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**16.10.001 Purpose.**

This chapter describes the authority of the City to establish traffic laws and to erect traffic control devices. It also describes the specific authorities of certain City officers and employees to administer and enforce the Code.

**16.10.020 Where Regulations Apply.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 172976, 177028 and 179141, effective March 23, 2005.)

The regulations of this chapter apply to all City of Portland owned or operated property, public rights-of-way, other designated public areas in the City of Portland and to private property specifically noted in this chapter.

**16.10.030 Authority to Direct Traffic on Public Rights of Way.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 176394, effective April 17, 2002.) Officers and reserve officers of the Portland Police Bureau are authorized to direct, redirect, limit or restrict pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic on any public right of way.

**16.10.050 Compliance Required.**

It is unlawful for a pedestrian or the operator of any vehicle to disobey the instructions of a traffic control device placed in accordance with the provisions of this Title, unless otherwise directed by an authorized officer.

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It is unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, signal, or the direction of any officer displaying a badge with the legal authority to direct, control, or regulate traffic.

#### **16.10.060 Citations and Nuisances.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 165987 and 170923, effective March 21,1997.)

- A.** When a vehicle is found in violation of this Title or any other Title of the City Code or state law, the officer finding the vehicle will:
  - 1.** note the license number and/or any other information displayed on the vehicle that may identify the owner; and
  - 2.** issue to the operator or place in a conspicuous space on the vehicle involved in the violation a serially numbered parking citation.
- B.** The citation will instruct the vehicle owner to answer to the charge or pay the penalty imposed within a specific number of days, during specific hours, and at a specific place or to be mailed in a specific number of days.
- C.** It is a violation of this Title to be the owner of a vehicle parked in violation of any of the provisions of this Title.
- D.** It is unlawful for any unauthorized person to change, erase, alter mar, mark, mutilate, or destroy a traffic citation form that has been issued under authority of this Title.
- E.** Unless otherwise provided for in this Title, any person violating a provision of this Title is subject to a fine of up to \$500 upon conviction of the violation.
- F.** The court may proceed to make a determination, enter a disposition, and enter a judgement without a hearing on a citation issued under this Title if the person cited fails to request a hearing within the time provided on the citation. In no event shall a judgement be taken sooner than 60 days from the date of the citation and without prior notice by mail to the person against whom the judgement is taken.
- G.** When a nonvehicular violation of this Title is discovered, the adjacent property owner is responsible for all abatement proceedings.

**16.10.080      Altering or Erecting Traffic Control Devices.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 166575, June 2, 1993.) It is unlawful for any person to alter in any manner a traffic control device erected or established by authority of this Title. It is also unlawful for any person to erect, display, or maintain any traffic control device without authorization of this Title.

Every unauthorized traffic control device is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and is subject to summary abatement.

The parking-prohibited area for driveways as defined in 16.20.130 (V) and 16.90.105 may be painted and maintained with traffic line yellow paint by the adjacent property owner or occupant, subject to the following:

- A.      The traffic line yellow paint may extend across the apron (throat) of the driveway.
- B.      The wing, radius, and/or apron paint may only be painted up to a width of the curb or to a maximum width of eight inches as measured from and beginning at the face of the wing, radius, and/or throat.
- C.      The wings, curb returns, and/or aprons of driveways at locations that are officially designated as prohibitive or restrictive parking, such as “No Parking At Any Time,” “No Parking In This Block,” “Truck Loading All Hours/All Days” zones may not be painted.  
The City Traffic Engineer may paint driveway clearances and stencil “No Parking” on the apron and paint keys in the road area of any driveway in the city to facilitate access upon receipt of a signed application and appropriate fee.

**16.10.100      Road Authority.**

(Amend by Ord. No. 170923, effective March 21, 1997.) As the City’s elected body, the City Council is the road authority for all public streets, except state highways, as designated by State Law. The City Council may delegate specific road authority to the City Traffic Engineer, City Engineer or Emergency Incident Commander as the Council deems appropriate.

**16.10.200      Duties of the City Traffic Engineer.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 170923, 172976, 173369, 173627, 175205 and 182389, effective January 2, 2009.) The City Traffic Engineer will be designated by the Commissioner-In- Charge of the Bureau of Transportation. The City Traffic Engineer or his/her designee may exercise the following duties and responsibilities:

- A.      Implement ordinances, resolutions and directions of the City Council and orders of the Commissioner-In-Charge of the Bureau of Transportation by installing, removing, and altering traffic control devices.
- B.      Establish, remove, or alter traffic controls, including but not limited to:

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1. crosswalks, traffic lanes, one-way streets, stop intersections or places, and no passing zones;
  2. intersection channelization and areas where vehicle drivers may not make right, left, or U-turns, and the time when the prohibition applies;
  3. parking areas and time limitations, including the form of permissible parking (e.g., parallel or diagonal);
  4. regulated parking zones;
  5. traffic control signals and any device that regulates a traffic control signal;
  6. bicycle lanes and traffic controls for such facilities; and
  7. other regulatory, warning, and guide signs.
- C.** Issue vehicle parking permits that authorize specified parking privilege.
- D.** Temporarily reserve portions of the street area according to regulations found in Section 16.20.500.
- E.** Issue vehicle permits for the movement of over dimensional vehicles on or over City streets.
- F.** Designate certain streets where certain classes of over dimensional vehicles may move on or over without a permit.
- G.** Designate streets where certain classes of vehicles may not move on or over except for local access.
- H.** Temporarily reduce speed limits when allowed by the provisions of ORS 810.180.
- I.** Designate certain streets as bridle paths and prohibit horses and animals on other streets.
- J.** Determine the location, design, and construction of streetlights.
- K.** Designate transit lanes and street locations where certain transit vehicles may proceed in a manner prohibited to other traffic.
- L.** Require the removal or pruning of any street tree, vegetation or other obstruction in the public right-of-way that obscures the visibility of or for drivers, bicyclists, or pedestrians, or in any way presents a safety hazard.

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- M.** Regulate the installation and presence of banner signs on lighting poles owned by the City.
- N.** Install temporary traffic control devices when traffic conditions constitute a danger to the public.
- O.** Whenever specifically provided in the Title, the City Traffic Engineer may assess civil penalties for violations of the provisions of Title 16. The City Traffic Engineer shall adopt rules, procedures, and forms to be used in assessing such civil penalties. In determining the amount of any civil penalty to be assessed, the City Traffic Engineer shall consider the following criteria:
  - 1.** The extent and nature of the violation;
  - 2.** The benefits, financial or otherwise, accruing or likely to accrue as a result of the violations;
  - 3.** Whether the violations were repeated and continuous, or isolated and temporary;
  - 4.** The magnitude and seriousness of the violation;
  - 5.** The City's cost of investigating the violation and correcting or attempting to correct the violation; and
  - 6.** Any other relevant factors.
- P.** The City Traffic Engineer's assessment of civil penalties may be appealed to the Code Hearings Officer according to the provisions of Title 22 of the Portland City Code.

**16.10.300 Administrative Rules and Procedures.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 173627 and 182389, effective January 2, 2009.) Traffic and Parking management rules and procedures not specified in this Code are governed by the Bureau of Transportation Rules and Procedures Manual. It is the duty of the Bureau Director to develop and implement the Bureau of Transportation's Rules and Procedures Manual. The Commissioner-In-Charge of the Bureau of Transportation or the City Council may amend the Manual at any time.

Exceptions to the Rules in the Manual may be made only with prior approval of the City Traffic Engineer or the Bureau Director. Procedures in the Manual are intended to serve as a general outline on how to apply or implement a rule or program.

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#### **16.10.400 Regulation Standards.**

The City Traffic Engineer may erect traffic control devices and impose regulations to control traffic and parking in the City of Portland. The regulations of the City Traffic Engineer or his/her designee will be based on:

- A.** traffic engineering principles and traffic investigations;
- B.** standards, limitations, and rules issued by the Oregon Transportation Commission; and
- C.** other recognized traffic control standards.

#### **16.10.500 Fees and Charges.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 170923, 173627, 182389 and 183829, effective July 1, 2010.) The Transportation Director and/or City Council may establish fees and charges. If a larger fee is required elsewhere in this Title for any class of permit, the larger fee shall apply; otherwise the following fees and charges shall be paid unless the Transportation Bureau Director or Council has granted a specific permit for a different fee.

All fees, charges, civil penalties, and fines established by authority of this Title will be listed in the Transportation Fee Schedule included in Portland Policy Documents, as amended annually by Council effective with the fiscal year budget.

#### **16.10.600 Authority of Law Enforcement, Fire Officers, and Emergency Incident Commanders.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 170923 and 180917, effective May 26, 2007.) If a fire or other public emergency occurs, officers of the Bureau of Police and Portland Fire & Rescue may direct traffic as conditions require, notwithstanding the provisions of this Title. In the event of an emergency or disaster that results in the implementation of the City Basic Emergency Services Plan, as established in Chapter 15.12, the Incident Commander may direct traffic and parking controls appropriate to the incident, notwithstanding the provisions of this Title.

#### **16.10.650 Parking Code Enforcement Officers.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 170923, 173627, 176394, 179141 and 182389, effective January 2, 2009.) Parking code enforcement supervisors and officers under the administration and control of the Bureau of Transportation as established in Section 3.12.010, will serve as follows:

- A.** The duties of the position of parking code enforcement officer are to provide assistance as special police officer in the enforcement of parking regulations as provided by this Title, and other related work under the direction of the Bureau Director.



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- B.** Persons appointed as parking code enforcement officers or as supervisors, will be special police officers of the City. As special police officers, the parking code enforcement officers and supervisors will have authority to issue citations for parking violations, including violations of disabled zones on property that is open to the public outside of the public right-of-way, or on City of Portland owned or operated property.

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**16.20.001 Purpose.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 165594 and 179141, effective March 23, 2005.) This chapter describes the regulation of parking on City of Portland owned or operated property, including but not limited to surface parking lots, parking structures and

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designated parking areas; and public right-of-ways, including but not limited to streets, designated parking areas, planting strips, and sidewalks.

The Public Property and Right-of-Way Parking Chapter is organized in six sections:

- A.** 16.20.100 General Parking Methods describes the general rules of legal parking and enforcement of parking regulations.
- B.** 16.20.200 Regulated Parking Zones describes additional regulations for public areas that are designated for no or limited-term parking or only for specific parking uses.
- C.** 16.20.400 Metered Parking Zones describes additional regulations for parking in areas with parking meters.
- D.** 16.20.500 General Parking Permits describes the privileges and regulations that apply to general parking permits issued by the City Traffic Engineer or the City Engineer. These permits allow a person to reserve the public right-of-way for certain uses during a defined period of time. General Parking Permits are generally issued to a person but may require the use of vehicle identification cards.
- E.** 16.20.600 Vehicle Parking Permits describes the privileges and regulations that apply to vehicle permits issued by the City Traffic Engineer. Vehicle Parking Permits are usually issued to a specific vehicle(s).
- F.** 16.20.800 Area Parking Permit Program provides additional protection and parking management to areas with commuter parking problems.

#### **16.20.100 General Parking Methods.**

##### **16.20.110 Generally.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 165594, July 8, 1992.) All persons parking a vehicle in the City of Portland must comply with the following rules in addition to any rules mandated by a parking zone, permit, or district, unless specifically directed otherwise by this Title, a traffic control device or an authorized officer.

- A.** Emergency vehicles may stop or park in any manner necessary at any time while serving an emergency.
- B.** No person may park or stop a vehicle other than in the direction of traffic.
- C.** When parking spaces are designated on a street with parking space markings, the vehicle must be parked in such a manner that the entire vehicle is located within official parking space markings.

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- D.** When parking spaces are not designated on a street with parking space markings and when angle parking is not lawful, the vehicle must be parked in such a manner that both the front and rear tires closest to the curb or curb line are located not more than 1 foot from the curb or curb line.  
A two or three wheeled vehicle may park at an angle or perpendicular to traffic flow if its tire closest to the curb or curb line is located not more than one foot from the curb or curb line and the vehicle does not extend more than eight feet from the curb or curb line.
- E.** The operator who first begins maneuvering a motor vehicle into a vacant parking space on a street or public lot has priority to park in that space, and no other vehicle operator or person may attempt to interfere.
- F.** When the operator of a vehicle discovers the vehicle is parked adjacent to a building to which the fire department has been summoned, the operator must immediately remove the vehicle from the area unless directed otherwise by police or fire officers.

**16.20.120 Prohibited Parking or Stopping of a Vehicle.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 165594, 166575, 170923, 173369, 176394, 176955 and 179141 effective March 23, 2005.) Except when specifically directed by authority of this Title or when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, it is unlawful to park or stop a vehicle:

- A.** While such vehicle is equipped with a vehicle alarm unless such system is designed to, and does in fact, cease emitting an intermittent or constant sound after an aggregate time of 3 minutes within a 15 minute period on any public right-of-way or in a public park.
- B.** To angle load/unload (except within a legal angle parking space) on any street unless specifically authorized by an angle loading permit. Unauthorized angle loading is hereby declared to be a traffic hazard and is subject to summary abatement.
- C.** At an angle to traffic flow except:

  - 1.** Where angle parking is designated by official parking space markings or other traffic control devices.
  - 2.** That a two or three wheeled vehicle may park in a legal parking area at an angle or perpendicular to traffic flow in accordance with 16.20.110 C. and D.

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- D.** Outside of or across an official line or mark designating a parking space, or between such lines in a maneuvering area.
- E.** So as to prevent the free passage of other vehicles, including rail vehicles and bicycles, on any street, alley or City of Portland owned or operated property.
- F.** On or over an official fog or edge line.
- G.** Adjacent to a curb painted or taped yellow if the paint or tape is authorized by the City Traffic Engineer.
- H.** When the vehicle is: a truck, a truck trailer, a motor bus, a recreational vehicle, a utility trailer, a drop box or storage container, or has two or more rear axles in the public right-of-way adjacent to or directly across from residential, public park, church, or school property, except:
  - 1.** When loading/unloading property belonging to the occupants of or performing a service on the adjacent residence, for a period not to exceed 8 hours; or
  - 2.** A recreation vehicle when servicing or loading/unloading the vehicle for a period not to exceed 8 hours.
  - 3.** That a vehicle may park adjacent to or directly across from public park property if authorized by a written permit from the Bureau of Parks and Recreation.
- I.** When the vehicle is: a truck, truck trailer, a motor bus, recreational vehicle, a utility trailer, a drop box or storage container, or has two or more rear axles in the public right-of-way adjacent to or directly across from commercial or industrial property, except:
  - 1.** Between the hours of 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. for a period not to exceed 4 hours; or
  - 2.** Between the hours of 4 p.m. and 6 a.m. when adjacent to a business or industry normally operating a regular work shift during these hours while loading/unloading a vehicle in conjunction with the operation of this business for a period not to exceed 2 hours.
- J.** On the roadway side of a vehicle which is stopped or parked:
  - 1.** In an officially designated parking space; or

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- 2. Adjacent to the curb line of a street.
- K.** Alongside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction when stopping or parking would obstruct traffic.
- L.** That is required by state law to be registered that is not registered, whose registration has expired or that does not have a current permit in lieu of registration, or fails to display current registration.
- M.** Without doing all of the following if leaving the vehicle unattended:
  - 1. Stopping the engine;
  - 2. Turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the street when on any grade;
  - 3. Locking the ignition;
  - 4. Removing the key from the ignition; and
  - 5. Effectively setting the brake on the vehicle.
- N.** If the vehicle is a drop box parked during the hours of sunset to sunrise without reflective devices on the edge or side of the vehicle nearest the center of the street. The reflective device must be plainly visible for a distance of 200 feet in either direction from the drop box, parallel with the center of the street.
- O.** If the vehicle is a drop box within 50 feet of an intersection without permission of the City Engineer, City Traffic Engineer, or the Bureau of Development Services. This regulation does not apply to the area of the street where the direction of traffic is leaving an intersection on a one-way street.
- P.** In the public right-of-way, public park, or city-owned or operated property if the vehicle is abandoned.
- Q.** In a manner that creates a traffic hazard impeding the safe movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- R.** That is required by law to display two registration plates if a plate is not displayed on the front and the rear of the vehicle.
- S.** Which is a government vehicle, in a parking space where government vehicles are prohibited.

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- T.** Any violation of the City of Portland, Transportation Administrative Rule is subject to citation or fine for each violation.

#### **16.20.130 Prohibited in Specified Places.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 165594, July 8, 1992.) Except when specifically directed by authority of this Title or when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, it is unlawful to park or stop a vehicle in any of the following places:

- A.** Within 50 feet of an intersection when:
- 1.** The vehicle or a view obstructing attachment to the vehicle is more than 6 feet in height; or
  - 2.** Vehicle design, modification, or load obscures the visibility or view of approaching traffic, any traffic control sign, any traffic control signal, or any pedestrian in a crosswalk.  
This regulation does not apply to the area of the street where the direction of traffic is leaving an intersection on a one-way street.
- B.** Within 15 feet of a driveway to any fire station unless allowed by official signs or markings.
- C.** Within 10 feet of any fire hydrant, even when not marked by traffic control devices, except attended taxi cabs lawfully occupying properly signed taxi zones.
- D.** In front of any portion of a handicap access ramp.
- E.** In front of and 10 feet on either side of a rural (vehicle) delivery mail box between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., except Sundays and official postal holidays.
- F.** Within any city park or golf course except in officially designated parking areas during the time the park is open to the public. This provision does not apply to City or City-authorized vehicles used in park or golf course service, or to vehicles authorized by a written permit from the Bureau of Parks and Recreation.
- G.** In violation of the provisions of any area parking permit program as defined in 16.20.800.
- H.** On any mass transit lane or street as defined in Section 16.50.
- I.** On any planting strip, sidewalk, or pedestrian way.
- J.** On a shoulder unless a clear and unobstructed traffic lane of the roadway adjacent to the vehicle is left for the passage of other vehicles, and:



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1. The stopped or parked vehicle is visible from a distance of 200 feet in each direction upon the roadway; or
  2. A person, at least 200 feet in each direction upon the roadway, warns approaching motorists of the parked vehicle by use of flag persons, flags, signs or other signals.
- K.** On the approaches to or upon any restricted access highway, bridge, viaduct, or other elevated structure, unless permitted by authority of this Title.
- L.** On City-owned or City-operated property designated for vehicle parking by authorized City personnel only, without consent of the City, if there is in plain view on such property a sign prohibiting or restricting public parking.
- M.** Over, upon, or in such manner as to prevent access to any water meter, gate valve, or other appliance in use on any water meter connection of the Portland Water Bureau, located on public property, the public right-of-way or private property.
- N.** On any municipal terminal except in the place and manner permitted by official signs or markings.
- O.** On any pier or dock of a municipal terminal except when loading/unloading freight in compliance with any official signs or markings.
- P.** On or within an intersection.
- Q.** On or within a crosswalk.
- R.** Within any tunnel unless parking in officially designated spaces.
- S.** Within 7 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad track or within 25 feet of the center line of any set of tracks at any railroad or light rail crossing unless parking in officially designated spaces.
- T.** In the area between roadways of a divided street or highway.
- U.** On or within a bicycle lane, path, or trail.
- V.** In front of any portion of a driveway ingress/egress to the public right-of-way.

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#### **16.20.150 Prohibited Practices.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 165594, 166575 and 176585, effective July 5, 2002.) No person may park or permit to be parked a vehicle on a street or other public property for the principal purpose of:

- A.** Displaying the vehicle for sale;
- B.** Repairing or servicing the vehicle, except while making repairs necessitated by an emergency for a period not to exceed 8 hours or as allowed for recreational vehicles in 16.20.120 (H2);
- C.** Displaying advertising from the vehicle; or
- D.** Selling merchandise from the vehicle, except when authorized by permit or City Code. See also: 14A.50.030, 14A.50.050, 16.60.100 F., 16.70.550, 17.25, 17.26.

#### **16.20.160 Use of Streets in Lieu of Off-street Parking or Storage Prohibited.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 171455; amended by Ordinance Nos. 176394 and 182456, effective December 24, 2008.)

- A.** It is unlawful for any public vehicle parking business, vehicle sales, repair, or servicing business to cause or permit a vehicle to be parked on a street, alley, lane, or other public right of way while such vehicle is in the custody, control, or possession of the business for the purpose of being parked, offered for sale, repaired, or serviced.
- B.** As used in this Section, “public vehicle parking business” means the business of offering off-street vehicle parking or storage for a fee; “vehicle sales, repair, or servicing business” means the business of offering new or used vehicles for sale, lease, or rent, or of offering vehicle repairs or servicing; “vehicle” means any device, including any major portion or part thereof, in, on, upon, or by which any person or property may be transported or drawn upon a public highway except a device moved exclusively by human power, or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.
- C.** If a vehicle is parked on a street, alley, or lane, or other public right of way while in the custody, control, or possession of a public vehicle parking business or a vehicle sales, repair, or servicing business for the purpose of being parked or stored, offered for sale, lease, or rent, or being serviced or repaired, it is prima facie evidence that the person engaged in such business caused or permitted such vehicle to be so parked.
- D.** It is unlawful for any business entity to store more than one vehicle on any block face between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

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- E.** The owner of the business, operator of the business, or the owner of the property where the business is located shall be the party responsible for any violation of this Section.

**16.20.170 Storing Property on Street Prohibited.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 165594, 172788 and 176955, effective October 9, 2002.)

- A.** No person may store, or permit to be stored, a vehicle or other personal property on public right-of-way or other public property in excess of 24 hours without permission of the City Engineer, the City Traffic Engineer, or the Bureau of Development Services.
- B.** Failure to operate and move a vehicle or move nonvehicular property off of the block face within a 24-hour period constitutes prima facie evidence of storage and may be abated.
- C.** Nonvehicular property stored for any amount of time in a metered space or regulated parking zone is a nuisance and may be summarily abated.
- D.** Notwithstanding section A above, vehicles described in section 16.20.120 H and I are subject to the limitations established in those sections.

**16.20.190 Successive Violations.**

- A.** After a citation for overtime parking has been issued and the cited vehicle remains parked or stopped within 500 feet on the same block face of where parked when cited for the previous violation, a separate violation occurs upon the expiration of each successive maximum period of parking time as designated by official signs, markings, or meters. A separate citation may be issued for each successive violation.
- B.** After a citation for unlawful parking other than overtime parking is issued and the cited vehicle remains parked or stopped within 500 feet on the same block face of where parked when cited for the previous violation and continues to park in violation of parking law(s), a separate violation occurs on the next calendar day from when the last citation was issued. A separate citation may be issued for each successive violation.

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#### **16.20.200 Regulated Parking Zones.**

##### **16.20.201 Purpose.**

Parking Zones are designated by the City Traffic Engineer to manage parking and traffic congestion in areas with special parking needs.

##### **16.20.203 Regulated Parking Zone Designations.**

- A.** Anyone may request that the City Traffic Engineer designate a regulated parking zone on any particular street or highway.
- B.** When evaluating designation of a regulated parking zone, factors the City Traffic Engineer may consider include:
  - 1.** The nature of land use within the block;
  - 2.** The volume of traffic;
  - 3.** The volume of parking;
  - 4.** The width of surface of the street;
  - 5.** The relationship between the need for parking space for the land use in the block, for the use of the regulated parking zone, and the need for parking space for the general public;
  - 6.** Patrons and prospective patrons of the places within the block or area to be served by the parking zone; and
  - 7.** The hours of day or night when use of the parking zone is necessary or most convenient.
- C.** The standard for determining the location and size of any regulated parking zone will be the public welfare.

##### **16.20.205 Enforcement of Regulated Parking Zones.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 176955, effective October 9, 2002.)

- A.** A sign which regulates the amount of time a vehicle may park such as “Parking 30 minutes”, is in effect from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, excluding City recognized holidays, unless the regulating sign shows other restrictions for days or hours.
- B.** A sign without stated hours or days which regulates parking zones such as “No Parking”, “No Parking This Block”, “Bus Zone”, or “Truck Loading Zone, No

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Parking Anytime” is in effect all hours of all days, including City recognized holidays.

- C.** A sign which prohibits parking during certain hours or days such as “No Parking 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday” or “Truck Loading Zone 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday” is in effect during the days and times shown on the sign, excluding City recognized holidays.
- D.** For a parking sign which has an arrow, the direction in which the head of the arrow points is the direction that the regulation is in effect.
- E.** It is unlawful to put nonvehicular property in a regulated parking zone without permission of the City Engineer, the City Traffic Engineer or the Bureau of Development Services. Any nonvehicular property stored in a regulated parking zone is a nuisance and may be summarily abated.

