west on to the intersection of Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard and Ashby Street. Then proceeding north on Ashby Street to the intersection of Ashby Street and North Avenue and the starting point.

The legal description of the Midtown Flat Rate Zone shall be as follows:
Starting at the intersection of North Avenue and Interstate 75/85, then proceeding east on North Avenue to the intersection of North Avenue and Boulevard. Then proceeding



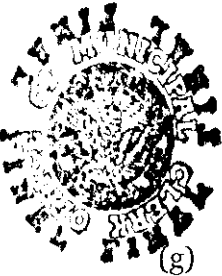
Proceed north on Boulevard to Monroe Drive continuing to the intersection of Monroe Drive and Piedmont Avenue. Then proceeding north on Piedmont Avenue to the intersection of Piedmont Avenue and Interstate 85. Then proceeding south on Interstate 85 to the intersection of Interstate 85 and Interstate 75. Then proceeding north on Interstate 75 to the intersection of Interstate 75 and Northside Drive. Then proceeding south on Northside Drive to the intersection of Northside Drive and North Avenue. Then proceeding east on North Avenue to the intersection of North Avenue and Interstate 75/85 and the starting point.

The legal description of the Buckhead Flat Rate Zone shall be as follows:

Starting at the intersection of Peachtree Road and Wieuca Road and proceeding east on Peachtree Road to Roxboro Road. Then proceeding south on Roxboro Road to West Roxboro Road continuing south of West Roxboro Road to the intersection of West Roxboro Road and Shady Valley Road. Then proceeding south on Shady Valley Road to Buford Highway continuing south to the intersection of Buford Highway. Then proceed south on Buford Highway to the intersection of Buford Road and Sidney Marcus Boulevard. Then proceed west on Sidney Marcus Boulevard to the intersection of Sidney Marcus Boulevard and Piedmont Road. Then proceed north on Piedmont Road to the intersection of Piedmont Road and East Wesley Road. Then proceed west on East Wesley Road, continuing to West Wesley Road to the intersection of West Wesley Road and Northside Drive. Then proceed north on Northside Drive to the intersection of Northside Drive and Hillside Drive. Then proceeding east on Hillside Drive to the intersection of Hillside Drive and Powers Ferry Road. Then proceeding north on Powers Ferry Road to the intersection of Powers Ferry Road and Wieuca Road. Then proceeding east on Wieuca Road to the intersection of Wieuca Road and Peachtree Road and the starting point.

- (e) For taxicab trips originating from a business (e.g. hotel, restaurant, mall, or other commercial enterprise) and concluding at another business within the Buckhead Flat Rate Zone described in subsection (d) above, a single passenger shall be charged \$8.00. Each additional passenger on the same trip shall be charged \$2.00. Trips engaged within the zone but destined to terminate outside the zone will be metered. Drivers are prohibited from engaging another passenger whose destination is more than a two-block diversion from the destination of any other passengers already engaged.
- (f) For taxicab trips originating from a business (e.g. hotel, restaurant, mall, or other commercial enterprise) and concluding at business within the Downtown Flat Rate Zone described in subsection (d) above, a single passenger shall be charged \$8.00. Each additional passenger on the same trip shall be charged \$2.00. Trips engaged within the zone but destined to terminate outside the zone will be metered. Drivers are prohibited from engaging another passenger whose destination is more than a two-block diversion from the destination of any other passengers already engaged. Drivers will be permitted to load and unload passengers at any location within the Downtown Zone unless such loading or unloading impedes the traffic flow or is unsafe for any other reason.

For taxicab trips originating from a business (e.g. hotel, restaurant, mall, or other commercial enterprise) and concluding at business within the Midtown Flat Rate Zone described in subsection (d) above, a single passenger shall be charged \$8.00. Each additional passenger on the same trip shall be charged \$2.00. Trips engaged within the zone but destined to terminate outside the zone will be metered. Drivers are prohibited



from engaging another passenger whose destination is more than a two-block diversion from the destination of any other passengers already engaged.

(g)

The schedule of rates **fares** established in this section shall be ~~mandatory and constitute the maximum fare which may be charged, unless the mayor and council shall provide a different maximum fare by ordinance. Any fares provided in this section or otherwise by ordinance do not prohibit taxicab operators or companies from charging lower fares.~~ ~~shall be charged by all taxicab drivers of all companies unless the mayor and council shall by ordinance provide otherwise.~~

Sec. 162-119. - Abuse of driver by passenger prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for a taxicab passenger to abuse a taxicab driver.

Secs. 162-120 – 162-130. -Reserved.

SECTION 6: That Chapter 162, Article II, Division 6 (Limousines or Extended Limousines), of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances shall be amended such that it shall read as follows (with permanent amendments in bold font and permanent deletions in strikeout font):

DIVISION 6. - LIMOUSINES OR EXTENDED LIMOUSINES RESERVED.

Secs. 162-131 – 162-145. –Reserved.

SECTION 7: The amendments in this ordinance shall become effective **either on July 1, 2015 or** immediately upon approval **if approval is following July 1, 2015.**

SECTION 8: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 9: That the Municipal Clerk is instructed to retain all legislative history references in the codified version of Chapter 162, not deleting any such references, but amending them to include this ordinance.

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A true copy,

Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

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