**16.20.210 No Parking Zones.**

No vehicle may park in any no-parking zone at any time. Vehicles may stop in a no parking zone for a period not to exceed 30 seconds only to load/unload passengers.

**16.20.213 No Stopping or Parking Zone.**

No vehicle may stop or park in any no parking or stopping zone.

**16.20.215 Theater Zone.**

A vehicle may not park in a theater zone while the theater adjacent to the zone is open to the public. Theater hours must be posted and clearly readable from the theater zone. Vehicles may stop for the purpose of loading/unloading passengers for a period not to exceed 30 seconds.

**16.20.220 Truck Loading Zones.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 165594, 166575, 176394 and 179141, effective March 23, 2005.)

- A.** Truck loading zones are established to prevent double parking and other illegal parking by designating a supply of parking spaces dedicated to the delivery of merchandise by trucks to commercial properties.
- B.** Only the following vehicles, while being actively loaded or unloaded, may park in a truck loading zone for no more than 30 minutes:
  - 1.** A truck as defined by this Title;

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2. A vehicle defined by its Department of Motor Vehicles registration as a truck, van, or pick-up that exhibits the commercial nature of the vehicle according to paragraph 6;
  3. A passenger or other vehicle with an official commercial loading permit as defined in Section 16.20.620 or delivery permit as defined in Section 16.20.630 that exhibits the commercial nature of the vehicle according to paragraph 6;
  4. Any vehicle with Farm Vehicle registration plates when actively engaged in loading/unloading merchandise; or
  5. Taxicabs with a current taxicab permit as defined in Section 16.40.220 when actively engaged in loading/unloading passengers or packages, for a period not to exceed 15 minutes.
  6. Commercial signage required by this section must be:
    - a. On both sides of the vehicle;
    - b. Magnetic, static cling vinyl (which may not be used on tinted windows), decals or permanently painted;
    - c. No smaller than 8 1/2" by 11";
    - d. In 2-inch or larger lettering;
    - e. In a color that clearly contrasts with the color on which the lettering is displayed; and
    - f. In lettering that is clearly visible at a distance of 20 feet.
- C. Upon leaving a truck loading zone, a vehicle must vacate the block face of said truck loading zone or move 500 feet as measured along the curb line for a period of 1 hour before returning to a truck loading zone, a time zone, or a metered space, on the same block face.
- D. Truck loading zones should not be located within 50 feet of an intersection in order to facilitate traffic safety. This does not apply to the area of the street where the direction of traffic is leaving an intersection on a one-way street.

#### **16.20.230 Bus Zone.**

Only a motor bus may park in a bus zone.

**16.20.235     Tri-Met Bus Zone.**

No vehicle may park in any Tri-Met Bus Zone, except:

- A.**     A Tri-Met Bus or a contract or franchise bus of Tri-Met while passenger loading/unloading for a period not to exceed 2 minutes;
- B.**     When allowed by the terms of a contract or franchise with the City of Portland for a period not to exceed 2 minutes; or
- C.**     A taxicab for a period not to exceed 15 minutes. Taxicabs may not use Tri-Met bus zones during the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- D.**     The buses described in subsections A and B may park in a designated Tri-Met bus lay over zone for a period not to exceed 30 minutes.

**16.20.240     Taxi Zone.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 176394, effective April 17, 2002.)

- A.**     Location of taxi zones will be determined by the City Traffic Engineer with the advice of the Taxicab Regulation Supervisor.
- B.**     No vehicle may park in a taxi zone except a taxicab operated by authority of a current taxicab company permit and displaying a current taxi plate issued pursuant to PCC 16.40.710 E.
- C.**     No taxicab driver may leave a vehicle unattended in a taxi zone adjacent to a fire hydrant for any reason.
- D.**     No person may leave a taxicab unattended in any taxi zone not adjacent to a fire hydrant except when assisting passengers to enter or alight from the taxicab or to carry a passenger's baggage or when delivering packages, and then for a period not to exceed 15 minutes.
- E.**     No person may make repairs to a taxicab parked in a Taxi Zone.

**16.20.250     Disabled Person Zone.**

No vehicle may stop or park in a disabled zone except:

- A.**     a vehicle transporting a disabled person with an official disabled person placard issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
- B.**     a vehicle with official disabled registration plates while transporting a disabled person; or

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- C. a Tri-Met bus loading/unloading disabled passengers.

#### **16.20.260 Time Zones.**

- A. A vehicle may park in a time zone only for a period not to exceed the posted time limit.
- B. A vehicle may not return to a time zone in the same block face or within 500 feet of where previously parked on the same block face for a 3-hour period.
- C. Upon expiration of the designated time limit, as indicated by the parking zone sign, a citation may be issued if a vehicle remains parked or stopped on the same block face unless:
  - 1. The vehicle has moved 500 or more lineal feet, measured along the curb or edge line;
  - 2. The vehicle has moved to an unregulated parking area in the same block face; or
  - 3. The vehicle has vacated the block face for 3 hours.

#### **16.20.270 Carpool Zone.**

No vehicle may park in a carpool zone during designated hours except vehicles displaying a current carpool permit.

#### **16.20.280 Official/Reserved Zones.**

- A. An official/reserved zone is a parking area reserved for specific vehicles.
- B. No vehicle may park in an official/reserved zone unless authorized as indicated by the sign or markings of the zone.

#### **16.20.400 Metered Parking Zones.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 179141, effective March 23, 2005.)

#### **16.20.401 Purpose.**

Parking meters are authorized by the City of Portland as a means to increase vehicle turnover in parking spaces, to encourage short-term parking in the metered area, and to improve safety in the public right-of-way.



**16.20.405      Enforcement of Metered Parking Spaces.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 179141, effective March 23, 2005.)

- A.      Parking meters are in effect during all hours indicated on the meter and/or sign.
- B.      All vehicles must adhere to parking meter regulations while stopped or parked in an officially designated metered parking space unless obeying the direction of an authorized officer or unless authorized for specific actions by a vehicle or general parking permit.
- C.      Emergency vehicles may stop or park in any metered space at any time while serving an emergency.
- D.      It is unlawful to store nonvehicular property in a metered parking space. Any nonvehicular property stored in a metered parking space is a nuisance and may be summarily abated.

**16.20.410      Administration of Meters, City of Portland Owned and Operated Property.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 179141, effective March 23, 2005.)

- A.      Changes to or establishment of parking meter areas, including but not limited to surface parking lots, parking structures and designated parking areas, is initiated at the sole discretion of the City Traffic Engineer.
- B.      The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to enter into agreements with City Bureaus or other public bodies in order to operate their surface parking lots, parking structures or designated parking areas within the City of Portland.

**16.20.420      Determination of Meter District Boundaries.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 173627, 179141 and 182389, effective January 2, 2009.)

- A.      Changes to or establishment of a parking meter district is initiated at the sole discretion of the City Traffic Engineer.
- B.      Before expanding or establishing a new parking meter district on public-right-of-way, the City Traffic Engineer must conduct a public hearing on the proposed meter district. All properties within 400 feet of and all City recognized neighborhood and business associations within 1000 feet of the proposed meter district shall be mailed notice of the public hearing at least 20 days prior to the hearing.
- C.      Meter district boundaries will be proposed in the text of a report to the City Council. All persons registering their attendance at the public hearing shall be mailed notice of the City Council meeting at least 20 days prior to the meeting.

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- D.** The City Traffic Engineer may consider the following factors when determining a parking meter district boundary:
  - 1.** The amount of area presently under parking sign controls.
  - 2.** Adjacent property owner and property tenant demand and interest in having metered parking control.
  - 3.** Need for increased turnover of parking spaces and public right-of-way management.
  - 4.** Mitigation of traffic and parking impact on adjacent areas.
  - 5.** Impact on current parking meter district enforcement.
- E.** Current meter district boundaries shall be listed in the Bureau of Transportation's Rules and Procedures Manual.

#### **16.20.430 Meter Time (on City of Portland Right-of-Way).**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 176394 and 179141, effective March 23, 2005.)

- A.** It is unlawful for any person to park any vehicle in any parking meter space during the hours of operation of the meter without paying the parking meter fee, or to permit any vehicle in their control or custody to remain in any parking meter space longer than the time designated time limit.
- B.** At short-term meters, it is unlawful to extend the parking time beyond the designated limit for parking in the metered space.
- C.** Upon expiration of the designated time limit, as indicated by the parking meter, a citation may be issued if a vehicle remains parked or stopped on the same block face unless it has moved 500 or more lineal feet as measured along the curb or edge line.
- D.** Upon leaving a metered space a vehicle may not return to a parking meter in the same block face for a 3-hour period, unless it is a metered space in the same block face that is more than 500 lineal feet, as measured along the curb or curb line, from the previously used metered space.
- E.** Upon expiration of the designated time limit indicated by the parking meter, a citation may be issued if a vehicle remains parked or stopped on the same block face unless:

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1. The vehicle has moved 500 or more lineal feet, measured along the curb or edge line;
  2. The vehicle has moved to an unregulated parking area in the same block face; or
  3. The vehicle has vacated the block face for a period of 3 hours.
- F. A vehicle may not be parked in any space with a broken or “out of order” meter for a period of time longer than the time limit indicated on the meter. Payment or a valid receipt is required at all spaces regardless of whether the closest device is functioning.

**16.20.431 City of Portland Owned or Operated Property.**

(Added by Ordinance Nos. 179141 and 182389, effective January 2, 2009.)

- A. It is unlawful for any person to park any vehicle in any parking space during the hours of operation without paying the parking meter fee, or displaying a valid receipt, or to permit any vehicle in their control or custody to remain parked without payment of meter fees or displaying a valid receipt.
- B. It is unlawful for any person to park any vehicle with an invalid or unexpired permit or failure to display the valid permit according to the City of Portland, Bureau of Transportation Administrative Rules.
- C. Improper use of a permit by a permit holder will result in cancellation of that permit.
- D. After a citation for violation has been issued and the cited vehicle remains parked or stopped, when cited for the previous violation, a separate violation occurs upon the expiration of each successive maximum period of parking time as designated by official signs, markings, or meters. A separate citation may be issued for each successive violation.

**16.20.440 Meter Fees.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 176394, effective April 17, 2002.) A sign or legend which indicates the interval of time for which parking is permitted and the fee payable for the time interval must be posted on all meters. The parking meter fee must be paid with U.S. coins or a payment card by the person parking the vehicle, except:

- A. During all the days and the hours that a meter fee is not required as indicated on the meter.

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- B.** A vehicle with a commercial or delivery permit and a vehicle allowed to use truck loading zones by right may use any metered parking space without charge on any day between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for a maximum of 30 minutes while engaged in loading/ unloading merchandise.
- C.** Any government vehicle, so identified by public registration plates, may park without fee for the maximum time limit allowable at any metered parking space.
- D.** A vehicle with a current permit authorizing parking at a meter without payment of the meter fee, as defined in Section 16.20.500 and 16.20.600.
- E.** A vehicle, for the sole purpose of loading/unloading passengers, for a period not to exceed 30 seconds.

#### **16.20.445 Pay Stations.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 176394, effective April 17, 2002.)

- A.** It is unlawful to park or permit to be parked any vehicle in a space metered by a pay station without properly displaying proof of payment.
- B.** Proper display of proof of payment means affixing the receipt to the interior of the curbside window of the vehicle in such a manner that the expiration time and date are readily visible from the exterior. For motorcycles, receipts shall be affixed where clearly visible.

#### **16.20.450 Obstruction of Meters.**

No vehicle or other property may obstruct access to a parking meter in a manner which prevents deposit of coins in the meter, visibility of the meter instructions or time limit, or visibility of any signs mounted on the meter pipe. A vehicle or other property in violation of this section is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is subject to summary abatement.

#### **16.20.460 Parking Space Reservation.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 176394 and 179141, effective March 23, 2005.)

- A.** A parking space may be reserved by securing a meter hood over a single-space parking meter or by placing a space reservation marker on the sidewalk near the curb of the parking space according to the permit's administrative regulations.
- B.** A vehicle parked prior to placement of a space reservation device will not be considered parked in violation until it is parked longer than the time limit indicated on the meter.

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- C.** The issuance and use of parking meter hoods is permissive and will not be construed to vest any privilege or property right to the permittee. Hoods, padlocks, and keys remain the property of the City.
- D.** The permittee will be charged a fee for replacement and administrative costs for parking meter hoods which are lost, damaged or vandalized.
- E.** A fee will be charged to the permittee when a meter hood is not returned on the date designated.
- F.** The permittee will be charged an additional fee for each hood which is retrieved by City personnel.
- G.** The sign(s), meter hoods, or other devices designating a reserved area may only be used to reserve the number of parking spaces or total street frontage as allowed by the permit.

**16.20.470 Injury to or Theft From Meters; Unauthorized Possession of Implements, Invalid Receipt.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 170923; amended by 176394 and 179141, effective March 23, 2005.)

- A.** It is unlawful for any person to deface, injure, tamper with, willfully break, destroy, or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed in public streets, public places, or elsewhere in the City, or to open or remove the same without lawful authority.
- B.** It is unlawful for any person without lawful authority to remove any coin box or the money content of such coin box or the contents of any parking meter or part thereof.
- C.** It is unlawful for any person to knowingly manufacture, duplicate, possess, or use any tool, key, implement or device designed to force, break, unlock, or otherwise gain entry to any parking meter maintained by the City unless authorized to do so by the City Traffic Engineer.
- D.** Injury to or theft from each meter as described in Subsection A and possession of each item described in Subsections B and C is a separate offense. For each such offense, in addition to the penalties otherwise provided in this Code, a court may order restitution to the City of the damages incurred for repair or re-keying parking meters as a result of injury to the meters or the use or possession of the items described in Subsection C.

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- E.** It is unlawful for any person to duplicate, copy, use or otherwise falsify a parking payment receipt.
- F.** It is unlawful for any person to damage, deface, or remove a space reservation device.

#### **16.20.500 General Parking Permits.**

##### **16.20.501 Purpose.**

General parking permits may be issued to reserve public right-of-way areas for use by designated parties. The City Traffic Engineer may issue permits, parking meter hoods, signs, or other devices to temporarily reserve public right-of-way areas outside of the Special Traffic Control District (17.23). Within the Special Traffic Control District, the City Engineer may issue a general parking permit. General parking permits may apply in designated parking zones, at parking meters, or elsewhere depending on the specifications of the permit. This section will describe each general parking permit and the regulations for enforcement of the permit.

##### **16.20.503 Current Approval Required Before Use.**

- A.** All general parking permits, including meter hoods, must have current approval of the City Engineer or the City Traffic Engineer at the time the permit is used by the permittee.
- B.** The City Traffic Engineer or City Engineer may deny a general parking permit application based on a demonstrated history of improper use by the applicant during the previous 12 months.
- C.** No permit will be issued to any applicant who has an outstanding balance due for prior violation(s) of or outstanding fees for permits issued by the City Traffic Engineer.
- D.** The City Traffic Engineer may require insurance to indemnify the City from liability before issuing a general parking permit.
- E.** Replacement permit cards may be issued by the City Traffic Engineer upon receipt of a fee from the permittee.
- F.** A decision of the City Traffic Engineer regarding the issuance of a general parking permit may be appealed to the Code Hearings Officer according to Title 22 of the Portland City Code.

**16.20.505 All Traffic Laws Apply to Permit Holder.**

All permit holders and permitted vehicles are subject to all traffic laws and regulations not explicitly superseded by the permit.

**16.20.510 Construction Area Permit.**

- A.** A construction area permit will only be issued to a person with an official street use permit, a street opening permit, a temporary street closure permit, or who is performing minor modifications or clean-up activities.
- B.** A construction area permit allows placement of building materials, equipment, or commercial vehicles necessary for the performance of the work in the public right-of-way. A meter hood/sign may only be used to establish a construction area when the parking of the vehicle is essential to the performance of the construction work. A vehicle not allowed by right to park in truck loading zone and vehicles being used to transport small tools are not essential in this regard and are not allowed in any construction area unless specifically authorized by the permit.
- C.** No vehicle may park in a construction area unless authorized by the construction area permit. Identification cards may be required for authorization of the vehicle.

**16.20.520 Maintenance Hood Permit.**

A maintenance hood permit allows a person to secure parking meter hoods on parking meters near areas where work is being performed. Permit users must obey administrative regulations of the permit and regulations regarding parking meter hood use (16.20.460).

**16.20.530 Temporary Truck Loading Area Permit.**

- A.** A temporary truck loading permit may be issued to any person proving need for the permit. The temporary truck loading area must be designated by portable signs or parking meter hoods or as otherwise designated by the administrative instructions of the permit. The signs, meter hoods, or other devices designating the area may only be used where allowed by the permit.
- B.** No vehicle may park in a temporary truck loading area unless authorized by the temporary truck loading area permit.

**16.20.540 Angle Loading Permit.**

An angle loading permit may be granted by the City Traffic Engineer to facilitate the loading/unloading of vehicles, subject to the following provisions:

- A.** When angle parked, the permittee must be actively engaged in loading/ unloading the vehicle.

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- B.** The permit will be authorized when necessary because of the weight or size of the merchandise being loaded/unloaded and the physical constraints of the loading area.
- C.** Angle loading/unloading will be subject to the time limit established by the City Traffic Engineer for each individual permit.
- D.** In the case of a tractor and trailer combination, the tractor may be required to be removed and parked separately.
- E.** The City Traffic Engineer may require a traffic control plan to be implemented as a condition of the permit.
- F.** The City Traffic Engineer may require insurance to indemnify the City for liability related to permit use.

#### **16.20.550 Travel Lane Parking Permit.** (Amended by Ord. No. 165594, July 8, 1992.)

- A.** A street closure permit must be obtained from the City Engineer per Title 17.44.020 for the following purposes:
  - 1.** Facilitating construction, demolition or installation of facilities on public or private property.
  - 2.** Restricting vehicular use of an unimproved street for the protection of the public or to eliminate a neighborhood nuisance.
  - 3.** Providing for special events, such as block parties or neighborhood fairs.
- B.** The City Traffic Engineer may issue a travel lane closure permit for any other purpose, and, as a condition of the permit, require:
  - 1.** A traffic control plan to be implemented; and
  - 2.** Insurance to indemnify the City for liability related to permit use.

#### **16.20.560 Special Use Permit.** (Amended by Ordinance Nos. 173627 and 182389, effective January 2, 2009.)

- A.** Special use permits will be limited to uses where the firm or individual requires reserved parking lane space to perform a specific task. Permitted uses may include: crane placement or operation, bus loading, mobile medical facilities,



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funeral vehicles, wedding vehicles, special events, security for visiting dignitaries, and other special restrictions deemed necessary by the Police Bureau or Bureau of Transportation. Special use permits will not be issued to allow the display or sale of merchandise.

- B.** No vehicle may park in a special use permit area unless authorized by the special use permit.

**16.20.595 Improper Use.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 170923 and 179141, effective March 23, 2005.)

- A.** It is a violation to improperly use a permit, meter hood, sign, or curb marking, and will be cause for the revocation of the permit, meter hood, sign, or curb marking. A citation or a civil penalty will be assessed of up to \$1,000 by the City Traffic Engineer. Upon notice of revocation, the permit and/or meter hood(s) must immediately be returned to the City Traffic Engineer.
- B.** The permit applicant is fully responsible for any violation of the conditions of the permit.
- C.** All fees paid will be forfeited in the event of revocation. All fines are due within 30 days after the fine is levied. All civil penalties assessed by the City Traffic Engineer are due within 30 days unless an appeal is made.
- D.** Decisions of the City Traffic Engineer regarding the revocation of a general parking permit may be appealed to the Code Hearings Officer according to the provisions of Title 22 of the Portland City Code.

**16.20.600 Vehicle Parking Permits.**

**16.20.601 Purpose.**

A vehicle permit may be issued to allow a vehicle to legally park in violation of specific parking regulations. A vehicle permit may apply in a designated parking zone, parking meter, or elsewhere depending on the specifications of the permit.

**16.20.603 Current Approval Required Before Use.**

- A.** All vehicle permits, including meter hoods, must have current approval of the City Traffic Engineer at the time the permit is used by the permittee.
- B.** The City Traffic Engineer may deny a vehicle permit application based on a demonstrated history of permit abuse by the applicant during the previous 12-month period.

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- C.** Unless otherwise specified, all vehicle permits issued by authority of this Section will expire January 1, following the calendar year in which the permit was issued.
- D.** A duplicate permit may be issued by the City Traffic Engineer upon receipt of a replacement application and fee from the permittee.
- E.** No permit will be issued to any applicant who has an outstanding balance due for prior violation(s) of permits issued by the City Traffic Engineer.
- F.** Decisions of the City Traffic Engineer regarding the issuance of vehicle permits may be appealed to the Code Hearings Officer according to the provisions of Title 22 of the Portland City Code.

#### **16.20.605 All Traffic Laws Apply to Permit Holder.**

All permit holders and permitted vehicles are subject to all traffic laws and regulations not explicitly superseded by the permit.

#### **16.20.610 Media Permit.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 176394, effective April 17, 2002.) A media permit allows parking in any area designated by the permit. This permit may be issued to a radio or television station and to a newspaper. The permit may contain restrictions as deemed necessary by the City Traffic Engineer.

#### **16.20.620 Commercial Permit.**

A commercial permit allows parking in any area designated by the permit. The permit may contain restrictions as deemed necessary by the City Traffic Engineer.

#### **16.20.630 Delivery Permit.**

A delivery permit allows parking in any area designated by the permit. This permit may contain restrictions deemed necessary by the City Traffic Engineer.

#### **16.20.640 Disabled Person Permit.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 166575, 170923, 179141, 181507, 181914, 182345, 182935, 184628, 185036, 185785, 186096 and 186394, effective December 19, 2013.)

- A.** A vehicle with an official disabled person registration plate, while transporting a disabled person, or a vehicle while transporting a person with an official disabled person placard issued by a state Department of Motor Vehicles, may park:
  - 1.** In any space designated for a vehicle with a disabled person parking permit for any amount of time (subject to on-street storage regulations);
  - 2.** In any metered or nonmetered space with a designated time limit of 30 minutes or more for any amount of time without fee; or

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3. In any metered or nonmetered space with a designated time limit of less than 30 minutes for a period of time not to exceed the designated time limit with fee, if applicable, except in any space reserved for special types of vehicles or activities; e.g., truck loading zones, carpool zones, area parking permit areas.
- B.** A vehicle with a program placard issued under ORS 811.607 may park as provided under ORS 811.637.
- C.** Penalties:
1. Unlawful use: if a person is not a disabled person and is not transporting the holder of a disabled parking permit to or from the parking location and the person uses a disabled parking permit to exercise parking privileges under this Section, that person commits unlawful use under Oregon Revised Statutes.
  2. Misuse: if a driver uses a disabled parking permit for any purpose other than exercising the privileges granted, the driver commits permit misuse under Oregon Revised Statutes.
- D.** A vehicle with an official disabled persons permit issued under ORS 811.602, 811.603, 811.604, 811.605, 811.606, 811.607, 811.608, and 811.609, or by the authority of another state, may park as provided under ORS 811.637.
- E.** Penalties:
1. Invalid use of a disabled persons parking permit occurs if:
    - a. Driver uses a disabled parking permit that has been previously reported lost or stolen,
    - b. Has been altered, was issued to a person who is deceased at the time of the citation,
    - c. Has not been issued under ORS 811.602, or by the authority of another state,
    - d. Is a photocopy or other reproduction of a permit,
    - e. The permit is displayed without the permit number and expiration date clearly displayed

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- F.** Parking privileges for vehicle parking utilizing Section 16.20.640 will be extended under Senate Bill 716 Section 7 (3). All regulations within this Section will be granted and enforced; this Section will expire on June 30, 2014.

#### **16.20.645 Wheelchair User Disabled Person Parking Permit.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 181507, effective January 1, 2008.)

- A.** A vehicle with a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal issued by a state Department of Motor Vehicles, while transporting a disabled person, or a vehicle while transporting a person with a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal, may park:
- 1.** In any space designated for a vehicle with a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal for any amount of time (subject to on-street storage regulations);
  - 2.** In any metered or non-metered space with a designated time limit of 30 minutes or more for any amount of time without fee; or
  - 3.** In any metered or non-metered space with a designated time limit of less than 30 minutes for a period of time not to exceed the designated time limit with fee, if applicable, except in any space reserved for special types of vehicles or activities; e.g., truck loading zones, carpool zones, area parking permit areas.
- B.** A vehicle with a program placard issued under ORS 811.607 may park as provided under ORS 811.637.
- 1.** Penalties:
    - a.** Unlawful use: if a person is not a disabled person and is not transporting the holder of a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal to or from the parking location and the person uses a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal to exercise parking privileges under this Section, that person commits unlawful use under Oregon Revised Statutes.
    - b.** Misuse: if a driver uses a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal for any purpose other than exercising the privileges granted, the driver commits permit misuse under Oregon Revised Statutes.
- C.** A vehicle with a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal issued under ORS 811.602 through 811.637 or by the authority of another state with current Wheelchair User permit, may park as provided under ORS 811.637.
- 1.** Penalties:

- a.** Invalid use of a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal occurs if:
  - (1)** Driver uses a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal that has been previously reported lost or stolen,
  - (2)** Has been altered, was issued to a person who is deceased at the time of the citation,
  - (3)** Has not been issued under ORS 811.602, or by the authority of another state,
  - (4)** Is a photocopy or other reproduction of a permit,
  - (5)** The permit is displayed without the permit number and expiration date clearly displayed

**16.20.650 Government Permit.**

A government permit allows a vehicle displaying the permit to park in any area designated by the permit. The permit may contain restrictions as deemed necessary by the City Traffic Engineer.

**16.20.660 Nonprofit Permit.**

A nonprofit vehicle permit allows a vehicle displaying the permit to park in any area designated by the permit. This permit may be issued to a charitable organization when permit parking activities directly serve a charitable function. The permit may contain restrictions as deemed necessary by the City Traffic Engineer.

**16.20.670 Carpool Permit for Metered Parking.**

A vehicle with a carpool permit may park without payment of the meter fee only at any long-term metered parking space, or at spaces reserved for carpool permit parking.

**16.20.675 Carpool Zone Permit.**

A vehicle with a carpool zone permit may park in the area designated on the permit according to the rules of the permit.

**16.20.680 Other Permit.**

An other permit allows parking in any area designated on the permit. The permit may contain restrictions as deemed necessary by the City Traffic Engineer.

**16.20.695 Improper Use.**

- A.** The improper use of a permit, meter hood, or sign will be cause for the revocation of the permit, meter hood, or sign and/or for a fine to be levied by the City Traffic

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Engineer. Upon notice of revocation, the permit and/or meter hood(s) must immediately be returned to the City Traffic Engineer.

- B.** The vehicle permit applicant is fully responsible for any violation of the conditions of the permit.
- C.** All fees paid will be forfeited in the event of revocation. All fines will be due within 30 days after the fine is levied.
- D.** Decisions of the City Traffic Engineer regarding the revocation of a vehicle permit may be appealed to the Code Hearings Officer according to the provisions of Title 22 of the Portland City Code.

#### **16.20.800 Area Parking Permit Program.**

##### **16.20.801 Purpose.**

- A.** The area parking permit program is intended to increase access to residents and businesses, reduce traffic congestion, increase traffic/pedestrian safety, reduce air pollution, reduce noise pollution, prevent blighted areas, and promote the use of mass transit, car pooling, and other alternative modes of transportation.
- B.** The area parking permit program will reduce commuter traffic that originates from outside the permit area and has no apparent connection or business within the permit area. A guest who originates from outside the permit area but is visiting a resident or conducting business within the permit area may be provided a guest permit by the area permittee.
- C.** Each area that implements the parking permit program will have a unique set of parking needs. These needs will be based in part on the extent of the parking congestion; the cause(s) of the congestion; the proximity of the neighborhood to the parking generator(s); the mix of residential/nonresidential use; the number of guests visiting the area; the frequency of guests visiting the area; the availability of off-street parking; the types of parking problems in surrounding areas; the availability of alternative modes of transportation; the possibility of alternative parking solutions; and the physical layout and boundaries of the area.
- D.** Each area must meet the eligibility criteria (16.20.830) and follow the prescribed process (16.20.840) in order to form a permit program.
- E.** Area residents and businesses will be allowed to purchase a permit granting on-street parking privileges in the area where they reside or have their places of business. A permit will allow a vehicle under the legal control of a resident,

worker, or visitor, with a properly displayed permit decal or card, to exceed the area permit parking program time limits that are posted within a designated area.

**16.20.810 Definitions.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 165594 and 176394, effective April 17, 2002.)

- A. “Address”** is the street number and applicable apartment number for each dwelling unit, business, or other use. Each apartment or commercial unit is regarded as a unique address.
- B. “Annual permit fee”** is the annual fee for each business, guest, or resident permit decal. If a permit is issued on or after the first day of the seventh month in the permit year, the fee will be one half of the yearly permit fee. Replacement permits will be one half of the current permit fee.
- C. “Area business”** is any professional establishment or nonresident property owner whose business property is located within a permit area.
- D. “Area Parking Committee”** is the group of not less than two people and not more than five people (excluding alternates) appointed by the neighborhood association and business district association which implements an Area Permit Parking Program or, when a proposed permit program area is not within the boundaries of a listed business district association, by the neighborhood association whose residents represent the greatest number of addresses within a permit area. Area Parking Committees will assist the City Traffic Engineer in establishment of the Area Permit Parking Program, development of a Supplemental Plan Description, and ongoing review of the program.
- E. “Area resident”** is any person who resides within the permit area.
- F. “Area vehicle”** is one that originates from inside the permit area and/or has an apparent connection or business within the permit area.
- G. “Business District Association”** is any group listed by the Office of Neighborhood Associations to represent businesses of a geographic area within the City.
- H. “Business permit decal”** is the decal issued by the City Traffic Engineer for assignment to vehicles under the legal control of workers, customers, clients, or others while conducting business in the area.
- I. “Complimentary Hours Permit”** is the permit(s) granted to each area program permit holder for guest parking for special occasions.

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- J.** “**Effective hours**” are the days and hours during which the area permit program applies as defined by each individual Supplemental Plan.
- K.** “**Guest permit decal**” is the decal issued by the City Traffic Engineer to a permittee to identify any vehicle(s) under the legal control of guests during periods when guests are actually visiting at the permittee’s address.
- L.** “**Improper use**” has occurred when a permit holder violates the provisions described on the permit application. Improper use will lead to penalties as described in 16.20.860.
- M.** “**Neighborhood association**” is any group recognized by the Office of Neighborhood Associations to represent residents of a geographic area within the City.
- N.** “**Non-permitted vehicle**” is any vehicle which does not display a current permit decal for the Area Permit Parking Program Area in which it is parked.
- O.** “**Permit area**” is any area as designated by an initiating petition or as modified in the boundary description.
- P.** “**Permit decal**” (generally) means any resident, business, and guest decal issued by the City Traffic Engineer to residents and businesses in permit areas. Permit decals must be clearly identified as belonging to a specific permit area, for use during a specified permit year, and proper for only one of the following permits: resident, business, or guest. These decals must be displayed in the manner described in the administrative rules for Area Parking Permit decals. Permit decals expire on the last day of the permit year in which they are issued.
- Q.** “**Permit program**” is any Area Permit Parking Program created and administered under this Code Chapter 16.20.800.
- R.** “**Permit year**” is the 12-month period set for the administration of an Area Permit Parking Program by consent of the City Traffic Engineer and the Area Parking Committee.
- S.** “**Permitted vehicle**” is any vehicle which properly displays the correct permit decal, or temporary permit issued by the City Traffic Engineer for use on such vehicle.
- T.** “**Program administrator**” is designated by the City Traffic Engineer to administer an Area Permit Parking Program. Program administrator responsibilities include routine program administration, consulting with the Area



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Parking Committee to amend or interpret the Supplemental Plan Description, and giving approval or denial to proposed permit program provisions.

- U. **“Resident permit decal”** is a decal issued by the City Traffic Engineer to a resident to identify the vehicle(s) under the resident’s legal control as permitted vehicle(s).
- V. **“Supplemental plan description”** is the document established by the Area Parking Committee and the program administrator. It details the Area Parking Permit Program policies and procedures in accordance with Code Chapter 16.20.800.
- W. **“Temporary permit”** is used in lieu of an annual permit decal on vehicles. The purpose of a temporary permit is for display in a vehicle under the legal control of an applicant without sufficient proof to obtain a permanent permit, for the usage of complimentary hours, or for construction projects. Applicants will be charged a fee for each vehicle they register with the exception of complimentary permit hours. The Area Parking Committees may establish any additional terms and conditions for use of temporary permit cards.
- X. **“Unauthorized permit”** is the display of any permit decal not assigned to that vehicle as defined in the supplemental plan description.
- Y. **“Vehicle of record”** is the vehicle which a permit holder has registered for a permit decal with the Program Administrator.

**16.20.830 Area Eligibility.**

All of the following eligibility criteria must be met before the area will be considered for the area parking permit program:

- A. There must exist at some time during the day an occupancy rate of 75 percent or more of the existing on-street parking spaces. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the vehicles occupying the on-street spaces must be other than area vehicles. Vehicles that originate from outside the proposed permit program area but are visiting a resident or conducting business in the proposed permit program area will not be considered a commuter vehicle. This occupancy rate must occur at least 4 days per week and the neighborhood association, the business district association, and the City Traffic Engineer must agree that this occupancy will occur for a minimum of 9 months per year.
- B. The requesting area must consist of a minimum of 40 block faces or 8,000 lineal feet of curb space.

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- C.** An area that feels it is adversely affected by parking and is requesting permit parking must work through its neighborhood association or business district association as defined in City Code Section 3.96.020 and 3.96.030. If the area is not formally organized, it should directly contact the Office of the Neighborhood Associations for assistance. The Office of the Neighborhood Associations must review the request and discuss the eligibility of that area to form a neighborhood association or business district association in conformance with the criteria established.
- D.** The City Traffic Engineer must agree that the area permit parking program would promote benefits within the designated area.

  - 1.** Benefits may include, but are not limited to: increased access to area residents and businesses, reduced traffic congestion, increased traffic/pedestrian safety, reduced air/noise pollution, prevention of blighted areas, increased neighborhood unity, and promoting the use of alternative modes of transportation.
  - 2.** Adverse effects that may prevent implementation include, but are not limited to: transferring the problem to a different area, inability to effectively enforce program restrictions, lack of alternative modes of transportation, availability of simpler, cheaper solutions, and the legal existence of more than one firm with 50 or more employees that could not operate under the permit system constraints.

#### **16.20.840 Process.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 170923, effective March 21, 1997.) The following process must be followed to establish area permit parking programs:

- A.** An area may apply to participate in a permit program through a community-initiated petition with signatures representing 50 percent of the affected addresses (one signature per address) to be submitted to the neighborhood association and the business district association. This petition shall include:

  - 1.** The parking problem;
  - 2.** The probable cause of the problem;
  - 3.** The proposed boundaries of the congested area;
  - 4.** The number of individual addresses in the congested area; and
  - 5.** The permit fees of the program.

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- B.** The neighborhood association and business district association shall discuss the request with the City Traffic Engineer to determine if there are any conditions (as specified in 16.20.830 D above) that would prevent the implementation of a area permit parking program. If the City Traffic Engineer recommends that the application process continue, the neighborhood association and the business district association must work with the area to determine its eligibility and appoint an area parking committee.
- C.** Upon receipt of the petition, the City Traffic Engineer must initiate a preliminary investigation to verify that the area meets the criteria.
- D.** Based on the findings of the investigations, the City Traffic Engineer will determine if a proposed area is eligible for an area parking permit program.
- E.** If an area is approved as eligible, the City Traffic Engineer may propose a program and mail this program and notice of a public meeting to all addresses in the proposal area. After the public meeting, the proposal will be refined and a ballot prepared. The City Traffic Engineer may expand or contract (if larger than the minimum) the proposed area to conform to major physical boundaries such as arterial roadways, rivers, hills, ridges, or political boundaries such as neighborhood boundaries or to protect projected impact areas as determined by the professional engineering or planning staff.
- F.** A ballot will be mailed to all addresses within the proposed area within 30 days after the last public meeting. The legal occupant of an address is eligible to vote. This ballot must be received by the City Traffic Engineer on or before the date specified in the mailing. A minimum of 50 percent of the ballots must be received, of which 60 percent must be “yes” votes, to approve the program.
- G.** If the vote in Paragraph F. is negative, a minimum of 12 months must elapse before any new proposal can be initiated.
- H.** If the vote in Paragraph F. of this Section is positive, the City Traffic Engineer will submit to the City Council an ordinance authorizing the permit system and required funding. If approved by Council, the City Traffic Engineer will notify all addresses of the approval and enclose application materials. Permit fees from at least 50 percent of the addresses must be collected prior to the installation of signs.
- I.** The program will renew annually, unless:

  - 1.** The City Traffic Engineer receives a petition, representing 50 percent of the addresses within the designated permit program area, requesting termination of the program. After receipt of a valid petition, the City

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Traffic Engineer will mail a ballot to the program area according to subsection F. The vote must be completed before the program will be terminated; or

2. The designated area does not meet the rules or procedures established by the City Traffic Engineer.
- J.** Changes to boundaries of existing permit areas desired by area residents must be made according to the following procedure:
1. The City Traffic Engineer must determine that the resulting permit area will meet the minimum standards for permit areas established in 16.20.830.
  2. The changes must be approved by the City Traffic Engineer and by a majority of the Area Parking Committee.
  3. The City Traffic Engineer will mail a ballot to the addresses of the area to be annexed into or deleted from the permit area. The completed ballot must be received by the City Traffic Engineer on or before the date specified in the mailing. A minimum of 50 percent of the ballots must be received, of which 60 percent must be “yes” votes, to approve the changes.
  4. If the vote in is negative, a minimum of 12 months must elapse before any new proposal can be initiated.

#### **16.20.850 Program Administration.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 177006 and 183829, effective July 1, 2010.)

- A.** For each Area Permit Parking Program, the City Traffic Engineer will guide the area in establishment, evaluation, revision, or termination of the Area Permit Parking Program by:
1. Meeting with the Area Parking Committee;
  2. Planning and coordinating registration and enforcement; and
  3. Completing any other such duties described in the Supplemental Plan Description.
- B.** Annual Review of Program Fees: Services charges and fees are reviewed annually and updated per the City’s financial policy, and are effective with the adoption of the annual budget.

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Notification of Fee Changes and Permit Renewal: A current listing of service charges and fees will be made available to the public.

- C. It is the obligation of area residents and businesses to apply for permit decals in a timely manner and in accordance with Code Chapter 16.20 and the appropriate Supplemental Plan Description. Applicants must present authorized documentation to the City Traffic Engineer as follows:
  - 1. An area resident must present proof of current occupancy and current proof of vehicle control. A person using a vehicle owned by another must present a notarized statement from the owner stating that the vehicle has been assigned to the applicant for their personal use.
  - 2. An area business must present proof of current occupancy and a payroll record or a list of employees and the hours each employee works per week.
- D. An area business is eligible to purchase business permit decals for workers in accordance with the supplemental plan description. The number of business permit decals which may be issued to an area business must be defined in each permit area's supplemental plan description.
- E. One guest permit decal may be issued to each address for an area permit decal. A guest permit decal may not be converted to a business permit decal. Additional guest permit decals may be issued to an address according to the rules of each Supplemental Plan Description.
- F. It is the obligation of the permit holder to notify the City Traffic Engineer of loss or theft of a permit decal within 3 business days. The permit holder may purchase a replacement for one half of the current fee, unless the City Traffic Engineer has disallowed purchase by the purchase holder under the penalty provision of 16.20.860.

**16.20.860 Violation and Enforcement.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 165594 and 179141, effective March 23, 2005.)

- A. A permitted vehicle which is parked in accordance with posted Area Permit Parking Program signing and in accordance with parking regulations generally (Chapter 16.20) is permitted to be parked in excess of the visitor parking time limit. An area parking permit does not allow parking in restricted parking zones (16.20.200).
- B. Display of an area parking permit does not convey any privileges other than that of exceeding the posted permit parking visitor time limit. It does not authorize

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parking in any other restricted zone. Permitted vehicles are subject to the provisions of 16.20.170. (Storing Property on street is prohibited.)

- C.** During permit designated hours, it is unlawful for a nonpermitted vehicle to:
  - 1.** Exceed the maximum visitor time limit allowed within the signed permit area;
  - 2.** Return to the signed permit area for a period of 12 hours after parking for any time period.
- D.** The permit holder is responsible for all improper use (16.20.810.L.) of any assigned permit decal(s), unless previously reported as lost or stolen. If investigation verifies improper use, the permit holder will be penalized as described below.
  - 1.** A fine will be assessed for each permit decal in violation. This fine shall be payable and due within 30 days following the violation.
  - 2.** No additional permits will be issued to the permit holder until all fines have been paid.
- E.** It is unlawful for a vehicle to display an unauthorized permit. A vehicle displaying an unauthorized permit may be cited, or a fine assessed for each violation. The fine shall be payable and due within 30 days of the violation.
- F.** Improper use of a decal by a permit holder will result in cancellation of that permit decal for a period of 12 months. Further improper use of a permit decal by that permit holder within a 24-month period will additionally render the permit holder disqualified from purchasing any Area Parking Program Permit for two subsequent permit years.
- G.** Decisions of the City Traffic Engineer regarding the revocation or refusal to issue a permit may be appealed to the Code Hearings Office according to the provisions of Title 22 of the Portland City Code.
- H.** It is unlawful for a vehicle to improperly display any authorized permit, as outlined in the City of Portland, Transportation Administrative Rule.

#### **16.20.900 City Owned Parking Garages.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 183979; amended by Ordinance No. 185351, effective June 22, 2012.)

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**16.20.910 Rules of Conduct.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 185351, effective June 22, 2012.) The Bureau of Transportation Business Services Division Manager shall be authorized to develop and enforce Rules of Conduct for City Parking Garages and require all persons to obey the Rules of Conduct. City Parking Garages include any publicly or privately owned real property, and the buildings, structures and facilities thereon, placed under the jurisdiction of the City for parking garage purposes, and includes all land granted to the City for such purposes. Any person who fails to comply with the Rules of Conduct for City Parking Garages or the reasonable direction of the Person in Charge, may be excluded as provided in this Section.

- A.** Person in Charge is defined in ORS 164.205(5) and includes, but is not limited to, any of the following while acting in the scope of employment, agency or duty:

  - 1.** Any peace officer as defined by Oregon law and any reserve officer of the Portland Police Bureau;
  - 2.** Any person providing security services in City Parking Garage pursuant to any contract with the City, or with any person, firm or corporation managing City parking garages or City leased properties on the City's behalf; and/or,
  - 3.** Any person specifically designated in writing as the Person in Charge by the Commissioner in Charge of the Bureau of Transportation or by the Transportation Business Services Division Manager.
- B.** City Parking Garage Exclusions. Any Person in Charge may exclude any person who violates any Rule of Conduct while in or upon any City Parking Garage, from all City Parking Garages for a period of 180 days.

  - 1.** The notice of exclusion shall be in writing, given to the person excluded and signed by the Person in Charge. It shall specify the dates and places of exclusion. It shall contain a warning of consequences for failure to comply with the notice of exclusion and information concerning the right to appeal the exclusion.
  - 2.** A person receiving a notice of exclusion may appeal, in writing, to the Code Hearings Officer in accordance with the provisions of Title 22 of the Code to have the notice of exclusion rescinded. Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 22, the appeal to the Code Hearings Officer shall be filed within 5 days of issuance of the notice of exclusion, unless extended by the Code Hearings Officer for good cause shown. The sworn statement of the Person in Charge who issued the notice of exclusion shall be used as

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evidence on appeal, unless the appellant requests, in writing, the presence of the Person in Charge at the appeal hearing.

#### **C. City Parking Garages Rules of Conduct**

- 1.** No person shall violate federal, state, or city law.
- 2.** No person shall enter or remain for any purpose other than to park or retrieve a motor vehicle or do business with a City parking garage retail tenant.
- 3.** No person shall possess any weapon or any similar instrument that can be used to inflict injury upon a person or damage to property, except to the extent permitted by Oregon law.
- 4.** No person shall use City parking garages for the purpose of housing or camping, including but not limited to, sleeping, bathing, cooking, or use as a restroom.
- 5.** No person shall deface, damage, or destroy City parking garages.
- 6.** Unless authorized by the City of Portland, no person shall post or place on cars any handbills, flyers, or posters of any kind within City parking garages.
- 7.** No person shall engage in sexual conduct as defined by ORS 167.060 (10).
- 8.** Other than at City of Portland authorized events, no person shall possess an open container of alcohol or consume alcoholic beverages.
- 9.** Other than at City of Portland authorized events, no person shall play or use amplified or audio equipment at a level that disturbs others.
- 10.** Other than at City of Portland authorized events, no person shall participate in parties, rave parties, or other similar gatherings.
- 11.** No person shall use City parking garages and/or their structures and fixtures, including but not limited to, walls, railings, banisters, stairs, or ventilation fixtures, in ways they were not intended to be used, including but not limited to, sitting, standing, lying kneeling, skating, or skateboarding.
- 12.** No person shall smoke or carry any lighted smoking instrument while in



the elevator or any enclosed portion of City parking garages.

13. No person shall engage in conduct that disrupts or interferes with normal operations of City parking garages, or any tenant of a City parking garage, or that disturbs employees or patrons of City parking garages, including but not limited to, conduct that involves the use of abusive or threatening language or gestures, conduct that creates unreasonable noise, or conduct that consists of loud or boisterous physical behavior.
14. No person shall interfere with free passage of patron or employees of City parking garages, including but not limited to, placing objects such as bicycles, backpacks, carts or other items in a manner that interferes with free passage.
15. No person shall refuse to obey any posted parking signs or any reasonable direction of a Parking Garage Officer.

**16.20.920 Garage Parking Rates**

(Added by Ordinance No. 185351, effective June 22, 2012.) The Bureau of Transportation Director shall be authorized to set parking rates at City-owned Parking Garages without first returning to City Council, subject to the following provisions:

- A. Portland City Council shall set the hourly parking rate for the first four hours at all City Parking Garages.
- B. The Transportation Director may set different parking rates at different locations and may consider the following factors when setting parking rates:
  1. Rate changes may reflect an amount intended to reach a desired occupancy rate in each location;
  2. Rate changes may reflect the annual consumer price index (CPI) for inflation in the Portland Metropolitan Area;
  3. Rate changes may reflect market conditions in the Portland Central City;
  4. Rate changes may accommodate specific site characteristics and seasonal events; and
  5. Rate changes may reflect parking conditions, including without limitation the availability and desirability of reserved and non-reserved parking spaces.
- C. Parking rates may not exceed the following rate maximums without Council

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approval:

1. Weekday daily maximum: \$25
2. Weekday evening maximum: \$10
3. Weekend daily maximum: \$25
4. Weekend evening maximum: \$10
5. Monthly general access: \$250
6. Monthly reserved: \$350
7. Monthly carpool: \$200
8. Monthly motorcycle: \$150
9. Event maximum: \$20

**Chapter 16.30**

**TOWING & DISPOSITION OF VEHICLES**

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#### **16.30.001 Purpose.**

This section describes when a vehicle may or will be towed for parking violation(s), the manner of the towing, storage of the vehicle, and the release or disposition of the vehicle.

#### **16.30.100 Authority to Tow Vehicles and Establish Hearing Procedures.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 170923, effective March 21, 1997.)

- A.** Any officer authorized by the City Council or by City Code may order a vehicle towed as provided in this Title.
  - 1.** Impoundment of a vehicle does not preclude issuance of a citation for violation of this Title.
  - 2.** Stolen vehicles may be towed from public or private property and stored at the expense of the vehicle owner.
- B.** The authority to establish procedures in this Title for the disposition of towed vehicles is authorized by Oregon law. Disposition of vehicles towed under authority of this Title must follow the procedures established by this Title.
- C.** If any person tows a vehicle from the public streets without authority under the City Code, the City Towing Coordinator may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each vehicle towed to be paid to the City Towing Coordinator and deposited to the City's general fund.

#### **16.30.200 Vehicle Towing.**

##### **16.30.210 When a Vehicle May be Towed.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 172788 and 179141, effective March 23, 2005.) A vehicle may be towed and held at the expense of the owner or person entitled to possession thereof from:

- A.** Any public right-of-way, public park or other public place or property, when:
  - 1.** The vehicle is parked in violation of a temporary or permanent parking restriction;
  - 2.** The vehicle is parked unlawfully or in a manner that may be hazardous to traffic;
  - 3.** The vehicle is parked on City-owned or operated property without express City permission;

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4. The vehicle was used in committing a traffic or parking violation for which an unserved warrant or citation is on file with the clerk of the Circuit court;
  5. The vehicle has been reported stolen;
  6. The vehicle or its contents is to be used as evidence in traffic or criminal prosecutions;
  7. The vehicle is in possession of a person taken into custody by a law enforcement agency;
  8. The vehicle is parked in a space that is marked as reserved for disabled persons unless such vehicle conspicuously displays appropriate decals, insignia, or registration plates as required by state statutes;
  9. The vehicle is parked in violation of any parking regulation;
  10. The vehicle is an abandoned vehicle, as defined in 16.90.005; or
  11. The vehicle is stored on the street in violation of 16.20.170.
- B.** Permanent parking restrictions may be enforced by tow 24 hours after placement in any meter or non meter areas.
- C.** Private property if:
1. The vehicle is parked or stopped without the permission of the person in control of such property; or
  2. In violation of this Title.
- D.** Temporary parking restrictions may be enforced by tow 24 hours after placement in any non meter area.
- E.** Temporary parking restrictions may be enforced by tow if the space reservation device and/or signs are in place by 12:30 p.m. the prior day in any meter district.

**16.30.220 Towing Without Prior Notice.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 165980, 170912, 176352, and 176442, effective May 1, 2002.) Any authorized officer may, without prior notice, order a vehicle towed, when:

- A.** The vehicle is impeding or likely to impede the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic;

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- B.** The vehicle is illegally parked in a conspicuously posted restricted space, zone, or traffic lane where parking is limited to designated classes of vehicles or is prohibited in excess of a designated time period, or during certain hours, or on designated days, or at any time and place the vehicle is interfering or reasonably likely to interfere with the intended use of such a space, zone, or traffic lane;
- C.** The vehicle is parked in front of a rural-type mailbox and has been cited within the previous 30 days for violation of Section 16.20.130 E;
- D.** The vehicle poses an immediate danger to the public safety;
- E.** The vehicle is illegally parked within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.
- F.** A police officer reasonably believes that the vehicle is stolen;
- G.** A police officer reasonably believes that the vehicle or its contents constitute evidence of any offense, if such towing is reasonably necessary to obtain or preserve such evidence;
- H.** The vehicle was in possession of a person taken into custody by a law enforcement officer and no other reasonable disposition of the vehicle is available;
- I.** The vehicle is parked or stopped in violation of 16.20.120 A and the vehicle alarm system disturbs, injures, or endangers, or is likely to disturb, injure, or endanger, the peace, quiet, comfort, repose, health, or safety of the public or any person; or
- J.** The vehicle is in the possession of a person arrested for any felony traffic offense, as defined by Oregon Revised Statutes.
- K.** A police officer has probable cause to believe that the vehicle's operator has committed any of the following offenses:
  - 1.** Driving uninsured (ORS 806.010);
  - 2.** Driving while suspended or revoked (ORS 811.175 or ORS 811.182);
  - 3.** Operating a vehicle without driving privileges or in violation of license restrictions (ORS 807.010) and the operator's license has been expired for 60 days or more, or that the operator has not had a valid driver's license within the previous 60 days.
  - 4.** Driving while under the influence of intoxicants (ORS 813.010);

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- 5. Fleeing or attempt to elude police officer (ORS 811.540);
  - 6. Speed racing on highway (ORS 811.125); or
  - 7. Reckless driving (ORS 811.140).
- L.** A police officer has probably cause to believe that the vehicle has been used or is possessed for the purpose of being used to commit or conceal the commission of one or more of these offenses:
- 1. Prostitution (ORS 167.007), Promoting prostitution (ORS 167.012), or Compelling prostitution (ORS 167.017) or any attempt, solicitation or conspiracy of one of these offenses; or
  - 2. Unlawful delivery of imitation controlled substance (ORS 475.991), Unlawful possession, delivery, or manufacture of controlled substance (OR 472.992), Unlawful distribution of controlled substance to minors (ORS 475.995), Unlawful manufacture or delivery of controlled substance within 1,000 feet of school (ORS 475.999), or any attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy of one of these offenses.

**16.30.225 Towing with 24 Hour or 72 Hour Notice.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 166947; amended by 170923, 172788 and 179141, effective March 23, 2005.)

- A.** A vehicle may be towed 24 hours after notice of intent to tow has been affixed to or placed on the vehicle if the vehicle is an abandoned vehicle which is an immediate threat to the public health or safety because of its condition.
- B.** A vehicle may be towed 72 hours after notice of intent to tow has been affixed to or placed on the vehicle if the vehicle is an abandoned vehicle; or
- C.** A vehicle may be towed 72 hours after notice of intent to tow has been affixed to or placed on the vehicle if the vehicle is in violation of 16.20.120 H or I or 16.20.170.
- D.** Notice shall be mailed after tow as provided in 16.30.320.

**16.30.230 When Notice Required Before Towing.**

(Repealed by Ordinance No. 172788, effective November 13, 1998.)

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#### **16.30.240 Towing upon Order of Circuit Court.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 173369, effective May 12, 1999.) Vehicles that have been used in the commission of a traffic or parking violation, for which an unserved warrant or citation is on file with the Circuit Court clerk, may be towed upon order of the Circuit Court.

#### **16.30.300 Notice of Vehicle Tow.**

#### **16.30.310 Notice Prior to Tow.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 172788, effective November 13, 1998.)

- A.** Except where shorter notice is allowed by this title, notice for vehicles which require prior notice before towing must be provided by:
  - 1.** Affixing a tow warning to the vehicle at least 10 days prior to the tow; and
  - 2.** Mailing a notice to the registered owner(s) and any other persons who reasonably appear to have an interest in the vehicle within 48 hours, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excluded, after the tow warning is affixed to the vehicle.
- B.** The tow warning and the mailed notice will state that:
  - 1.** The vehicle is parked in violation of City Code;
  - 2.** The City intends to tow and remove the vehicle if the violation is not corrected; and
  - 3.** A hearing is available to contest the validity of the intended tow, and the method of requesting a hearing, including the date by which a hearing may be requested.
- C.** If a timely request for hearing is received pursuant to Subsection 16.30.400, the vehicle will not be towed until the Tow Hearings Officer makes a determination.

#### **16.30.320 Notice After Vehicle Tow.**

- A.** After a vehicle has been towed pursuant to this Chapter, notice will be provided to the registered owner(s) and any other person(s) who reasonably appear to have an interest in the vehicle. Notice will be mailed to such persons within 48 hours after the tow of the vehicle, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excluded, and will state:
  - 1.** That the vehicle has been towed;



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2. The location of the vehicle and that it may be reclaimed only upon evidence that the claimant is the owner or person entitled to possession;
  3. The address and telephone number of the person or facility that may be contacted for information on the charges that must be paid before the vehicle will be released and the procedures for obtaining the release of the vehicle;
  4. That the vehicle and its contents are subject to a lien for the towing and storage charges; that if the vehicle is not claimed within 15 days after the mailing date of the notice, the vehicle and its contents will be subject to sale by the City or the towing and storage facility where the vehicle is located and that failure to reclaim the vehicle within such time will constitute a waiver of all interest in the vehicle; and
  5. Unless notice of the availability of a hearing to contest the tow has been provided prior to towing as prescribed in Section 16.30.310, the notice will state that a hearing may be requested to contest the validity of the tow and will set forth the time in which a hearing must be requested and the method of requesting a hearing.
- B.** If a vehicle has been reclaimed prior to the mailing of the notice, no notice need be mailed or provided, but the person or persons reclaiming the vehicle must be provided with written notice of the opportunity for a hearing to contest the tow pursuant to Section 16.30.350.
- C.** In those circumstances in which it can reasonably be anticipated that mailing of notice may hinder or prevent the apprehension of a suspect in an ongoing criminal investigation, the mailing of notice may be delayed until such time as will not prejudice that investigation or apprehension.

**16.30.340 Unidentifiable Vehicle.**

No notice need be mailed pursuant to Subsections 16.30.310 or 16.30.320 when:

- A.** A vehicle does not display license plates or other identifying markings by which the registration or ownership of the vehicle can be determined, or;
- B.** When the identity of the owner of the vehicle is not available from the appropriate motor vehicle licensing and registration authority and when the identity and address of the owner and/or other persons with an interest in the vehicle cannot otherwise be reasonably determined.

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#### **16.30.350 Notice to Contest Tow When Vehicle Claimed.**

Written notice of the opportunity to contest the validity of the tow of a vehicle, together with a statement of the time in which a hearing may be requested and the method of requesting a hearing, must be given to each person who seeks to redeem a vehicle which has been towed pursuant to this Chapter. This information will be made available by the tow company or other facility holding such vehicle.

#### **16.30.400 Tow Hearing Procedure.**

#### **16.30.410 Request for Hearing.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 170923, effective March 21, 1997.)

- A.** After a vehicle has been towed pursuant to subsection 16.30.220 or 16.30.225 and prior to towing pursuant to subsection 16.30.230, the owner(s) and any other persons who reasonably appear to have an interest in the vehicle are, upon timely application filed with the Tow Hearings Officer, entitled to request a hearing to contest the validity of the tow or intended tow of the vehicle.
  - 1.** In the case of a vehicle towed pursuant to Subsection 16.30.220 or 16.30.225, such application must be filed with and received by the Tow Hearings Officer not later than 10 days after the vehicle was towed.
  - 2.** In the case of a vehicle proposed to be towed pursuant to Subsection 16.30.230, such application must be filed with and received by the Tow Hearings Officer not later than 10 days after the affixing of the tow warning to the vehicle.
- B.** The Tow Hearings Officer may, for good cause shown, grant a request for hearing filed after the foregoing time requirements have expired. If the mailing of the towed vehicle notice was delayed pursuant to Subsection 16.30.310, the Tow Hearings Officer will grant a request for hearing received and filed within 10 days of the mailing date of the notice or 10 days of the date the vehicle was reclaimed, whichever first occurs.
- C.** The request for hearing must be in writing and will state the grounds upon which the person requesting the hearing believes the tow or proposed tow invalid, or, for any other reason, unjustified. The request for hearing will also contain such other information, relating to the purposes of this Chapter, as the Tow Hearings Officer may require.
- D.** The Tow Hearings Officer will set and conduct an administrative hearing on the matter within 14 days of receipt of a proper request filed pursuant to this Section. In all cases where a vehicle has been towed and not yet released, however, the

Tow Hearings Officer will set and conduct the hearing within 72 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays, on receipt of the request.

**16.30.420      Hearing Procedure.**

- A. The hearing shall afford a reasonable opportunity for the person(s) requesting it to demonstrate by the statements of witnesses and other evidence, that the tow and/or storage of the vehicle was or would be invalid, or for any other reason not justified.
- B. The Tow Hearings Officer will make necessary rules and regulations regarding the conduct of such hearings, consistent with this Section.

**16.30.430      When Tow Found Invalid.**

If the Tow Hearings Officer finds the tow and/or storage was or would be invalid or not justified, the Tow Hearings Officer will order the vehicle:

- A. Be immediately released if already towed. The owner(s) or any other person(s) who have an interest in the vehicle are not liable for the tow and/or storage charges and any money paid for tow and/or storage charges will be returned, as appropriate.
- B. Not be towed if such vehicle is about to be towed.

**16.30.440      When Tow Found Valid.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 176352, effective March 27, 2002.) If the Tow Hearings Officer finds the towing and/or storage was or would be valid, the Tow Hearings Officer will order the vehicle, if still held, continue to be held until all towing and storage charges and an administrative fee are paid.

If such vehicle is about to be towed, pursuant to Subsection 16.30.230, the Tow Hearings Officer will order such vehicle to be towed and impounded if the violation involving that vehicle has not been completely corrected.

**16.30.450      Hearing Administration.**

- A. The decision of the Tow Hearings Officer is a quasi-judicial decision and is final, and is not appealable to the City Council.
- B. Any person who has a hearing scheduled pursuant to this Section and fails to appear at such hearing without good cause shown, as determined by the Tow Hearings Officer, will not be entitled to have such hearing rescheduled.
- C. The owner(s) and any other person(s) who have an interest in the vehicle are only entitled to one hearing for each tow of that vehicle.

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- D.** Owners of vehicles towed by order of the District Court pursuant to Subsection 16.30.240 are not entitled to a hearing pursuant to this Chapter.
- E.** The Code Hearings Officer, appointed pursuant to Title 22, will act as Tow Hearings Officer pursuant to this Chapter. Subject to the approval of the Commissioner In Charge, the Code Hearings Officer may, in writing, designate one or more persons to act as Tow Hearings Officer during the absence or unavailability of the Code Hearings Officer.

#### **16.30.500 Fee Payments and Vehicle Release Procedure.**

#### **16.30.510 Towing and Storage Rates.**

The towing and storage charges that are to be paid before release of a vehicle towed by authority of this Chapter, if towed by a private company at the request of a City officer or employee, will be the charges fixed by City contract for private towing and storage. If a vehicle is towed by City equipment and personnel, the charges will be fixed by a schedule approved by the Council.

#### **16.30.520 Charges and Release of Vehicle.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 165980, 167222, 175648 and 176352, effective March 27, 2002.)

- A.** Any private company that tows and stores any vehicle pursuant to this Chapter, shall have a lien on the vehicle, in accordance with ORS 87.152, for the just and reasonable charges for the tow and storage services performed. The company may retain possession of that vehicle, consistent with this Chapter, until towing and storage charges and an administrative fee have been paid.
- B.** If the required towing and storage charges and an administrative fee have been paid, the vehicle must be immediately released to the person(s) entitled to lawful possession. A vehicle towed pursuant to Section 16.30.220 K. shall be immediately released to the person(s) entitled to lawful possession upon proof that a person with valid driving privileges will be operating the vehicle, proof of insurance and payment of towing, storage and payment of an administrative fee to the police agency. If towing and storage charges and an administrative fee have not been paid, a vehicle will not be released, except upon order of the Towing Hearings Officer.
- C.** A vehicle towed pursuant to this Chapter may only be released to the owner, or to the person who was lawfully in possession or control of the vehicle at time it was towed, or to a person who purchased the vehicle from the owner and who produces written proof of ownership. In all cases, adequate evidence of the right

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to possession of the vehicle as determined by the City Towing Board of Review, must be presented prior to release of the vehicle.

**16.30.530      When Tow Found Invalid.**

- A.     The accrued towing and storage charges assessed under Section 16.30.520, will be waived by the Hearings Officer if the tow is found to be invalid or for any other reason not justified, after a hearing has been held pursuant to Section 16.30.400.
- B.     A person's inability to pay the towing and storage charges, in and of itself, is not a sufficient basis for the waiving of such charges.
- C.     If the charges are owed to a private company, the City will pay them if, after a hearing, the tow is found to be invalid or for any other reason not justified and the charges have not previously been paid.

**16.30.540      When Tow Found Valid.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 176352, effective March 27, 2002.) If the Tow Hearings Officer finds the towing and/or storage was valid, the person entitled to possession of the vehicle will be responsible for all towing and storage charges.

**16.30.550      Storage Charges at Completion of Hearing.**

After the Tow Hearings Officer makes a public determination on a vehicle tow hearing, the vehicle must be picked up by the person entitled to possession within 24 hours to avoid further storage charges. If the vehicle is not claimed within this time period, it will not be released until the additionally accrued storage charges, if any, are paid.

**16.30.600      Selling Abandoned Vehicles.**

**16.30.610      When a Vehicle May be Sold.**

- A.     Whenever any vehicle is taken into custody pursuant to this Chapter, the vehicle will be held at the expense and risk of the owner or person lawfully entitled to possession.
- B.     At any time within 15 days after any such notice has been sent, as required in Section 16.30.300, the owner or person lawfully entitled to possession of any such vehicle may claim the vehicle by:
  - 1.     presenting satisfactory proof of ownership or right to possession; and
  - 2.     paying the charges and expenses, if any, incurred in the preservation and custody of the vehicle.

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**16.30.620 Sale of Vehicles.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 166575, June 2, 1993.)

- A.** As often as is necessary, the City Traffic Engineer will be provided with a list of all unclaimed vehicles which have been towed and stored by or for the City which:
- 1.** Have been in storage 15 days or longer and have been appraised at a value of \$750 or less, or;
  - 2.** Have been in storage for 30 days or longer.
- B.** The City Traffic Engineer will, as soon as convenient, authorize the sale of, or sell such vehicles in accordance with the provisions of any contract authorized by the Council. If there is no such contract, the City Traffic Engineer will sell such vehicle at public auction.
- 1.** If a vehicle is sold in accordance with the provisions of a contract, the Director of the City Traffic Engineer will ensure, at the time of sale, a certificate of sale in substantially the following form is issued to the purchaser:

**“CERTIFICATE OF SALE**

This is to certify that under the provisions of the Traffic Regulations of the City, I did on the . . . . day of . . . . , 19 . . . . sell to . . . . . of . . . . . for the consideration . . . . . Dollars (\$ . . . . ) the following described personal property:

(Brief description of property)

Dated this . . . . day of . . . . , 19 . . . .

.....  
City Traffic Engineer

**NOTE:** The City of Portland assumes no responsibility as to condition or Title of the above described property. In case this sale is for any reason invalid, the liability of the City is limited to return of the purchase price.”

- 2.** If the City Traffic Engineer decides to sell any vehicles held pursuant to this Chapter at public auction, notice of the time and place of such auction sale must be given by publication in the official paper of the City for a

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period of at least 10 days prior to the date of such sale. Such vehicles must be sold to the highest bidder for cash.

- C. The proceeds of such sale will be first applied to payment of the cost of such sale and expense incurred in the preservation and custody of such vehicles and the balance, if any, will be credited to the Transportation Operating Fund of the City.

**16.30.700 Moving Vehicles For Street and Utility Maintenance and For Emergencies.**

**16.30.710 Authority To Move Vehicles.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 175564, effective May 9, 2001.) This Section applies when:

- A. The City has restricted parking in an area on a temporary basis and the signs, barriers, or other notice have been removed by someone other than the owner of the vehicle to be towed so that the vehicle owner has not had notice of the parking restriction;
- B. There is an emergency and a legally parked vehicle must be moved in order to attend to the emergency; or
- C. Vehicles are blocking the operation of Portland Streetcar.

**16.30.720 When a Vehicle May be Moved.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 175564 and 179141, effective March 23, 2005.) Any vehicle parked on a public right-of-way, or on City of Portland owned or operated property, may be towed according to the provisions of 16.30.730 upon the order of an authorized City official, or designee, without prior notice to the owner of the vehicle, when removal of the vehicle is required:

- A. To provide immediate access for street or utility repair;
- B. To facilitate the operations by fire, police, ambulance, or other emergency personnel or vehicles;
- C. To provide safe clearance for special events such as parades, marches, or motorcades;
- D. To provide clear access for areas specifically reserved by City permit; or
- E. To provide clear access for operation of the Portland Streetcar.

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#### **16.30.730 Manner of Moving Vehicle.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 165594, July 8, 1992.)

- A.** The City officer or employee ordering a vehicle to be towed may direct that the vehicle be towed and parked at any legal parking space on the public right-of-way at any storage facility designated by the City.
- B.** The City officer or employee is not limited to the City Tow Contract rotation and may enter into agreements with any towing or other firm for removing vehicles.
- C.** The City officer or employee ordering a vehicle to be towed pursuant to this Section will notify the Police Bureau of the location of the towed vehicle within 1 hour after the completion of the tow.
- D.** The costs of towing and storing the vehicle for a period not to exceed 72 hours will be paid by:
  - 1.** The City in the case of a tow requested by a City officer or employee, or
  - 2.** The permittee in the case of a tow requested by a permittee.
- E.** The owner of the vehicle may be charged a reasonable storage fee for the storage of the vehicle if the vehicle is towed and stored at a private storage facility and the owner fails to remove the vehicle from the private storage facility within 72 hours after the vehicle was towed.

#### **16.30.800 Regulation of Towers.**

#### **16.30.810 Solicitation of Towing Business at Accidents Prohibited.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 165594, July 8, 1992.)

- A.** Except as otherwise provided herein, no person with a direct or indirect interest in any business engaged in the towing or recovery of motor vehicles for a profit nor any person employed by such a business nor any person receiving any fee or remuneration from such a business, may solicit or attempt to solicit towing business at or near the site of a motor vehicle accident.
- B.** The prohibitions set forth in Subsection A do not prohibit any person from providing or offering to provide towing services if:
  - 1.** The services are provided without charge, fee, or other remuneration;
  - 2.** The services are provided or offered at the direction or request of a police officer;



- 3. The services have been requested by the owner, operator, or other person in charge of the vehicle by radio or telephone communication or otherwise at a location other than the accident site; or
- 4. Allowed by government contract or franchise.
- C. “Solicit or attempt to solicit towing business” means to offer or attempt to offer motor vehicle towing or recovery services for a fee or remuneration.
- D. Violation of subsection A of this section is a traffic infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

**16.30.820 Obstructing Traffic.**

- A. The operator of a wrecker or tow truck may stop a vehicle where it obstructs traffic when the operator:
  - 1. Is engaged in the recovery of another vehicle; and
  - 2. Takes the precautionary measures required by this Section.
- B. A person commits the offense of failure to take precautions when obstructing traffic with a tow vehicle or wrecker engaged in the recovery of another vehicle if the operator does not do all of the following:
  - 1. Determine that the recovery operation requires stopping the tow or recovery vehicle in the roadway; and
  - 2. Activate tow vehicle warning lights described in ORS 816.280.

**16.30.830 Failure to Remove Injurious Substance.**

A person commits the offense of tow vehicle operator failure to remove injurious substance if the person is operating a tow vehicle that is removing a wrecked or damaged vehicle from a roadway and the person fails to remove any glass or other injurious substance dropped upon the roadway from such vehicle.

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**Chapter 16.40**

**PRIVATE FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS**

(Replaced by Ordinance No. 182813,  
Effective June 19, 2009.)

**Sections:**

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#### **16.40.010 Purpose.**

- A.** The purpose of Chapter 16.40 is to provide for the safe, fair and efficient operation of private “for-hire” transportation services. The industry should be allowed to operate without unnecessary restraint. However, because the industry constitutes an essential part of the City’s transportation system and because transportation so fundamentally affects the City’s well being and that of its citizens, some regulation is necessary to insure that the public safety is protected, the public need provided, and the public convenience promoted. It is not the purpose of Chapter 16.40 to displace competition with regulation or monopoly public service.
- B.** The provisions contained herein should be applied and enforced in such a manner as to require the “for-hire” transportation industry to:
  - 1.** Promote innovation and adaptation to changing needs; and
  - 2.** Allow competition, so long as the public interest is served thereby.

#### **16.40.020 Chapter Applies to All Companies, Drivers and Vehicles.**

- A.** The requirements of Chapter 16.40 – along with any penalties that may be assessed for violations of Chapter 16.40 – apply to all for-hire transportation companies, vehicles and drivers, whether legally and validly permitted or not.
- B.** It is not a defense to any regulatory action (including penalties and fines) to assert that the City cannot act because the driver, company or vehicle does not possess a valid City-issued permit, decal or taxiplate.

#### **16.40.030 Definitions.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 184361 and 186385, effective December 18, 2013.)

- A.** “Administrator” means the private for-hire transportation Program Administrator.
- B.** “Approved Mechanic” means a mechanic on a list maintained on a quarterly basis by the Bureau that is published annually and whom meets all the following criteria:
  - 1.** does not own, lease or drive a vehicle for-hire;
  - 2.** has no financial interest in any for-hire transportation company operating within the States of Oregon or Washington;

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- 3. has received ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) A Series (Automobile/Light Truck Certification) master certification; and
  - 4. is not employed by any for-hire transportation company.
- C.** “Board” means the Private For-Hire Transportation Board of Review.
- D.** “Branded Vehicle” (aka “Reconstructed Vehicle”) means any vehicle that has been purchased by an insurance company because the vehicle has been severely damaged typically due to collision, fire or flood damage, and the value of the vehicle is considered less than the cost to repair the vehicle.
- E.** “Bureau” means the Revenue Bureau of the City of Portland.
- F.** “Carriage” means any vehicle or conveyance that is drawn, pulled or propelled by a horse or other animal(s).
- G.** “Certificate of Safety” means a document from an approved mechanic certifying that a particular vehicle meets all safety standards as set forth in this Chapter and/or administrative rules.
- H.** “Company Permit” means the permit issued to a private for-hire transportation company under the terms of this Chapter and/or administrative rules.
- I.** “Compensation” means any form of payment or gratuity by a customer or customer’s agent to a permitted for-hire driver or company for the use of the driver or company’s for-hire transportation services. For-hire transportation providers that only accept gratuities, tips, etc, are considered to be providing “for-hire” transportation services.
- J.** “Conduct Business” means operating a for-hire vehicle or company, receiving money or other compensation from the use of a for-hire vehicle, causing or allowing another person to do the same, or advertising the same.
- K.** “Customer” means a person who purchases for-hire transportation service from a for-hire transportation service provider that is permitted or should be permitted by the City. The customer may or may not also be a passenger.
- L.** “Day” means a business day and not a calendar day unless specifically stated otherwise.
- M.** “Decal” means the numbered identification sticker issued by the City and affixed to an LPT vehicle.

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- N.** “Decaled” means that a particular for-hire transportation vehicle is in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 16.40 and is operating legally and validly in the City of Portland.
- O.** “Director” means the Director of the Revenue Bureau.
- P.** “Downtown Core” means the area formerly known as the “Fareless Square” or “Free Rail Zone” as defined by TriMet as follows: The area to the west of the Willamette River shall be bounded on the North by NW Irving, except that at the intersection of NW Irving and NW Station Way it shall be bounded on the North by NW Station Way to NW Broadway and then by NW Broadway south to NW Irving and continuing west on NW Irving to the Stadium (I-405) Freeway, on the West and South by the Stadium (I-405) Freeway and on the East by the Willamette River. The area to the east of the Willamette River shall be bounded on the West by North Interstate Avenue, on the North by NE Multnomah to 125 feet east of 13th Avenue, on the East by 13th Avenue and on the South by NE Holladay.
- Q.** “Driver Permit” means the permit issued to a private for-hire transportation driver under the terms of this Chapter.
- R.** “Driver” means a for-hire transportation driver, including taxi drivers and LPT drivers.
- S.** “Executive Sedan” means a large expensive passenger sedan or full-sized sports utility vehicle (SUV) commonly recognized by the limousine industry as an executive vehicle and used to provide ongoing luxury transportation.
- T.** “Horse-Drawn Carriage” is a vehicle or conveyance operating for hire that is drawn, pulled, propelled or powered, in whole or in part, by a horse, mule or other animal(s).
- U.** “Horse-Drawn Carriage Driver Permit” means the permit issued to a horse-drawn carriage driver under the terms of this Chapter.
- V.** “Limited Passenger Transportation Company” (LPT Company) means a for-hire transportation company other than a taxi company.
- W.** “Limited Passenger Transportation” (LPT) means providing for-hire transportation services with non-motorized vehicles or motorized vehicles other than taxicabs. LPTs include, but are not limited to, horse-drawn carriages, pedicabs, executive sedans, limousines, shuttles and SATs.

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- X.** “Limousine” means an Executive Sedan whose chassis and wheelbase have been altered by a Qualified Vehicle Modifier (QVM) program participant (or its equivalent) beyond the length of the manufacturer’s original specifications, whether at the time of manufacture or after, and which is commonly recognized by the limousine industry as a “limousine”.
- Y.** “Operate” means driving a for-hire vehicle, using a for-hire vehicle to conduct a business, receiving money from the use of a for-hire vehicle, or causing or allowing another person to do the same.
- Z.** “Passenger” means a person traveling in a for-hire transportation vehicle that is not the operator of that vehicle.
- AA.** “Pedicab” means a tricycle that:
1. transports or is capable of transporting passengers on seats attached to the tricycle;
  2. is powered by human power or an electrical assist; and
  3. is used as a for-hire transportation service.
- BB.** “Pedicab Driver Permit” means the permit issued to a pedicab driver under the terms of this Chapter.
- CC.** “Permittee” means a person or business entity that has been issued a driver or company permit under the terms of this Chapter.
- DD.** “Permitted” means that a for-hire transportation company, driver or vehicle has a valid city-issued permit, decal or taxiplate.
- EE.** “Person” means any individual, partnership, joint venture, association, club, trust, estate, corporation, or other form of business organization recognized by Oregon Law.
- FF.** “Plate” means the numbered identification plate issued by the City and affixed to a horse-drawn carriage or pedicab.
- GG.** “Prearranged” means that the customer, passenger or passenger’s agent has personally asked the driver of a validly permitted for-hire vehicle or a validly permitted for-hire transportation company for transportation services, regardless of the communication format used. The Bureau may establish by administrative rule the amount of time required between asking and receiving transportation services to allow a presumption that the services were “prearranged”.

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- HH.** “Private for-hire transportation” means providing vehicular, horse-drawn carriage or pedicab transportation for compensation of any kind within the Portland City limits. However, it does not include transportation provided by a public or governmental entity, transportation that is regulated entirely by the state of Oregon or the federal government.
- II.** “Private for-hire vehicle” means motorized or non-motorized vehicle used to transport persons for-hire or other consideration and which is not exclusively regulated by the State. This includes limousines, taxis, executive sedans, shuttles, SATs, pedicabs, and horse-drawn carriages; but does not include school buses, charter buses or ambulances.
- JJ.** “Revocation” means that a permit, taxiplate or decal is no longer valid and cannot be renewed without approval by the Director of the Revenue Bureau.
- KK.** “Shuttle Transportation” means transportation provided in a vehicle over a fixed route and time schedule.
- LL.** “Specially Attended Transportation” (SAT) means transportation used for agency-sponsored, contracted transportation of non-emergency medical and/or special needs passengers. Ambulance vehicles providing basic life support (BLS) and advanced life support (ALS) services are excluded from this definition.
- MM.** “Suspension” means that a permit, taxiplate or decal is temporarily invalid and that the holder of that permit, taxiplate or decal may not engage in any for-hire transportation activity under the authority granted to that suspended permit, taxiplate or decal.
- NN.** “Taxicab Company” means any entity operating taxicabs other than as a driver and regardless of whether the vehicles so operated are owned by the company, leased, or owned by individual members of the company.
- OO.** “Taxicab driver” means any person operating taxicabs as a driver for any taxicab company regardless of whether the vehicles so operated are owned by the company, leased, or owned by individual members of the company.
- PP.** “Taxicab” means any vehicle that carries passengers for-hire where the destination and route traveled may be controlled by a passenger and the fare is calculated on the basis of an initial fee, distance traveled, waiting time, or any combination thereof.



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- QQ.** “Taximeter” means a mechanical or electronic device that calculates and displays a fare based on an initial fee, distance traveled, waiting time, or any combination thereof.
- RR.** “Taxiplate” means the numbered metal identification plate issued by the City and permanently affixed to the rear of a taxicab.
- SS.** “Taxiplate” means that a particular for-hire transportation taxicab is in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 16.40 and is operating legally and validly in the City of Portland.
- TT.** “Waiting time” means the time during which a taxicab is under the direction of a passenger and the taxicab is moving slower than the per-mile rate allowed by this Chapter.
- UU.** “Week” means the 7-day period from Monday through Sunday.
- VV.** “Wheelchair Accessible” means that a for-hire transportation vehicle is equipped with a hydraulic lift or ramps designed for the purpose of transporting wheelchair users or others using mobility devices, or which contains any other physical device or alteration designed to permit access to and enable the transportation of physically handicapped persons.

**16.40.040 Private For-Hire Transportation Board of Review.**

- A.** Membership and Terms. The Private For-Hire Transportation Board of Review (“Board”) consists of 14 members, including a Chairperson. The Director serves as the Chairperson and is a permanent member of the Board. All other members serve 2-year staggered terms as prescribed by administrative rule. In order to achieve the necessary staggered terms, the initial terms of some members will be for less than two years, as prescribed by administrative rule.
- B.** Composition. The Board is composed of:
1. The Director, or his or her designee;
  2. A representative from the Portland Bureau of Transportation;
  3. A representative from the tourism industry;
  4. A representative for persons with disabilities;
  5. A representative of the riding public;

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6. A representative from the Port of Portland;
  7. A representative from TriMet;
  8. A representative from the taxicab companies;
  9. A representative from the non-limousine LPT companies;
  10. A representative from the SAT companies;
  11. A representative from the limousine companies;
  12. A representative from the pedicab companies;
  13. A representative from the taxicab drivers; and
  14. A representative from the LPT drivers.
- C.** Selection of Members. The Commissioner-in-Charge of the Bureau appoints the Board positions described in Subsections 16.40.040 B.2 - B.7. The Board positions described in Subsections 16.40.040 B.8. - B.14 are selected as provided by Administrative Rule and these are termed "Industry Board member positions". All validly-permitted for-hire transportation companies and drivers may vote on selecting their respective industry representatives.
- D.** Salary. Board members serve without pay, except they may receive their regular salary during time spent on Board matters.
- E.** Meeting Times; Quorum. Unless the Director cancels a meeting for good cause, the Board will meet every odd-numbered month beginning in July 2009. Eight members must be present to have a quorum, with at least five members present from the positions described in Subsections 16.40.040 B.1. - B.7. Meetings must be noticed and conducted as provided by ORS 192.610 et seq. The Board Chairperson will maintain order and establish and limit the matters to be considered at all Board meetings. The Director may schedule a special meeting provided that at least 5 days' notice is given and the meeting is otherwise noticed and conducted as provided by ORS 192.610 et seq.
- F.** Absences. If any Board member is absent from more than three regularly-scheduled Board meetings during a 12-month period, that member may be dismissed by a majority vote of the Board. If a Board member sends an alternate in his or her place as provided by Subsection 16.40.040 G., then no absence is considered to have occurred.

- G.**     Alternate Members. If any Board member cannot make a regularly-scheduled meeting, that member may send an alternate in the member's place provided that the member gave at least 5 days' notice to the Director. Any alternate attending as a result of this Subsection may not vote on any Board action, unless the alternate has been appointed as an alternate by the City Council.
- H.**     Company Representative Requirements. Company representatives cannot serve as a specific industry representative unless:

  - 1.       at least 85 percent of that company's business is derived from that industry; or
  - 2.       the company has at least 20 vehicles in that industry.
- I.**     Vacancies. Any Board position that becomes vacant for any reason will be filled in the same manner as required by Subsection 16.40.040 C. for non-industry member positions, and by administrative rule for industry member positions.

**16.40.050     Board Authority.**

- A.**     The Board advises the Bureau on matters relating to the for-hire transportation industry operating within the jurisdiction of the City of Portland.
- B.**     In addition to its advisory role, the Board has the following specific authority and jurisdiction:

  - 1.       Adopt or reject administrative rules proposed by the Director;
  - 2.       Impose, modify or remove fuel surcharges that are in addition to any fare amounts regulated under Chapter 16.40;
  - 3.       Approve or deny applications by an LPT company to increase the number of decaled vehicles it may operate if the number has been capped by administrative rule pursuant to Section 16.40.200;
  - 4.       Approve or deny applications by a taxi company to increase the number of permitted taxicabs it may operate pursuant to Section 16.40.210; and
  - 5.       Recommend approval or denial of taxicab company applications pursuant to 16.40.160.

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**16.40.060 Board Standing Committees.**

- A.** The Board has three permanent standing committees of which only validly-permitted companies and drivers may be members:

  - 1.** A “Company Standing Committee,” consisting of all for-hire transportation company owners or managers;
  - 2.** A “Taxi Driver Standing Committee,” consisting of all taxi drivers; and
  - 3.** An “LPT Driver Standing Committee,” consisting of all LPT drivers.
- B.** No entities or persons regulated under Chapter 16.40 are required to attend the standing committees described in Subsection 16.40.060 A.
- C.** The Company Standing Committee will select five members who will serve as the Board members described in Subsections 16.40.040 B.8. - B.12. The selection will take place according to administrative rule. The Company Standing Committee will also select one person to serve as its Chairperson from among the five members serving on the Board.
- D.** The Driver Standing Committees will each select a member who will serve as both Chairperson of that committee and as the Board members described in Subsections 16.40.040 B.13. - B.14.
- E.** The representatives will bring to the Board’s attention issues that are important to their respective committees.
- F.** The Board may task any standing committee to review and discuss issues relevant to the for-hire transportation industry and ask the standing committee to issue a report to the Board at a future meeting. The report may or may not include specific recommendations based on the standing committee’s review and discussion.
- G.** The standing committees are responsible for adopting rules of procedure for their meetings, including the frequency of their meetings and the procedure for conduct of the meetings, except that all standing committees are required to keep minutes of the meetings and take attendance of those present. The minutes and attendance records must be reported to the Board at the next regularly-scheduled Board meeting following a standing committee meeting.
- H.** The City will assist the standing committees with notices, meeting rooms and other administrative requirements.

**16.40.070      Fuel Surcharges.**

- A.**     The Board has the authority to impose, modify and rescind fuel surcharges. Any fuel surcharge imposed under this Section or any modification of a fuel surcharge already in place that increases the fuel surcharge must be reviewed by the Board within 180 days from its effective date.
- B.**     A failure by the Board to review any fuel surcharge as required in Subsection 16.40.070 A. automatically rescinds the surcharge and it is of no further effect.
- C.**     Fuel surcharges authorized under this Section may only be imposed or modified pursuant to the criteria found in administrative rule. Fuel surcharges may be rescinded by the Board at any time, even if the criteria for allowing a fuel surcharge currently exist.
- D.**     If at any time a fuel surcharge is currently in place, appropriate notification of the surcharge must be given to the public. The Board may determine by administrative rule what suffices for appropriate notification, but at a minimum all vehicles subject to a fuel surcharge must have signage in the vehicle notifying of the surcharge.

**16.40.080      Pedicab Driver Permits Required – Application Process & Requirements.**

- A.**     Permit Required. No person may drive a pedicab without a valid, current pedicab driver's permit issued under Chapter 16.40.
- B.**     Application Documents Required. Applicants for a pedicab driver's permit must submit to the Administrator the items listed below. The failure to submit any of the items listed will result in a denial of the permit:
  - 1.**     a completed application on a form approved by the Administrator;
  - 2.**     a copy of the applicant's current driver's license or government issued photo identification (if the company has a Bureau-approved training class relating to traffic rules and regulations); and
  - 3.**     if necessary, any information that reasonably relates to the application or is a clarification of information provided to the Administrator.
- C.**     Photographs. Applicants will be photographed by the Bureau upon submittal of the driver permit application. The photograph then becomes a part of the applicant's submittal package.

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- D.** Fees Required. Applicants must submit a nonrefundable application fee in the amount listed in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590.
- E.** Age and Criminal History. Applicants for a pedicab driver's permit may not be issued a permit if any of the following conditions exist:
- 1.** The applicant has a felony of any kind in the 10 years preceding the submission of the application;
  - 2.** The applicant has a felony involving physical harm or attempted physical harm to a person, regardless of when the conviction occurred;
  - 3.** During the 5-year period preceding the submission of the application, the applicant has been convicted of any criminal offense involving:
    - a.** any misdemeanor involving theft, robbery, burglary, assault, sex crimes, drugs, prostitution, or weapons; or
    - b.** any traffic crime, including but not limited to: driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, attempt to elude a police officer, or leaving the scene of an injury accident;
  - 4.** The applicant is less than 18 years old.
- F.** Driver Safety and Customer Service Training Requirements. Applicants must successfully complete the following training and classes within 6 months of issuance of the driver's permit:
- 1.** A Bureau-approved driver safety program; and
  - 2.** A Bureau-approved customer service training class.
- G.** Driver Knowledge and Skills Testing Requirements. Applicants must successfully complete each of the following tests as administered by the Bureau before a permit can be issued:
- 1.** Map-reading;
  - 2.** Relevant City Code provisions and administrative rules; and
  - 3.** Portland-area attractions.

**16.40.090 LPT and Taxi Driver Permits Required – Application Process & Requirements.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185496, effective August 10, 2012.)

- A.** Permit Required. No person may drive a for-hire transportation vehicle without a valid, current for-hire transportation driver's permit issued under Chapter 16.40.
- B.** Application Documents Required. Applicants for a for-hire transportation driver's permit must submit to the Administrator the items listed below. The failure to submit any of the items listed will result in a denial of the permit:
  - 1.** a completed application on a form approved by the Administrator;
  - 2.** a copy of the applicant's current driver's license;
  - 3.** a copy of the applicant's non-Oregon driving record for any year in which the applicant was not a resident of Oregon during the last 10 years, regardless of the jurisdiction; and
  - 4.** if necessary, any information that reasonably relates to the application or is a clarification of information provided to the Administrator.
- C.** Photographs. Applicants will be photographed by the Bureau upon submittal of the driver permit application. The photograph then becomes a part of the applicant's submittal package.
- D.** Fees Required. Applicants must submit a nonrefundable application fee in the amount listed in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590.
- E.** Age, Criminal History, Driving History and Insurability Requirements. Applicants for a driver's permit may not be issued a permit if any of the following conditions exist:
  - 1.** The applicant has a felony of any kind in the 10 years preceding the submission of the application;
  - 2.** The applicant has a felony involving physical harm or attempted physical harm to a person, regardless of when the conviction occurred;
  - 3.** During the 5-year period preceding the submission of the application, the applicant has been convicted of any criminal offense involving:
    - a.** any misdemeanor involving theft, robbery, burglary, assault, sex crimes, drugs, prostitution, or weapons; or

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- b. any traffic crime, including but not limited to: driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, attempt to elude a police officer, or leaving the scene of an injury accident;
  4. During the 5-year period preceding the submission of the initial application, the applicant had greater than 10 traffic infractions as defined in ORS 801.557; greater than five serious traffic violations as defined in ORS 801.477; greater than five motor vehicle accidents that are required to be reported to the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to ORS 811.720; or, greater than five of any combination of serious traffic violations or motor vehicle accidents as provided above;
  5. During the 10-year period preceding the filing of the initial application, the applicant's driving privileges were suspended or revoked by any governing jurisdiction as a result of a driving-related incident;
  6. The applicant has more than two traffic violations or infractions of any kind within the previous 12 months from the date of the application;
  7. The applicant has more than four infractions of any kind within the previous 12 months from the date of the application;
  8. The applicant does not have at least 2 years' worth of continuous driving experience in a United States jurisdiction immediately prior to the date of the application's submission;
  9. The applicant is less than 21 years old; or
  10. The applicant is unable to obtain car insurance for any reason.
- F. Driver Safety and Customer Service Training Requirements. Applicants must successfully complete the following training and classes within 6 months of issuance of the driver's permit:
  1. A Bureau-approved driver safety program; and
  2. A Bureau-approved customer service training class.
- G. Driver Knowledge and Skills Testing Requirements. Applicants must successfully complete each of the following tests as administered by the Bureau before a permit can be issued:
  1. Map-reading;



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2. Relevant City Code provisions and Administrative Rules; and
  3. Portland-area attractions.
- H.** CPR Training for SAT Drivers. In addition to all other requirements found in Section 16.40.090, SAT drivers must have CPR and advanced first aid certifications within 6 months of issuance of the driver's permit.
- I.** The Director is authorized to provide by Administrative Rule the special permitting process for round trip medical transportation from distant areas for service provided by medical brokerages under contract with the Oregon Health Authority.

**16.40.100 Issuance of Driver's Permit; Term; Replacements.**

- A.** Issuance and Fees. If an applicant submits the required documents and otherwise satisfies all conditions and requirements found in Section 16.40.090 or, if applicable, Section 16.40.080 (pedicabs), the Administrator will issue a driver's permit to the applicant within 20 days of completion of all requirements and payment of the permit fees outlined in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590.
- B.** Permit Requirements: All driver permits must:
1. contain the permit number, permit expiration date, the driver's name and the driver's photograph;
  2. be posted in a prominent place within any vehicle driven by the permitted driver if the vehicle is a taxicab, pedicab, shuttle or SAT; and
  3. be inside the vehicle and available for inspection by any customer, passenger, police officer or designated City employee if the vehicle is a limousine or executive sedan.
- C.** Term. Driver's permits are valid for a period of 12 months from the date of issuance and must be renewed upon expiration. Permits expire on the last day of any given month, regardless of what day of the month the Bureau issued the permit. In order to achieve the goal of staggered renewal dates, the Board may by administrative rule require that initial permit terms following passage of this ordinance are valid for a period of less than 12 months.
- D.** Replacements. If a driver's permit is lost, damaged or stolen, the Administrator will issue a replacement permit for a fee in the amount outlined in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590.

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- E.** Compliance with Business License Tax Law. If applicable, any driver issued a driver's permit under this Chapter must comply with all provisions of the Business License Tax Law, Chapter 7.02, within 60 days of issuance of a driver's permit.
- F.** Suspension for Failure to Complete Training. Drivers that do not successfully complete all training and skills tests as required by Subsections 16.40.080 F., 16.40.090 F. and 16.40.090 H. within 6 months of the permit's issuance must return their permits to the City and those permits are thereafter suspended pending completion of all required skills tests and trainings. If the required tests and trainings are not completed within 9 months of the permit's original issuance date, the permit is revoked and applicants must begin the permit process again.

#### **16.40.110 Further Review and/or Denial of a Driver Permit Application.**

- A.** "Request for More Information" Letter. If the Administrator determines that a permit cannot be issued due to an incomplete application, a failure to pay the application fee, or for any reason found in Section 16.40.090 or, if applicable, Section 16.40.080 (pedicabs) that can potentially be corrected, the Administrator will send the applicant a "Request for More Information" letter (the "Information Letter") within 21 days of the initial application date. If the applicant is a taxi driver, the Administrator will also mail a copy of the Information Letter to the sponsoring taxi company. If the Administrator does not grant a permit or send an Information Letter within 21 days, the application is deemed denied and the applicant may appeal pursuant to Section 16.40.580.
- B.** Contents of Information Letter. The letter must list the reason(s) in Section 16.40.090 or, if applicable, Section 16.40.080 (pedicabs) that require further information and/or review before a permit may be issued.
- C.** Applicant Response Opportunity. If an applicant receives an Information Letter, the applicant may respond by either:
  - 1.** Submitting any missing information as requested by the Administrator in the letter;
  - 2.** Submitting any explanatory information regarding any criminal or driving infraction that was the subject of the denial;
  - 3.** Completing, within 90 days, any skills tests, driving tests, or knowledge tests that the applicant failed; or

4. Demonstrating to the Bureau's satisfaction that the disqualifying factor is either not likely to reoccur or that it occurred under circumstances that diminish the seriousness of the behavior.
- D. **Successful Response.** Applicants that successfully and timely address the initially-disqualifying reason found in the Information Letter will be issued a driver's permit pursuant to Section 16.40.100.
- E. **Failure to Respond.** An application is deemed rejected if the applicant fails to respond in writing within 10 days to an Information Letter. Rejected applicants that subsequently wish to obtain a driver's permit must file a new application and meet all the requirements of Section 16.40.090 or, if applicable, Section 16.40.080 (pedicabs), including paying all necessary application fees. If the applicant shows that the delay in responding was based on good cause, the Administrator may allow the applicant to respond to the Information Letter in the manner prescribed in Subsection 16.40.110 C.

**16.40.120 Driver Permit Renewals; Consequences of Failure to Renew.**

- A. Driver permits must be renewed every 12 months from the date of issuance.
- B. Every 2 years from the date of the initial permit, drivers must successfully complete all driver safety classes as described in Subsection 16.40.090 F. In addition, the City will conduct a review of the driver's criminal history and DMV records during this time.
- C. The following information, certificate of completion and payment amount must be submitted to the Bureau no less than 1 month prior to the renewal date:
  1. Updated file information if any information in the original application has changed;
  2. Payment of the renewal fee as outlined in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590.
  3. Certificate of completion of a Bureau-approved driver safety class as described in Subsection 16.40.090 F.
- D. Permits will not be renewed unless the driver is in compliance with the City's Business License Tax Law, Chapter 7.02, if applicable.
- E. Except as provided in Subsection 16.40.120 B., permits will not be renewed if the driver fails to satisfy any condition that would have been grounds to deny the initial permit, including any criminal activity or driving crimes/violations.

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- F.** Permits will not be renewed if the driver has more than five assessed civil penalties or more than \$4,500 in assessed civil penalty fines in the 12 months prior to the renewal date.
- G.** If a driver fails to timely pay the permit renewal fee, timely provide the renewal information required by Subsection 16.40.120 C., or fails to timely complete any training course as required by Subsection 16.40.120 B., the permit expires and becomes void. Voided driver permits require the former permittee to file an initial permit application and pay all necessary fees as outlined in Section 16.40.090 or, if applicable, Section 16.40.080 (pedicabs) to obtain a valid permit.

#### **16.40.130 LPT Company Permits Required – Application Process & Requirements.** (Amended by Ordinance No. 185496, effective August 10, 2012.)

- A.** Permit Required. No person or entity may conduct business as an LPT for-hire transportation company without a valid, current LPT company permit issued by the City under Chapter 16.40.
- B.** Application Requirements. An applicant for an LPT company permit must submit to the Administrator:
  - 1.** a completed application on a form supplied by the Bureau;
  - 2.** proof of registration with the Secretary of State for any corporate, LLC or LLP entity;
  - 3.** proof of registration with the Secretary of State for any assumed business name, along with a listing of the registrant of such;
  - 4.** The name of any person or entity holding an ownership interest of 20 percent or more for any corporation, limited liability company or limited liability partnership;
  - 5.** If an SAT company, proof that it has at least one valid government-approved contract for services; and
  - 6.** A nonrefundable application fee in the amount outlined in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590.
- C.** Additional Requirements. In addition to the requirements of Subsection 16.40.130 B., the Board has the authority to require, by administrative rule, that the applicant demonstrate some or all of the following:

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1. that it has an adequate amount of financial resources to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Chapter, including, but not limited to, insurance and vehicle requirements,
  2. that it has a valid business plan to enter into the for-hire market,
  3. that there is a need for additional LPT service providers in the City limits to service a growing demand or that the applicant has a business model to attract new business in the current market.
- D.** Compliance with Secretary of State Rules. No permit will be issued unless the company is validly registered with the Secretary of State, including all assumed business names.
- E.** The Director is authorized to provide by Administrative Rule the special permitting process for round trip medical transportation from distant areas for service provided by medical brokerages under contract with the Oregon Health Authority.

**16.40.140 Issuance of LPT Company Permits; Term; Replacements.**

- A.** Issuance of Permit. If the applicant provides all necessary documents required in Subsection 16.40.150 D., and if the applicant has a current business license issued under Chapter 7.02, the Administrator will issue an LPT Company permit upon the payment of the required permit fee as outlined in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590. If the applicant fails to satisfy any requirement, the permit will be denied.
- B.** Term. LPT Company permits are valid for a period of 12 months from the date of issuance. Permits expire on the last day of any given month, regardless of what day of the month the Bureau issued the permit. In order to achieve the goal of staggered renewal dates, the Board may by administrative rule require that initial permit terms following passage of this ordinance are for less than 12 months.
- C.** Replacement Permit. If an LPT company permit is lost, damaged or stolen, the Administrator will issue a replacement permit for a fee amount as outlined in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590.

**16.40.150 Taxicab Company Permits Required – Application Process & Requirements.**

- A.** Permit Required. No person or entity may conduct business as a taxicab company without a valid, current company permit issued by the City under Chapter 16.40.

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- B.** Application Requirements. An applicant for a taxicab company permit must submit to the Administrator:
1. a completed application on a form supplied by the Bureau;
  2. proof of registration with the Secretary of State for any corporate, LLC or LLP entity;
  3. proof of registration with the Secretary of State for any assumed business name, along with a listing of the registrant of such;
  4. A list of all persons or entities with more than 10 percent stock ownership if the company issues stock certificates; and
  5. A nonrefundable application fee in the amount outlined in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590.
- C.** Compliance with Secretary of State's Rules. No permit will be issued unless the company is validly registered with the Secretary of State, including all assumed business names.

#### **16.40.160 Issuance or Denial of Taxicab Company Permit; City Council Action.**

- A.** Administrator Review Process. After receiving a completed taxicab company application form and upon successful completion of all the requirements of Section 16.40.150, the Administrator will review the application in order to make a recommendation to the Board for approval or denial.
- B.** Recommendation Factors. The Administrator's recommendation will be based upon the requirements of Chapter 16.40, any regulations established by the Board pursuant to Section 16.40.050, and the following additional factors:
1. The current status of the public transportation system in the City;
  2. The current and future ability of the public transportation system to provide the timely and effective movement of persons;
  3. The ratio of population within the City of Portland to the number of taxicabs currently in operation;
  4. The demonstrated need for additional taxicab service in the City that is not accomplished by existing companies, as shown by the applicant;
  5. The present utilization patterns of taxicabs currently in operation; and

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6. The interests of the applicant in establishing a local business to legitimately serve the citizens of this City.
- C. Administrator's Staff Recommendation Report. Upon completion of the review process outlined in Subsection 16.40.160 A., the Administrator will prepare a Staff Recommendation Report that recommends approval or denial of the application. If the Administrator recommends denial, the Administrator will state the specific reasons therefore in the Staff Recommendation Report.
- D. Board Review. Upon completion of the Staff Recommendation Report the Administrator will forward it and the original taxi company application to the Board for consideration at the next regularly-scheduled Board meeting. The Board will review the application and the Staff Recommendation Report and will consider the Administrator's recommendation. Board members may ask questions of the applicant during the Board meeting. Upon the Board's review and consideration of the application, it will then vote on whether it recommends approval or denial of the application. The Board will reduce its recommendation to a written document (the "Board Recommendation") and the Bureau will forward it to the City Council along with the Staff Recommendation Report.
- E. Council Hearing. Once the Bureau has forwarded the Staff Recommendation Report and the Board Recommendation to City Council, the Administrator will contact the Auditor's Office and set a Council hearing date on the Board's recommendation of the applicant's approval or denial. The Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the Board's recommendation on the application. At such hearing the officers and/or major stockholders in the applicant company may be directed by the Council to personally appear before it.
- F. Council's Standard of Review. The Council's review is de novo, but it will consider the Staff Recommendation, the Board's Recommendation, and the factors found in Subsection 16.40.160 B. in determining whether to grant an application for a new taxicab company permit.
- G. Issuance or Denial of Permit. At the close of the hearing, the Council will direct the Bureau to issue a taxicab company permit to the applicant only if it finds:
  1. That the interests of the City will be served thereby; and
  2. That the applicant has sufficient financial resources to be able to meet the minimum standards established by Section 16.40.270.
- H. Conditions of Permit. If the permit is granted, it may contain such terms or conditions as the Council deems appropriate.

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- I.** Fees. The Bureau cannot issue the taxicab company permit until the applicant pays the permit fee outlined in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590.

#### **16.40.170 LPT and Taxicab Company Permit Renewals.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185721, effective November 7, 2012.)

- A.** LPT and Taxicab Company permits must be renewed 12 months after issuance. All permits expire on the last day of any given month, regardless of what day of the month the original permit was issued.
- B.** The following information and documents must be submitted to the Bureau no later than 1 month prior to the renewal date:
  - 1.** Updated file information if any information in the initial application has changed; and
  - 2.** Updated copies of insurance certificates for any permitted vehicles that are subject to the requirements found in Section 16.40.410.
- C.** LPT and taxi companies must pay the renewal fees outlined in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590.
- D.** Permits will not be renewed if the company fails to satisfy any condition that would have been grounds to deny the initial permit.
- E.** Permits will not be renewed unless the company is in compliance with the City's Business License Tax Law, Chapter 7.02.
- F.** Permits will not be renewed if the company does not have a current, valid registration with the Oregon Secretary of State's office, including registration of all assumed business names.
- G.** Company and vehicle permits will not be renewed if the company does not achieve the minimum score on the matrix of taxi company performance standards. The number of taxi vehicle permit renewals granted will be related to review of the performance standards. Taxi company performance standards will be described by administrative rule.

#### **16.40.180 Pedicab Decals Required – Application Process & Requirements.**

- A.** Decal Required for Pedicabs. No pedicab may be used as a for-hire transportation vehicle without a valid and unobstructed decal issued by the City under Chapter 16.40. Applicants for a vehicle decal must satisfy the conditions as set forth in



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Subsections 16.40.180 B. – F. for every vehicle decal application, which includes providing to the Bureau a copy of all certificates required.

- B.** Application Form. The applicant for a pedicab decal must complete a “Pedicab Decal Application Form” provided by the Administrator and which includes the following requested information:
  - 1.** Pedicab Make;
  - 2.** Pedicab Model; and
  - 3.** Pedicab Owner.
- C.** Insurance Certificate. All pedicab applicants must provide the Bureau with an insurance certificate of liability indicating that the requirements of Section 16.40.420 have been satisfied.
- D.** Safety Inspection. The Board has the authority, by administrative rule, to require that a pedicab satisfy certain safety standards before it may be decaled. This may include inspection by an independent third party or inspection by City personnel.
- E.** Pedicab Condition. Notwithstanding Subsection 16.40.180 D., no pedicab will be decaled if the Administrator determines that the interior is not clean and/or the exterior is not in good condition.
- F.** Fees. Pedicab companies must pay a nonrefundable application fee for each for-hire pedicab applying for a decal in the amount outlined in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590.

**16.40.190 LPT Decals and Taxiplates Required; Application Process & Requirements.**  
(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 185496 and 185497, effective August 10, 2012.)

- A.** Decal Required for LPT Vehicles. No LPT vehicle may be used as a for-hire transportation vehicle without a valid and unobstructed decal issued by the City under Chapter 16.40. Applicants for a vehicle decal must satisfy the conditions as set forth in Subsections 16.40.190 C. – J. for every vehicle decal application, which includes providing to the Bureau a copy of all certificates required.
- B.** Taxiplate Required for Taxicabs. No taxicab vehicle may be used as a for-hire transportation vehicle without a valid and unobstructed taxiplate issued by the City under Chapter 16.40. Applicants for a taxiplate must satisfy the conditions as set forth in Subsections 16.40.190 C. – J. for every vehicle taxiplate application, which includes providing to the Bureau a copy of all certificates required

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- C.** Application Form. The applicant for a vehicle decal or taxiplate must complete a “Decal/Taxiplate Application Form” provided by the Administrator and which includes the following requested information:
1. Vehicle Make;
  2. Vehicle Model;
  3. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN);
  4. Vehicle Owner;
  5. Vehicle Model Year;
  6. Vehicle License Plate Number; and
  7. Whether the vehicle is wheelchair accessible
- D.** Age of Vehicle. After December 31, 2011, decals and taxiplates will not be issued to a for-hire vehicle applicant unless the vehicle meets the age requirements below. For the purposes of Chapter 16.40, the age of a vehicle is determined by the manufacturer’s model year, regardless of when the vehicle was purchased or put into service as a “for-hire” vehicle. Apart from the exception found in Subsection 16.40.190 E., no for-hire vehicle may be older than the following ages:
1. Taxicabs: 10 years
  2. Shuttles: 10 years
  3. Executive Sedans: 10 years
  4. SAT’s: 10 years
  5. Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles: 10 years for all new and replaced wheelchair accessible vehicles, effective January 1, 2013; except that vehicles purchased and put into service prior to January 1, 2013 may be used and renewed until they are 15 years old, so long as they remain continuously permitted and in service from the time of purchase.
- E.** Vehicle Age Exception. Applicants whose vehicles are considered “classic” or “antique” under criteria found in administrative rule may petition the Administrator for an exception to the vehicle age requirements found in Subsection 16.40.190 D. Applicants who can demonstrate to the Administrator

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that their vehicle is in excellent safety, mechanical and physical condition despite it being beyond the age limits found in Subsection 16.40.190 D. may be granted an exception to those age limits.

- F.** Insurance Certificate. All decal and taxiplate applicants must provide the Bureau with an insurance certificate of liability indicating that the requirements of Section 16.40.410 have been satisfied.
- G.** Safety Certificate. Each vehicle must pass a standardized vehicle safety test as performed by a certified mechanic approved by the City. The Certified Mechanic will then issue to the applicant a "Safety Certificate" stating that the vehicle passed the required safety inspection. A list of certified mechanics and the things that must be inspected by the mechanic are found in administrative rules.
- H.** Vehicle Condition. Notwithstanding the issuance of a safety certificate, no vehicle will be decaled or taxiplated if the Administrator determines that the interior is not clean and/or the exterior is not in excellent condition.
- I.** Vehicle Registration. All applicants must provide the Administrator with a copy of the appropriate state-issued vehicle registration for all for-hire transportation vehicles.
- J.** Fees. All for-hire companies must pay a nonrefundable application fee for each for-hire vehicle applying for a decal or taxiplate in the amount outlined in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590.
- K.** The Director is authorized to provide by Administrative Rule a substitute decal or permit card for round trip medical transportation from distant areas for service provided by medical brokerages under contract with the Oregon Health Authority.

**16.40.200 Limit on Number of LPT Vehicles Allowed.**

- A.** The total number of LPT decal-issued vehicles for any specific LPT industry (sedan, limousine, shuttle, SAT or pedicab) may be capped by administrative rule if the Bureau determines that market saturation exists. In determining if market saturation exists, the Bureau will examine the factors outlined in administrative rule.
- B.** If the Bureau determines that market saturation exists after examining the factors listed in administrative rule, the Director may ask the Board to adopt an administrative rule capping the number of LPT vehicles for that specific industry. In making this determination, the Bureau is not required to find that all factors are present, nor is it required to give any one factor priority over other any other factor.

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- C.** If the Board adopts an administrative rule that caps the number of LPT decaled vehicles, then no new permits will be issued by the Bureau in that specific industry category.
- D.** Notwithstanding Subsection 16.40.200 C., no currently-decaled vehicle will be required to forfeit its decal upon adoption of any administrative rule capping the number of decaled vehicles allowed.
- E.** Notwithstanding Subsection 16.40.200 C., any vehicle that has been providing for-hire transportation for at least 12 months prior to June 1, 2009, and which was not subject to this Chapter's requirements at that time but which is subject to this Chapter's requirements as of June 1, 2009, may be permitted provided that the Bureau receives its application for a permit by August 31, 2009.
- F.** If the Board adopts an administrative rule that caps the number of decaled LPT vehicles, any LPT company affected by the cap may apply to the Board for an increase in the number of decaled vehicles that it may operate notwithstanding the cap. The application must be in a form established by the Administrator. Applications will only be accepted from April 1 – April 30 and September 1 – September 30 of any given year. Requests for more LPT vehicle decals will be considered by the Board at the first regularly-scheduled board meeting after July 1 for the April applications and after December 1 for the September applications. Bureau staff will submit a recommendation to the Board at least 10 days prior to the meeting, but the Board is not required to follow staff's recommendation. The Board may grant the application in whole or in part upon a finding that an increase in decaled vehicles for the applicant would not detrimentally affect market saturation or that the applicant has demonstrated a need for increased vehicles to serve a growing demand for that applicant.

**16.40.210 Limit on Number of Taxicabs Allowed.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185721, effective November 7, 2012.)

- A.** No taxicab company may operate more taxicabs than authorized by the Council, unless additional taxicabs have been authorized by the Board pursuant to Subsection 16.40.210 B.
- B.** A taxicab company may apply to the Board for an increase of the number of taxicabs that the company may operate. The application must be in a form established by the Administrator. Applications will only be accepted from April 1 – April 30 and September 1 – September 30 of any given year. Requests for more taxiplates will be considered by the Board at the first regularly-scheduled board meeting after July 1 for the April applications and after December 1 for the September applications. Bureau staff will submit a recommendation to the Board

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at least 10 days prior to the meeting, but the Board is not required to follow staff's recommendation. The Board may grant the application in whole or in part.

- C.** If the Board approves an increase in the number of taxicabs that a company may operate, it may also impose additional conditions, including but not limited to, vehicle type or utilization. If a condition is imposed under this Subsection, the Board may remove it upon application by the taxi company if the Board determines that the reasons for the condition no longer exist or have otherwise been minimized.
- D.** Any Board action that authorizes an increase in the number of taxicabs operated by a taxicab company is automatically stayed if a timely appeal of such action is filed by an aggrieved party pursuant to the procedures in Section 16.40.580.
- E.** Board review of taxi company requests for additional vehicle permits will include evaluation of taxi company performance standards, as described by administrative rule.

**16.40.220 Vehicle Decal and Taxiplate Issuance or Denial.**

- A.** Upon successful completion of the vehicle or pedicab decal/taxiplate application process and payment of the required permit fee as outlined in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590, the Administrator will issue a vehicle identification decal bearing a bar code and the city seal for each LPT vehicle or pedicab that qualifies, and the Administrator will issue a taxiplate bearing a unique City-issued number for each taxicab that qualifies.
- B.** Decals and taxiplates are valid for a period of no more than 12 months from the date of issuance, and all decals and taxiplates expire on the same day as the expiration of the LPT or Taxi Company permit with which they are affiliated. Fees for decals and taxiplates that are not issued contemporaneously with a company permit will be prorated to equal the cost of the number of months remaining until the company permit expires.
- C.** Decals must be affixed to the vehicle's front and back window in a manner outlined by administrative rule.
- D.** Taxiplates must be affixed to the trunk, tailgate or rear bumper of the taxicab.
- E.** All decals and taxiplates must be clearly visible upon outside inspection.
- F.** Permittees may not operate any substitute vehicle or pedicab until the substitute vehicle or pedicab has passed the safety inspection process and has a decal or taxiplate affixed to it.

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- G.** Decals that are intentionally destroyed or damaged by the permittee prior to renewal and without the City's authorization are not subject to renewal.

#### **16.40.230 Vehicle Decal and Taxiplate Renewals.**

- A.** Company permittees must pay a renewal fee in the amount outlined in the Fee Table in Section 16.40.590 for each decaled and taxiplated vehicle no later than 1 month prior to the decal or taxiplate's expiration date.
- B.** If the permittee fails to pay the renewal fee or provide other renewal information as required by Subsection 16.40.230 A., the vehicle decal or taxiplate is deemed abandoned and the vehicle decal or taxiplate becomes void within 30 days of its original expiration date.
- C.** Voided vehicle decals and taxiplates are not renewable in the year following their voidance.
- D.** Once a vehicle decal or taxiplate is voided, a for-hire transportation company may not renew that decal or taxiplate and instead must complete the initial application process if the company seeks a decal or taxiplate for that vehicle.
- E.** With the exception of pedicabs, vehicle decals and taxiplates will not be renewed unless the vehicle passes the safety inspection test outlined in Subsection 16.40.190 G. and the permittee provides the City with a Certificate of Safety.
- F.** No decal or taxiplate will be issued as a renewal if any condition exists that would have been grounds for denial of the initial decal or taxiplate.

#### **16.40.240 Transfer of Decal, Permit or Taxiplate Interest Prohibited.**

- A.** All permits, decals and taxiplates issued by the City under the terms of this Chapter are City property and cannot be leased, sold, transferred or assigned in any manner.
- B.** Any decal, taxiplate or permit that is not returned to the City within 21 days upon revocation or upon a failure to renew is considered conversion of City property and is an actionable offense in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- C.** Any person or company that fails to return, within 21 days, any decal, taxiplate or permit upon revocation or upon a failure to renew is subject to a civil penalty of \$1,500.

**16.40.250      Knowingly Providing False Information; Penalties.**

- A. Any person that knowingly provides materially false information on any document, insurance form, report or application required under this Chapter is subject to a civil penalty of \$250 for each occurrence.
- B. If the correct information would have been grounds for a denial of a permit for any reason, then any permit issued due to the false information is revoked in addition to the penalty found in Subsection 16.40.250 A.
- C. If a person knowingly provides materially false information to an insurance agent, broker or company as part of the requirements for insurance under this Chapter, then all permits issued to that person will be revoked immediately upon the date the violation is discovered by the Administrator.

**16.40.260      Late Submission of Payments Due, Information or Documents; Penalties.**

- A. Any person that does not timely submit any payment when due, or who does not timely submit any information or documents required under this Chapter or requested by the Administrator, is subject to a civil penalty as described in Subsection 16.40.260 B.
- B. Civil penalties for late submissions will be assessed as follows:
  - 1. If less than 10 days late, the penalty is \$50 per occurrence.
  - 2. If more than 10 days late but less than 21 days late, the penalty is \$100 per occurrence.
  - 3. If more than 21 days late the penalty is \$200 per occurrence and, if the information or documents are necessary for the issuance or renewal of a permit, the permit will not be issued by the City absent a showing of good cause for the delay.

**16.40.270      Minimum Standards of Service for Taxicab Companies.**

Permitted taxicab companies must comply with the following minimum standards:

- A. A dispatch system in operation 24 hours each day capable of providing reasonably prompt service in response to requests received by telephone.
- B. Acceptance of any request for taxicab service received from any location within the City.

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- C.** Service city-wide, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If more than 65 percent of the company's permitted taxicabs are found within a 1 mile radius of the Portland International Airport's main entrance road at any given time (not including any taxicabs at a company headquarters), a rebuttable presumption exists that the company is not providing city-wide service.
- D.** A minimum fleet of 15 taxicabs.
- E.** At least 2/3 of the taxicab company's permitted fleet must be utilized and in service at all times. Utilization is measured by the number of days in operation divided by a given number of days. This test will be for no fewer than 30 days.

**16.40.280 Taxicab Digital Security Camera Systems.**

- A.** Digital security cameras are required in every permitted taxicab. Taxicab companies own the cameras and are responsible for their maintenance and the records produced by them.
- B.** Taxicab companies must perform inspection and testing of the cameras according to the recommended product specifications, requirements and schedule.
- C.** If a Portland Police Bureau Officer requests access to any record produced by the digital security camera systems to assist in the investigation of any crime, the taxi company must provide access thereto within 24 hours. Except as provided by Subsection 16.40.280 B., no person other than a Portland Police officer may intentionally access any record produced by the digital security camera systems.
- D.** No taxicab company or driver may allow any person to intentionally access any records produced by the digital security camera systems.
- E.** No taxicab company or driver may benefit or gain from any records produced by digital security camera systems.
- F.** No taxicab driver may tamper with, damage, disturb, remove or disable a digital security camera system in a taxicab.
- G.** Taxicab drivers must utilize the digital security camera and immediately notify the taxicab company if a digital security camera system is or appears to be damaged, stolen or inoperative.



**16.40.290 Taxicab Fare Rates.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185722, effective November 7, 2012.)

- A.** The following are the maximum rates that can be charged for the transportation of passengers in taxicabs for trips within the City limits:

  - 1.** An initial charge of \$2.50, for one passenger, and waiting time at a rate of \$30 per hour or proportionate fraction thereof;
  - 2.** Subsequent to the initial charge provided for in Subsection 16.40.290 A.1., the maximum charges may not exceed \$2.60 per mile; and
  - 3.** For each extra passenger, \$1 additional charge.
- B.** Taxi companies are authorized, per company policy, to require that passengers must use cash only to pay for fares of less than \$5. If a taxi company has such a policy in effect, it must post that policy in all taxiplated taxicabs in a manner consistent with the requirements of Subsection 16.40.290 G.
- C.** The Bureau has the authority to perform a rate study annually to determine appropriate maximum meter rates.
- D.** If there is more than one passenger during a taxi trip, the last person leaving the cab is responsible for the entire fare – regardless of when other passengers boarded or disembarked. The taximeter is started at the beginning of the trip but not again until the last passenger has arrived at that passenger’s destination.
- E.** No extra charge is to be made for transporting any items belonging to a passenger if those items fit within the interior of the taxicab (including the trunk but not the front seat), provided that the items in total can be carried by the driver and/or passenger(s) in one walking trip from the vehicle to the building entrance, and each item can be carried by a single person.
- F.** No charge is to be made for time lost or distance traveled while the taxicab is disabled. No charge is to be made for traveling empty while en route to pick up a passenger, unless the person requesting the taxicab unreasonably refuses to hire it after it arrives, in which case an amount equal to the minimum charge on file as specified in Subsection 16.40.290 A. may be charged.
- G.** A clear and complete summary of a taxi company’s rate schedule must be posted in a conspicuous place in the passenger compartment of every taxicab. Every taxicab company must provide the Administrator with a copy this summary prior to posting them in the taxis. A summary of the meter rate in a form approved by the Administrator must be placed in a manner to be visible from the outside of

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every taxicab. If the Administrator approves a change of rate schedule upon proper filing by the taxi company, the taximeter, rate card, and rates posted must be converted for every taxicab within 30 days. The rates posted must match those used in the taximeter of any taxicab in service.

#### **16.40.300 Wheelchair Accessible Taxicabs.**

- A.** At least 20 percent of every taxi company fleet must be wheelchair accessible.
- B.** Notwithstanding Subsection 16.40.300 A., companies that participate in the Portland Accessible Cab Association Agreement (PACA) are required to have only 10 percent of their fleet wheelchair accessible.
- C.** The percentages required under this Section are calculated with respect to taxicab vehicles that are permitted by the City of Portland and not to the entire taxicab fleet if some percentage of the fleet operates outside the City. The percentages apply only to vehicles being used exclusively as taxicabs and not as specially attended transportation vehicles in conjunction with any other agency, private or government contract.
- D.** Taxi companies that participate in the PACA are required to provide wheelchair accessible taxi service within a reasonable time. It is a rebuttable presumption that any time beyond 30 minutes is unreasonable.

#### **16.40.310 Taximeter Requirements.**

- A.** Every taxicab must be equipped with a taximeter in accurate operating condition, with a lighted face that can easily be read at all times by the passenger.
- B.** Every taximeter must be inspected by a certified taximeter installer and certified at installation, at change in rate, and within 1 year of the last inspection. A certificate of inspection must be issued by a qualified taximeter repair service upon each inspection. A copy of the certificate of inspection must remain in the taxicab.
- C.** Certificates of inspection must include:
  - 1.** The identifying number of the taximeter;
  - 2.** The make, model and license number of the taxicab in which the taximeter is installed;
  - 3.** The name of the taxicab company;

4. The date of inspection;
  5. A statement that the taximeter has been inspected and approved as operating within the limits of accuracy as specified by Subsection 16.40.310 E., as well as on the basis of rates on file with the Administrator under Section 16.40.290; and
  6. The signature of the individual making the certification.
- D.** Taxi companies must keep on file copies of all certificates of inspection until the taximeter is recalibrated and the certificate is no longer accurate.
- E.** Taximeters must operate within the following limits of accuracy: Plus or minus 50 feet in 1 mile and 1 second in 1 minute of waiting time.
- F.** Certificates of inspection may be examined or a taximeter re-inspected by any police officer or the Administrator at any time during normal business hours.
- G.** All taximeters must be approved by the National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP) as evidenced by a "Certificate of Conformance" issued by an authorized inspector. All taximeters must have an active NTEP Certificate of Conformance number.

**16.40.320 Required Taxicab Equipment.**

Every taxicab must be equipped with a top light, have seat belts for every passenger and have signage in a visible location within the taxicab that says: YOU ARE ON CAMERA. IT IS A FELONY IN OREGON TO ASSAULT A TAXICAB DRIVER.

**16.40.330 Identification of Taxicab Vehicles.**

- A.** Every taxicab must prominently display on both sides of the vehicle the following information:
1. the full name of the taxicab company;
  2. the company-assigned taxi number;
  3. the telephone number of that company where service can be requested; and
  4. the word "taxi", "cab" or "taxicab".
- B.** Every taxicab must be painted in the colors of its company. No two taxicab companies may have the same colors.

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- C. Only vehicles with City-issued taxiplates may be equipped with a top light or taximeter, and only those vehicles may use the words “taxi”, “cab” or “taxicab” anywhere on the vehicle, unless the company’s legally registered name at the time this ordinance passes contains the word “cab”.

**16.40.340 Driver Conduct Requirements and Prohibitions.**

- A. No permitted driver shall:
1. Allow another person to use his/her driver’s permit;
  2. Drive or allow another person to drive a for-hire transportation vehicle without a valid driver’s license;
  3. Operate any for-hire transportation vehicle while consuming, or while under the influence of alcohol, or in a careless or reckless manner or in a manner contrary to the laws of this City or the State of Oregon;
  4. Operate any for-hire transportation vehicle while consuming, or while under the influence of illegal drugs;
  5. Operate any for-hire transportation vehicle if impaired by any legally-prescribed or over-the-counter drugs;
  6. Use a for-hire transportation vehicle in the commission of any crime;
  7. Use profane or obscene language offensive to the passenger while operating a for-hire transportation vehicle;
  8. Smoke any substance or use tobacco in any form inside a permitted vehicle, unless it is a pedicab;
  9. Allow any passenger to smoke any substance or use tobacco in any form inside a permitted vehicle, unless it is a pedicab;
  10. Defraud a passenger in any way;
  11. Be discourteous to a passenger;
  12. Refuse to issue a fully completed receipt for a fare paid if one is requested;  
or

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13. Drive passengers to their destination by any other than the most direct and safe route, unless requested to do so by the passenger.
- B.** In addition to the prohibitions in Subsection 16.40.340 A. above, no taxicab driver shall:
1. Charge a fare higher than that authorized by Chapter 16.40 for passenger transportation; or
  2. Refuse to transport to his requested destination any passenger of proper demeanor who requests services or is assigned by a taxicab service company when the taxicab is not already in service, and who is able to demonstrate the ability to pay the fare.
- C.** The Administrator has the authority to investigate any and all complaints concerning possible violations of Chapter 16.40 or administrative rules adopted hereunder and to fine accordingly if a violation is found.

**16.40.350 Pedicab Regulations.**

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise or unless the regulations and requirements are more stringent than those found in Sections 16.40.080, 16.40.180 or 16.40.360, pedicab drivers, companies, and vehicles are subject to the regulations and requirements found in this Chapter. Pedicab drivers, vehicles and companies are specifically exempted from the insurance requirements found in Section 16.40.410.

**16.40.360 Pedicab Driver and Vehicle Requirements and Prohibitions.**

- A.** Pedicab vehicles are required to satisfy the following conditions when operating between dusk and dawn:
1. Make use of working battery-powered lights;
  2. Be equipped with one headlight capable of projecting a beam of light for a distance of at least 500 feet; and
  3. Be equipped with two red taillights mounted on the right and left area of the pedicab's rear.
- B.** No pedicab may be operated on a public sidewalk, unless it is allowed to do so pursuant to either city, county or state bicycle and tricycle traffic laws.
- C.** No pedicab may use any public street, public property or right-of-way as a waiting area unless such area is a legal motor vehicle parking area or unless it is

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allowed to do so as a bicycle or tricycle pursuant to city, county or state traffic laws

- D.** All pedicab drivers must have a valid driver's license or government-issued photo identification in their possession while in control of any pedicab.
- E.** No pedicab driver may exceed the pedicab manufacturer's limits on the amount of weight the pedicab may safely carry.
- F.** No bicycle or tricycle may operate as a pedicab by pulling any kind of cart, trailer or other enclosed seating contraption behind the bicycle or tricycle.
- G.** Every pedicab must be:
  - 1.** Kept clean;
  - 2.** Kept in good appearance and good repair; and
  - 3.** Kept in a safe condition.

#### **16.40.370 Maximum Hours For Drivers.**

- A.** No taxi or LPT driver is allowed to drive or be on duty (in any combination thereof) for more than 14 hours in any given 24-hour period.
- B.** Each taxi and LPT company must maintain hours of service records for its drivers for a period of at least 1 year from the date of the driver's last for-hire service.
- C.** Both drivers and companies are subject to penalties for any violation of Section 16.40.370.

#### **16.40.380 For-Hire Vehicle Requirements and Prohibitions.**

- A.** All private for-hire transportation vehicles must be:
  - 1.** Kept clean;
  - 2.** Kept in good appearance and good repair;
  - 3.** Properly equipped, including but not limited to carrying a standard first aid kit and a fire extinguisher;
  - 4.** Kept in a safe condition; and

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5. Equipped with all pollution control equipment originally installed by the manufacturer.
- B. The use of tobacco products are prohibited in any for-hire transportation vehicle. Signs detailing this prohibition must be displayed in each taxi, shuttle and SAT vehicle in a form and manner as described in administrative rule.
- C. The Administrator has the authority to demand that a for-hire vehicle be made available for inspection within 48 hours notice. Authorized City personnel have the authority to inspect any for-hire vehicle at any time if the vehicle:
  1. is within the City limits;
  2. does not have a passenger inside; and
  3. is parked in the public right of way or on public property.
- D. If the Administrator determines that the vehicle violates any provision of Section 16.40.380 A., the Administrator may issue a civil penalty and set a deadline of not less than 48 hours in which the vehicle must be in compliance. If the vehicle is not in compliance at the time of the deadline, the Administrator may suspend the vehicle permit until the violations are corrected.

**16.40.390 Identification of SAT Vehicles.**

All Specially Attended Transportation vehicles must prominently display on the outside of the vehicle, on both sides, the full name and telephone number of the permittee, and the words "RESERVED, NOT FOR-HIRE" on both rear doors or rear windows. All required signage must be in lettering at least 3 inches in height with proportional width and must be clearly visible at all times.

**16.40.410 LPT and Taxi Insurance Requirements.**

- A. Coverages and Limits: All for-hire transportation company permit holders must obtain, comply with, and maintain the minimum levels of insurance coverage outlined below during the entire term that the permit is valid:
  1. Commercial Business Insurance. Company permit holders must secure and maintain a Commercial General Liability policy reflecting limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per Occurrence and \$2,000,000 Aggregate for covered claims arising out of, but not limited to, Bodily Injury, Property Damage, Personal and Advertising Injury, and Contractual Liability in the course of the permit holder's work under a for-hire transportation company permit.

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2. Vehicle Insurance. All for-hire company permit holders, regardless of whether the company holds title to a vehicle or not, must provide the City with a copy of a valid Commercial Auto Liability policy reflecting a Combined Single Limit of not less than 500,000 per occurrence for claims arising out of, but not limited to, bodily injury and property damage incurred from the business use of any scheduled, non-owned, and hired automobile in the course of the vehicle's use as a for-hire transportation vehicle. The Commercial Auto Liability policy must comply with the mandatory laws of the State of Oregon and/or other applicable governing bodies.
  3. Worker's Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance. The company permit holder must secure and maintain a Workers Compensation and Employers Liability policy where required by state law.
- B.** Additional Policy Conditions: Policies required under Subsections 16.40.410 A.1. and/or 16.40.410 A.2. must also contain, include, provide for or comply with the following:
1. The Commercial General Liability and Commercial Auto Liability coverage must name the City and its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds as respects to claims, in the course of the permit holder's work as a for-hire transportation company, covered by such policies;
  2. Policy coverages must be primary and non-contributory, and any insurance coverage maintained by the City must be considered excess.
  3. The insurance limits are subject to statutory changes as to maximum limits of liability imposed on municipalities of the State of Oregon during the permit's term;
  4. The insurance policy must allow for written notice to the Administrator 30 days before any policy is canceled;
  5. The insurance policy must allow for written notice to the Administrator 30 days before a policy will expire or be reduced in coverage;
  6. All insurance companies issuing policies under this Section must carry at least an A.M. Best Company rating of A-, VIII or better; and
  7. The adequacy of insurance coverage outlined in this Section is subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney's Office.



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- C.** Permit Holder's Insurance Obligations. All company permit holders must comply with the following obligations with respect to insurance reporting, updating and filing:
- 1.** The permit holder must maintain continuous, uninterrupted coverage for the duration of the permit. Any lapse in insurance coverage, even if it is later backdated by the insurance company, is subject to a civil penalty.
  - 2.** The permit holder must file a certificate of liability with the Administrator that evidences insurance coverage and terms that are in compliance with the requirements of this Section. The certificate of liability must be on a standard ACORD form or its equivalent.
  - 3.** The permit holder must file with the Bureau a copy of the insurance company-issued additional insured endorsements naming the City and its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds.
  - 4.** The permit holder must keep a copy of the vehicle's proof of insurance in every for-hire vehicle.
- D.** Independent Contractors/Owner-Operators. If an independent contractor/owner-operator relationship exists with a permit holder and the independent contractors/owner-operators provide services under the permit holder's permit, then the permit holder and the City require the same insurance coverages and limits and conditions as outlined in Subsections 16.40.410 A. - C. The same certificate of liability and additional insured endorsement requirements will apply.
- E.** Alternative to Insurance Requirements. Alternatives to insurance, such as self-insurance, may occur only if the level of coverage and the terms, conditions and obligations meet the same or higher requirements as found in Subsections 16.40.410 A. – C., and only if the public safety and well-being is not endangered thereby. The adequacy of proposed alternative insurance coverage is subject to approval by the City Attorney's Office before such alternative insurance may become effective.

**16.40.420 Pedicab Insurance Requirements.**

- A.** Coverages and Limits: All pedicab transportation company permit holders must obtain, comply with, and maintain the minimum levels of insurance coverage outlined below during the entire term that the permit is valid:
- 1.** Commercial Business Insurance. Company permit holders must secure and maintain a Commercial General Liability policy reflecting limits of no less than \$500,000 per Occurrence and \$1,000,000 Aggregate for covered

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claims arising out of, but not limited to, Bodily Injury, Property Damage, Personal and Advertising Injury, and Contractual Liability in the course of the permit holder's work under a for-hire transportation company permit.

2. Worker's Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance. The company permit holder must secure and maintain a Workers Compensation and Employers Liability policy where required by state law.

**B.** Additional Policy Conditions. Policies required under Subsection 16.40.420 A.1. must also contain, include, provide for or comply with the following:

1. The Commercial General Liability coverage must name the City and its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds as respects to claims, in the course of the permit holder's work as a for-hire transportation company, covered by such policies;
2. Policy coverages must be primary and non-contributory, and any insurance coverage maintained by the City must be considered excess;
3. The insurance limits are subject to statutory changes as to maximum limits of liability imposed on municipalities of the State of Oregon during the permit's term;
4. The insurance policy must allow for written notice to the Administrator 30 days before any policy is canceled;
5. The insurance policy must allow for written notice to the Administrator 30 days before a policy will expire or be reduced in coverage;
6. All insurance companies issuing policies under this Section must carry at least an A.M. Best Company rating of A-, VIII or better; and
7. The adequacy of insurance coverage outlined in this Section is subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney's Office.

**C.** Permit Holder's Insurance Obligations. All pedicab company permit holders must comply with the following obligations with respect to insurance reporting, updating and filing:

1. The permit holder must maintain continuous, uninterrupted coverage for the duration of the permit. Any lapse in insurance coverage, even if it is later backdated by the insurance company, is subject to a civil penalty.

2. The permit holder must file a certificate of liability with the Administrator that evidences insurance coverage and terms that are in compliance with the requirements of this Section. The certificate of liability must be on a standard ACORD form or its equivalent.
  3. The permit holder must file with the Administrator a copy of the insurance company-issued additional insured endorsements naming the City and its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds.
- D.** Alternative to Insurance Requirements. Alternatives to insurance, such as self-insurance, may occur only if the level of coverage and the terms, conditions and obligations meet the same or higher requirements as found in Subsections 16.40.420 A. – C., and only if the public safety and well-being is not endangered thereby. The adequacy of proposed alternative insurance coverage is subject to approval by the City Attorney's Office before such alternative insurance may become effective.

**16.40.430 Financial and Operating Restrictions and Reporting.**  
(Amended by Ordinance No. 185723, effective November 7, 2012.)

- A.** For the purposes of investigating citizen complaints and to aid in enforcement of this Chapter, the Administrator may require a for-hire transportation company to report financial and operating data, in such form and at such times as the Administrator requires. The company must compile the necessary data and submit reports to the Administrator as requested and within the timeframe demanded subject to the requirements of this Section, but in no event must the company be forced to submit this information without at least 72 hours prior notice by the Administrator.
- B.** Except as otherwise required by law, information submitted to the Administrator under this Section can only be used within the City government. Such information may not be released to the public except in aggregate form.
- C.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection 16.40.430 B., information submitted under this Section may become a matter of public record as necessary to initiate, prosecute and defend an enforcement action.
- D.** All permitted taxi companies must submit to the Director, or his or her designee, a comprehensive accounting of all current payments required from drivers to the taxi company as of October 1, 2012;
- E.** Any payments or fees charged by taxi companies to drivers may not be raised or modified without the review and approval of the Director, or his or her designee, after receiving written application from the taxi company.

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- F.** The Director or his or her designee will review the application in accordance with the criteria established in Administrative Rule.

**16.40.440 Reports to the Administrator.**

- A.** For-hire transportation companies must report any of the following events to the Administrator within 24 hours of it becoming known by any company officer or principal managing employee:
- 1.** The arrest or conviction for any criminal offense of any officer or principal managing employee of the company involving the operation of that company;
  - 2.** Any accident required to be reported to the State of Oregon involving a company vehicle;
  - 3.** The filing of any lawsuit against or on behalf of the for-hire company related to the operation of the company;
  - 4.** The initiation of bankruptcy proceedings or corporate or partnership dissolution by the company; and
  - 5.** Any information required to be disclosed by Subsection 16.40.440 B that comes to the attention of a for-hire transportation company's management.
- B.** Every for-hire transportation driver must report any of the following events to the Administrator and to the driver's for-hire transportation company within 24 hours of its occurrence:
- 1.** Any arrest, charge, or conviction of the driver for any criminal offense, or any traffic violation, that occurs during, or arises out of, the driver's operation of a for-hire transportation vehicle;
  - 2.** Any arrest, charge or conviction of the driver for any criminal offense involving theft, robbery, burglary, assault, sex crimes, drugs, prostitution, or any related offense;
  - 3.** Any vehicle accident required to be reported to the State of Oregon involving any vehicle operated as for-hire transportation by the driver; and
  - 4.** Any restriction, suspension or revocation of the driver's motor vehicle driver's license.

**16.40.450      Limousine, Executive Sedan and Taxi Logs Required.**

- A.**    Limousine, executive sedan and taxi transportation providers must maintain a log in either electronic or written form in which a record of every trip is kept.
- B.**    Limousine and Executive Sedan Requirements. The following information is required for each trip:
  - 1.**     customer name;
  - 2.**     passenger name if different than customer name;
  - 3.**     date and time of initial reservation;
  - 4.**     date and start and end times of trip;
  - 5.**     initial and destination addresses; and
  - 6.**     the fare amount paid.
- C.**    Taxi Requirements. The following information is required:
  - 1.**     date and time of initial reservation; and
  - 2.**     initial and destination addresses.
- D.**    The logs must be kept in a form approved by the Administrator.
- E.**    The company must retain these logs for not less than 1 year after the date of the driver's last entry.
- F.**    The logs must be made available to the Administrator or other designated City staff upon request.
- G.**    Except as otherwise required by law, information submitted to the Administrator under this Section can only be used within the City government. Such information may not be released to the public except in aggregate form.

**16.40.460      Limousine and Executive Sedan Transportation Must Be Prearranged; Exceptions.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 186385, effective December 18, 2013.)

- A.**    All limousine and executive sedan service must be provided on a prearranged basis. "Prearranged" is defined in administrative rules.

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- B.** Notwithstanding Subsection 16.40.460 A., limousine and executive sedan transportation providers may operate “on demand” at the Portland International Airport if permitted to do so by the Port of Portland.
- C.** Notwithstanding Subsection 16.40.460 A., limousine and executive sedan transportation providers may operate “on demand” provided that the limousine or executive sedan company has a written contract with TriMet, the Port of Portland, a major hotel, or an airline company, in which case the limousine or executive sedan company is considered “on call” for such service requests.
- D.** If a limousine or executive sedan company wishes to be considered “on demand” as provided in Subsection 16.40.460 C., the company must comply with the following conditions:

  - 1.** file with the Administrator all such contracts indicating the contracting party’s name along with the beginning and ending contracted dates, and a minimum fee of \$50.00 to the airport from the downtown is required;
  - 2.** provide the Administrator with a brief description of the service provided under the contract including the specific basis for reimbursement and schedule of fees/fares;
  - 3.** provide the Administrator with notarized signatures from all contracting parties stating that the contract is currently effective and listing the end date.; and
  - 4.** pay to the Bureau an “on demand” license fee of \$2,500 for the first vehicle and \$1,000 for each additional vehicle used to service the contract, valid for a period of 12 months from the date of the license’s issuance; and
  - 5.** transportation provided by a third party company as part of the Contract must be prearranged, in compliance with Subsection 16.40.460 A.
- E.** If a civil penalty is issued to a limousine or executive sedan company or driver because service was provided without the requisite prearranged reservation, it is no defense to assert that a valid and current contract existed at the time of the penalty but was simply not filed with the City. Limousine and executive sedan companies must file all contracts with the City prior to the acceptance of any fare “on demand”. A failure to file a contract with the City is prima facie evidence that “on demand” service does not exist with that contracting party.

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- F.** If a limousine or executive sedan service provider is in a marked hotel zone or loading/unloading zone, it is a rebuttable presumption that it is providing for-hire transportation services that require a reservation.
- G.** Hotels are liable for a civil penalty of \$500 per occurrence for every instance in which a hotel employee, agent or independent contractor allows a hotel guest to obtain limousine or executive sedan transportation services without the required 60-minute reservation. This Subsection does not apply if the limousine or executive sedan service provider has complied with the conditions found in Subsections 16.40.460 C. and D.

**16.40.470 Maximum Fares for Shuttles; No Charge for Luggage.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 186385, effective December 18, 2013.)

- A.** Maximum flat rates apply for shuttles that provide for-hire transportation service between the airport and Portland's Downtown Core and/or the AMTRAK station (in either direction), whether paid by the passenger or by a third party. The maximum rates are prescribed in administrative rules.
- B.** On routes in which the maximum rates apply, shuttle operators may not charge any fee for luggage or any other allowed item that the passenger carries on board.
- C.** Rates charged for shuttle services must be at least 35 percent lower, per passenger, than the prevailing taxicab rates for the same route.

**16.40.480 Minimum Fares for Limousine and Executive Sedans.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 186385, effective December 18, 2013.)

- A.** Minimum flat rates apply for limousine and executive sedans that provide for-hire transportation service between the airport and Portland's Downtown Core and/or the AMTRAK station (in either direction), whether paid by the passenger or by a third party. The minimum rates are prescribed in administrative rules.
- B.** Rates charged for limousine and executive sedan services must be at least 35 percent higher than the prevailing taxicab rates for the same route.

**16.40.490 Safety Fund.**

- A.** The For-Hire Transportation Safety Fund (Safety Fund) is designed to provide adequate funding to ensure the safety of both the riding public and the for-hire transportation drivers.

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- B.** The Bureau administers the Safety Fund. The Bureau has the authority to determine appropriate expenditures of the Safety Fund for driver, passenger and vehicle safety improvements for the industries regulated by Chapter 16.40.
- C.** The Safety Fund is funded by revenues generated by permit, decal and taxiplate fees.
- D.** The Bureau will disperse Safety Fund revenues only by grant, with the grant process outlined in administrative rule. Utilization of digital security camera system grants by taxicab companies is restricted to the cost of purchase of digital security camera systems plus an amount sufficient to subsidize installation of the cameras as determined by the Board.

#### **16.40.500 Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws.**

Any for-hire transportation company, driver or vehicle that is not in compliance with all federal, state or local laws relating to “for-hire transportation” services is likewise not in compliance with Chapter 16.40, and is subject to penalties, suspension or revocation.

#### **16.40.510 Prior Board Orders of No Effect.**

Any Board Order, Board Rule or Board Regulation in effect prior to the passage of this ordinance has no legal effect and is hereby repealed.

#### **16.40.520 Administrative Rule Authority and Process.**

- A.** The Director may implement procedures, forms and written policies for administering the provisions of Chapter 16.40.
- B.** The Board may adopt administrative rules for administering the provisions of Chapter 16.40 under the authority granted to it in Section 16.40.050.
- C.** Before a rule is adopted, the Director must first provide notice of the proposed rule to the public in a manner reasonably calculated to accomplish such notice. The notice must include the place, time and purpose of the public hearing, a brief description of the subjects covered by the proposed rule, and the location where copies of the full text of the proposed rule may be obtained.
- D.** In addition to the general notice required in Subsection 16.40.520 C., the Director must also announce the proposed rule at a regularly-scheduled Board meeting (the “Announcement Meeting”) prior to the meeting in which public testimony will take place (the “Testimony Meeting”). At the Announcement Meeting, the Director will provide a copy of the proposed rule to anyone in attendance that so requests, and the Director will announce the date and time of the Testimony Meeting. The Testimony Meeting must take place no less than 14 days or more than 75 days from the Announcement Meeting.



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- E.** At the Testimony Meeting, the Board will receive oral and written testimony concerning the proposed rule. Upon completion of the public testimony, the Director may then choose, at the Director's sole discretion, to either:
1. move that the Board adopt the proposed rule as originally proposed;
  2. move that the Board adopt a slightly modified version of the originally propose rule;
  3. move that a substantially modified version of the originally proposed rule be considered at a later Board Meeting and with additional public testimony; or
  4. withdraw the proposed rule altogether and allow no further vote on it.
- F.** If no Board member seconds the Director's motion under Subsections 16.40.520 E.1. - E.3. above, then the proposed rule does not take effect. Only the Director can make the motion to adopt a proposed rule.
- G.** If a Board member seconds the Director's motion to adopt the proposed rule under Subsections 16.40.520 E.1. or E.2., the Board will then consider and discuss the proposed rule, taking into account any public testimony received. Upon completion of the Board's discussion, the Director will then call for a vote on the proposed rule. If a majority of the Board votes to adopt the rule, it is thereby adopted.
- H.** If a Board member seconds the Director's motion under Subsection 16.40.520 E.3., then additional public review must be conducted, but no additional public notice is required if an announcement is made at the Testimony Meeting of a future hearing for a date, time and place certain at which the substantially modified rule will be discussed. After the additional testimony is received at the future hearing date, the proposed rule will be subject to the discussion, testimony and voting procedures found Subsections 16.40.520 E. - G.
- I.** Unless otherwise stated, all rules are effective upon adoption by the Board. All rules adopted by the Board will be filed in the Bureau's office. Copies of all current rules will be made available to the public upon request.
- J.** Notwithstanding Subsections 16.40.520 C. and D., the Director may adopt an interim rule without prior public notice or Board action upon a finding that a failure to act promptly will likely result in prejudice to the public interest or the interest of the affected parties. If the Director adopts a rule under this Subsection, the Director must state the specific reasons for such prejudice. Any interim rule

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adopted pursuant to this Subsection is effective for a period of not longer than 120 days.

- K.** Administrative Rules adopted by the Board have the same force and effect as any other provision of Chapter 16.40. To the extent that any administrative rule conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 16.40, Chapter 16.40 will control and prevail.

#### **16.40.530 Civil Penalties.**

- A.** Any civil penalty assessed must be paid in full within the time ordered and under the terms and conditions specified. If either the payment is not made or the required conditions are not met, the penalty will become a suspension, which will take effect immediately upon the deadline given for payment of the civil penalty. The suspension will remain in effect until the penalty is paid in full and/or the conditions required are met.
- B.** Unless a specific civil penalty amount is prescribed by any Section of this Chapter, penalties for specific code and administrative rule violations are found in the Civil Penalty Table in Section 16.40.540. Any violation of a code Section that is not found in the Civil Penalty Table and which is not specifically prescribed by a code Section, but which places an obligation or requirement on a driver or company, will result in a penalty of \$100 for the 1st violation, \$500 for the 2nd violation and \$1,000 for 3rd violation.

#### **16.40.540 Civil Penalty Table.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185498, effective August 10, 2012.)

- A.** The following table outlines the penalties that will be assessed for a violation of the specific code Sections listed. In addition to the civil penalty, and the suspension and revocation provisions in Section 16.40.550, any second offense is grounds for suspension of the permit and any third or subsequent offense is grounds for revocation of the permit.

<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>1st Offense</b>	<b>2nd Offense</b>	<b>Subsequent Offenses</b>
16.40.070 D.	Fuel Surcharge Sticker	\$50	\$100	\$500
16.40.080 A.	Pedicab Driver Permit	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500
16.40.090 A.	LPT and Taxi Driver Permit	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.100 E.	Business License	\$250	\$500	\$1,000

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16.40.130 A.	LPT Company Permit	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.150 A.	Taxi Company Permit	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.180 A.	Pedicab Decal	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
16.40.190 A.	LPT Decal	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.190 B.	Taxiplate	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.210 C.	Taxi Conditions	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.220 C. - E.	Decal/Taxiplate	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.220 F.	Substitute Vehicle	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.240 A.	Decal/Taxiplate Interest	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.270	Minimum Standards	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000
16.40.280	Security Camera	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.290 A.	Taxi Fare	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.290 D. - F.	Fares	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500
16.40.300 A.	Wheelchair	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500
16.40.310	Taximeter	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.320	Required Equipment	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.330	Identification	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.340	Driver Conduct	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.360	Pedicab Requirements	\$200	\$500	Suspension
16.40.370	Maximum Hours	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.380 A.- B.	Vehicle Requirements	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.380 C.	Vehicle Inspection	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.390	SAT ID	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500
16.40.410 A.-E.	Insurance	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.420 A.-E.	Pedicab Insurance	\$1,000	Suspension	Revocation
16.40.430	Financial Data	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
16.40.440	Reports to Administrator	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
16.40.450 A.	Logs Required	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500
16.40.450 B. - E.	Log Entries	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500
16.40.450 F.	Log Availability	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500
16.40.460	Prearranged	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500
16.40.470	Maximum Fares	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500
16.40.480	Minimum Fares	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500

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- B.** Offenses are measured by a period of 36 months. Offenses for the same violation that occur more than 36 months apart from each other are not considered “subsequent” offenses for purposes of them being the “second”, “third”, etc, offense.
- C.** Nothing in this Section prohibits the Bureau from suspending or revoking any permit, decal or taxiplate after a third offense for the same violation.

**16.40.550 Company and Driver Permit Suspension and Revocation.**

- A.** Suspension. Any permit, decal or taxiplate issued under Chapter 16.40 may be suspended by the Administrator if the Administrator finds reasonable grounds to believe that any of the following apply:
  - 1.** A temporary suspension is necessary to protect the public safety;
  - 2.** The permittee’s insurance is not current; or
  - 3.** The permittee has failed to fully pay a civil penalty when due and the permittee did not file a timely appeal.
- B.** Revocation. Any permit, decal or taxiplate issued under Chapter 16.40 may be revoked by the Administrator if the Administrator finds reasonable grounds to believe that any of the following apply:
  - 1.** The revocation is necessary to protect the public safety;
  - 2.** The permittee did not comply with the terms and conditions of a temporary suspension;
  - 3.** The permittee is found operating as a for-hire company or driver while on suspension;
  - 4.** A taxi driver permittee has fraudulently altered the calibration of the driver’s taximeter;
  - 5.** The permittee provides either the City, an insurance agent or an insurance carrier with materially false information regarding vehicle insurance; or
  - 6.** The permittee has incurred a total of five penalties and/or temporary suspensions during any consecutive twelve-month period.

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- C.** Simultaneous Revocation. In the event that a for-hire transportation company permit is revoked, all vehicle decals and/or taxiplates assigned to that company are simultaneously revoked and void.
- D.** Notice Requirements for Suspensions. If the Administrator has reasonable grounds to impose a suspension based on any factor found in Subsection 16.40.550 A., the Administrator will send a “Notice of Proposed Suspension” to the permittee by both regular and certified mail (return receipt requested) at the address listed in the permittee’s application form. The written notice must include the following:
1. the Administrator’s findings concerning the alleged violation;
  2. notice that alleged violator has 10 days from the date of the letter in which to file a written response to the Administrator if the permittee denies that any violation has occurred;
  3. the terms, conditions and timeframe of the proposed suspension;
  4. notice that a failure to comply with the terms and conditions may result in a revocation of the permit; and
  5. the permittee’s appeal rights.
- E.** Notice Requirements for Revocations. If the Administrator has reasonable grounds to revoke a permit based on any factor found in Subsection 16.40.550 B., the Administrator will send a “Notice of Proposed Revocation” to the permittee by both regular and certified mail (return receipt requested) at the address listed in the permittee’s application form. The written notice must include the following:
1. the Administrator’s findings concerning the alleged violation;
  2. notice that alleged violator has 10 days from the date of the letter in which to file a written response to the Administrator if the permittee denies that any violation has occurred; and
  3. the permittee’s appeal rights.
- F.** Actual Notice Presumed. Actual notice of the proposed suspension or revocation is presumed after 5 days of mailing the notices described in Subsections 16.40.550 D. and E. above.
- G.** Effective Date of Suspensions and Revocations. Suspensions and revocations are effective as provided in Subsections 16.40.550 D. and E., except that they are

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effective immediately if the Administrator finds reasonable grounds to believe that:

1. A permittee is not covered by liability insurance as required by Sections 16.40.410 or 16.40.420; or,
  2. Continued operation by the permittee would cause, or is likely to cause, danger to the public health or safety.
- H.** Suspension Length. If the suspension resulted from the failure to pay a civil penalty or due to an ongoing code violation, the suspension continues until the penalty is paid or the violation is corrected. If no correction or payment is made within 60 days from the date that the suspension became effective, the suspension becomes a revocation. In all other cases, the suspension will be for a specific number of days and will end automatically with no further required action from the City or permittee.
- I.** Right to a Stay. Suspensions and revocations are stayed if a timely appeal is filed, unless the grounds for suspension or revocation relate to public safety issues, in which case there is no right to a stay.
- J.** Renewal Not Allowed After Revocation or During Suspensions. Permits, decals and taxiplates that have been revoked during their term are not renewable. Permits, decals and taxiplates that are in suspended status at the time of renewal are not renewable unless the suspension is for a specific number of days. Drivers and companies whose permits, decals or taxiplates were not renewable due to a prior revocation or suspension are required to successfully complete the initial application process to obtain another permit, decal or taxiplate.

#### **16.40.560 Criminal Penalties.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185498, effective August 10, 2012.)

- A.** It is unlawful to tamper with a taximeter or to conduct any fraudulent scheme with the intent to charge any person a fare greater than that allowed by Chapter 16.40.
- B.** Any violation of Subsection 16.40.560 A. is punishable upon conviction by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months or both.
- C.** In addition to the civil penalties listed in Section 16.40.540, any violation of Subsections 16.40.090 A., 16.40.130 A., 16.40.150 A., 16.40.190 A., or 16.40.190 B., is punishable, upon conviction, by imprisonment for not more than 6 months.

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- D.** Vehicles operated for-hire in violation of Subsections 16.40.090 A., 16.40.130 A., 16.40.150 A., 16.40.190 A., or 16.40.190 B. are subject to vehicle towing and impoundment.

**16.40.570 General Appeals.**

- A.** Civil Penalties. Any person or entity assessed a civil penalty may appeal that decision to the Code Hearings Officer under the provisions of Chapter 22.10.
- B.** Permit/Decal/Taxiplate Denials, Suspensions and Revocations; Exception.
- 1.** Any person or entity whose permit, decal or taxiplate application is denied, or whose permit, decal or taxiplate is suspended or revoked, may appeal that decision to the Code Hearings Officer under the provisions of Chapter 22.10.
  - 2.** If the suspension is due to a failure to timely pay a civil penalty when due, then the underlying reasons for the civil penalty may not be appealed to the Code Hearings Officer. In that situation, the person or entity may only appeal to the Code Hearings Officer to determine if the Bureau properly followed the notice requirements found in Section 16.40.550.
- C.** Limit on Number of LPT Vehicles. If the number of LPT vehicles for a particular LPT industry is capped by administrative rule, then any LPT company whose application to the Board for more LPT vehicles is denied may appeal that decision to the Code Hearings Officer pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 22.10, but only for the purpose of determining if the Bureau and the Board followed the appropriate procedures. The Code Hearings Officer may not review any factual determinations made by the Bureau or Board.
- D.** Stays. If a timely appeal is made pursuant to this Section, the action appealed from is stayed pending the outcome of the appeal. This includes any civil penalty payment, suspension or revocation.

**16.40.580 Appeals Regarding Taxicab Limits.**

- A.** Any taxicab company aggrieved by a decision of the Board pursuant to Section 16.40.210 may appeal such action to the City Council by filing a written notice of appeal to the Bureau within 10 days of the Board's decision. The Bureau will then forward that request to the City Auditor within 5 business days.
- B.** Within 60 days of receiving the Bureau's notice, the City Auditor will:
- 1.** set the time for the appeal to be heard by the City Council;

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2. place the hearing of the appeal upon the calendar of the Council; and
  3. notify the appealing taxi company and the Administrator of the time set no less than 10 days prior to that time.
- C.** The appealing taxi company may appear personally via a company representative and/or by counsel and present such facts and arguments as may tend to support the appeal.
- D.** The Bureau will provide Council with a staff report outlining the Board's decision and the reasons therefore. The Director or his/her designee must be present at the hearing, representing the Board, to answer any questions that Council may have regarding the Board's decision.
- E.** The Council will uphold the Board's decision, reverse it, or modify it to allow more taxicabs with any conditions that the Council deems appropriate. If no Council action is taken within 60 days, the appeal is deemed denied. The Council's decision may not be appealed to the Code Hearings Officer.

**16.40.590 Fee Table.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185723, effective November 7, 2012.)

- A.** The following table outlines the fee costs associated with this Chapter.

PERMIT and APPLICATION FEES				
PERMIT TYPE	APPLICATION (nonrefundable)	INITIAL PERMIT	RENEWAL	REPLACEMENT
Taxi/LPT Driver	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$25
Pedicab Driver	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$10
LPT Company	\$250	\$500	\$500	\$75
Taxi Company <25 permitted vehicles	\$250	\$1,250	\$500	\$75
Taxi Company 25-50 permitted vehicles	\$250	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$75
Taxi Company 50-100 permitted vehicles	\$250	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$75
Taxi Company >100 permitted	\$250	\$1,250	\$3,000	\$75



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vehicles				
Pedicab Company	\$100	\$125	\$125	\$75
Taxi Vehicle	N/A	\$225	\$600	\$75
LPT Vehicle	N/A	\$225	\$180	\$75
Pedicab	N/A	\$25	\$25	\$10
GENERAL FEES				
Moving Decals or Taxiplates to Another Vehicle		\$150		
Temporary Decals During Vehicle Repair		\$25		

- B.** Fees are rounded up to a full monthly rate when being prorated for any particular decal, taxiplate or permit, regardless of what date of the month the fee is actually paid on.
- C.** For the purposes of this Fee Table Schedule, pedicabs are not considered to be LPT vehicles and are treated separately.

**16.40.600 Currently Permitted Companies, Vehicles and Drivers Grandfathered; Renewal Process.**

- A.** All companies, vehicles and drivers that are currently permitted by the City on the date that this ordinance passes do not need to reapply for new permits upon passage of the ordinance, but must otherwise adhere to all the requirements as found in this Chapter.
- B.** As of January 1, 2010, all previously permitted companies, vehicles and drivers must comply with all provisions of this Chapter, regardless of their permit, decal or taxiplate expiration date. All companies, vehicles and drivers are required to obtain new permits, decals and taxiplates by January 1, 2010.
- C.** To achieve the goal of staggered renewal dates, the Board may by administrative rule require that the initial permit term of some permittees be for less than the 12 month term required under this Chapter. The fees associated with any permit terms that are less than the 12 month requirement will be prorated as necessary to reflect the shorter permit duration.
- D.** Notwithstanding 16.40.600 A., all drivers that are currently permitted by the City on the date this ordinance passes must satisfy the customer service, knowledge and skills tests outlined in 16.40.090 F. – G. no later than December 31, 2010.

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#### **16.40.610 Severability.**

If a court of law finds any provision of this Chapter invalid or unenforceable as to any person, business or circumstance, then that provision is considered severed from this Chapter. The severed provision has no effect on the remainder of the Chapter or its application to other persons, businesses and circumstances.

#### **16.40.620 Horse-Drawn Carriage Driver Permits Required – Application Process and Requirements.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 184361, effective February 11, 2011.)

- A.** Permit Required. No person may operate a horse-drawn carriage without a valid, current horse-drawn carriage driver's permit issued under Chapter 16.40, except that no permit issued pursuant to this chapter is required of a person who is operating a horse-drawn carriage as an entry in a parade or otherwise permitted special event, where the horse-drawn carriage entry is specifically noted and approved in said special event permit, and where the horse-drawn carriage rides are not being offered on-demand or by reservation to members of the general public.
- B.** Application Documents Required. The failure to submit any required application documents as listed below is grounds for denial of the permit. It is the applicant's responsibility to make certain that the information and forms required have been completed in full, and that there are no errors or omissions. Applicants for a horse-drawn carriage driver's permit must submit to the Administrator the items listed below:

  - 1. A completed application on a form provided by the Administrator;
  - 2. Proof of current residence address;
  - 3. Legal proof that the applicant is at least 18 years of age;
  - 4. A copy of the applicant's current motor vehicle driver's license, if any;
  - 5. A copy of the applicant's non-Oregon driving record, if any, for any year in which the applicant was not a resident of Oregon during the last 10 years, regardless of the jurisdiction;
  - 6. Disclosure of all applicable criminal history and driving and motor vehicle record history, as listed on the application form;
  - 7. Certification of a horse-drawn driver training program approved by the Administrator;

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8. Confirmation that the driver will be employed for a horse-drawn carriage company with current and valid horse-drawn carriage company and vehicle permits.
  9. If necessary, any information requested by the Administrator that reasonably relates to the application or is a clarification of information provided.
- C.** Photographs. The applicant will be photographed by the Bureau after submission of the driver permit application. The photograph then becomes a part of the applicant's submittal package.
- D.** Fees Required. The applicant for a horse-drawn carriage driver's permit must submit an initial permit fee of \$25, and \$25 per year renewal fee.
- E.** Disqualifying Factors. The following disqualifying factors are grounds for denial of a horse-drawn carriage driver's permit:
1. The applicant has a felony conviction of any kind within the 10 years preceding the application and permit processing;
  2. The applicant has a felony charge pending;
  3. The applicant has a felony conviction involving physical harm or attempted physical harm to a person, regardless of when the conviction occurred;
  4. The applicant has a felony charge pending involving physical harm or attempted physical harm to a person;
  5. The applicant has been convicted of any criminal offense involving animal cruelty or neglect, regardless of when the conviction occurred;
  6. During the 5-year period preceding the application and permit processing, the applicant has been convicted of a criminal offense involving:
    - a. any misdemeanor involving theft, identity theft, robbery, burglary, assault, sex crimes, drugs, prostitution, or weapons; or
    - b. any traffic crime, including but not limited to: driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, attempt to elude a police officer, or leaving the scene of an injury accident;

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7. During the 5-year period preceding the application and permit processing, the applicant had 10 or more traffic infractions as defined in ORS 801.557; or three or more serious traffic violations as defined in ORS 801.477; or three or more motor vehicle accidents required to be reported to the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to ORS 811.720; or, three or more of any combination of serious traffic violations or motor vehicle accidents as provided above;
  8. During the 10-year period preceding the application and permit processing, the applicant had five or more serious traffic violations as defined in ORS 801.477; or the applicant's driving privileges were limited, suspended, or revoked by any governing jurisdiction as a result of a driving-related incident;
  9. The applicant has more than two traffic infractions or violations of any kind within the previous 12 months from the date of the application;
  10. The applicant has a current Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles license restriction, suspension or revocation;
  11. The applicant is less than 18 years old;
  12. Upon review of the applicants criminal and motor vehicle background check, and other information deemed pertinent to the application, the administrator determines that information contained in the application is false or incomplete; or
  13. Review of the applicant's traffic and criminal record, and other information the supervisor deems pertinent, is reasonable grounds for the determination that the public safety would not be served by the issuance of a driver's permit to the applicant.
- F.** Driver Safety and Customer Service Training Requirements. The applicant must provide documentation of successful completion of Bureau-approved horse-drawn carriage driver training prior to issuance of a horse-drawn driver's permit.
- G.** Driver Knowledge and Skills Testing Requirements. The applicant must successfully complete each of the following tests as administered by the Bureau or its designee before a permit can be issued:
1. Basic carriage horse care;
  2. Demonstrate ability to operate and control a horse-drawn carriage;

3. Relevant City Code provisions and Administrative Rules.

**16.40.630 Horse-Drawn Carriage Company Permits Required – Application Process and Requirements.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 184361, effective February 11, 2011.)

- A. Permit Required. No person or entity may operate a for-hire horse-drawn carriage company without a valid, current horse-drawn carriage company permit issued by the City under Chapter 16.40.
- B. Each horse-drawn carriage company permit application must satisfy the requirements of Section 16.40.130 LPT Company Permits Required.
- C. Applicants must provide the physical location (address) of each stable or other facility used to house the carriage horses. Each facility must be available for inspection during normal hours of operation by the Administrator or designee.
- D. Applicants for a horse-drawn carriage company permit must obtain certification for each carriage horse to be used in the operation of the permitted carriages. Application requirements for carriage horse certification are:
  - 1. A description of the horse's name, age, breed, gender;
  - 2. A photograph and physical description of the horse, to include color, markings or other identifying marks, such as brands or tattoos, or any other identifiers, such as microchips;
  - 3. Certification of examination (Health Certificate) by an equine veterinarian within thirty day days prior to the application for a permit that the horse is able to perform the work described (in the horse-drawn carriage company application) without undue stress or effort.
  - 4. Additional veterinary certification requirements are provided in Administrative Rule.
- E. Insurance Certificate. All horse-drawn carriage applicants must provide the Bureau with an insurance certificate of liability and an additional insured endorsement indicating that the requirements of Section 16.40.650 have been satisfied.
- F. Applicants must provide to the Administrator a description of the types, dates and time range, length and location of horse-drawn carriage rides offered; and

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- G.** Applicants must provide to the Administrator a schedule of rates and charges. An updated schedule must be provided to the Administrator when the rates are changed during the course of the permit.
- H.** Horse-drawn carriage company permit fees are: \$100 nonrefundable application fee, to be paid at the time of permit application; \$125 for initial one year permit, and \$125 per year annual permit renewal.

#### **16.40.640 Horse-Drawn Carriage Permit and Plate Required – Application Process and Requirements.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 184361, effective February 11, 2011.)

- A.** Permit and Decal or Plate Required for Horse-Drawn Carriages. No horse-drawn carriage may be used as a for-hire transportation vehicle without a valid and current permit and a valid and current, unobstructed plate issued by the City under Chapter 16.40. Applicants for a carriage vehicle permit and carriage plate must be the owner of the carriage. Carriage permits will only be issued to an owner who has obtained a horse-drawn carriage company permit.
- B.** Application Form. The applicant for a horse-drawn carriage permit must complete a “Horse-Drawn Carriage Application” in the form required by the Administrator, which includes, but is not limited to, the following required information:
  - 1.** Carriage make, model and manufacturer;
  - 2.** Seating capacity and weight limits;
  - 3.** A photograph of each carriage to be registered;
  - 4.** If necessary, any information that reasonably relates to the application or is a clarification of information provided to the Administrator.
- C.** Safety Inspection. The Board has the authority, by Administrative Rule, to require that a horse-drawn carriage operator demonstrate by inspection that all safety standards are met prior to a permit plate or decal being issued.
- D.** Horse-Drawn Carriage Condition. No horse-drawn carriage will be issued a plate or decal if the Administrator determines that the carriage is not clean and in good repair, with all required equipment in sound operating condition.
- E.** Horse-Drawn Carriage Equipment: Specific equipment requirements are provided by Administrative Rule.

- F.** Each horse-drawn carriage shall be made available for inspection at the request of the Administrator or his designee.
- G.** Fees. Horse-drawn carriage companies must pay a \$25 initial and annual renewal fee for each horse-drawn carriage vehicle permit and plate.

**16.40.650 Horse-Drawn Carriage Insurance Requirements.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 184361, effective February 11, 2011.)

- A.** Coverage and Limits: All horse-drawn carriage company permit holders must obtain, comply with, and maintain the minimum levels of insurance coverage outlined below during the entire term that the permit is valid:
  - 1.** Commercial Business Insurance. Company permit holders must secure and maintain a Commercial General Liability policy reflecting limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per Occurrence and \$2,000,000 Aggregate for covered claims arising out of, but not limited to, Bodily Injury, Property Damage, Personal and Advertising Injury, and Contractual Liability in the course of the permit holder's work under a for-hire horse-drawn carriage company permit.
  - 2.** Worker's Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance. The company permit holder must secure and maintain a Workers Compensation and Employers Liability policy where required by state law.
- B.** Additional Policy Conditions. Additional insurance policy requirements are provided in Administrative Rule.
- C.** Permit Holder's Insurance Obligations. All horse-drawn carriage company permit holders must comply with the following obligations with respect to insurance reporting, updating and filing:
  - 1.** The permit holder must maintain continuous, uninterrupted coverage for the duration of the permit. Any lapse in insurance coverage, even if it is later backdated by the insurance company, is subject to a civil penalty.
  - 2.** The permit holder must file a certificate of liability with the Administrator that evidences insurance coverage and terms that are in compliance with the requirements of this Section. The certificate of liability must be on a standard ACORD form or its equivalent.
  - 3.** The permit holder must file with the Administrator a copy of the insurance company-issued additional insured endorsements naming the City and its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds.

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- D.** Alternative to Insurance Requirements. Alternatives to insurance, such as self-insurance, may occur only if the level of coverage and the terms, conditions and obligations meet the same or higher requirements as found in Subsections 16.40.650 A. through C., and only if the public safety and well-being is not endangered thereby. The adequacy of proposed alternative insurance coverage is subject to approval by the City Attorney's Office before such alternative insurance may become effective.

#### **16.40.660 Horse-Drawn Carriage Temperature, Time and Place Restrictions.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 184361, effective February 11, 2011.)

- A.** No horse-drawn carriage may operate between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. or between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. except on Saturdays, Sundays and City holidays, unless an exemption from this restriction is granted by the Administrator.
- B.** No horse-drawn carriage may operate when the outdoor temperature is greater than 90 degrees Fahrenheit.
- C.** No horse-drawn carriage may operate when the outdoor temperature/humidity exceeds the Carriage Operators of North America (CONA) standards.
- D.** No horse-drawn carriage may operate in the presence of weather conditions that make horse-drawn carriage travel unsafe.
- E.** Should any condition or combination of conditions in Subsections 16.40.660 B. through D. occur, the horse-drawn carriage driver will remove the horse from the street to a safe location, provide appropriate rest and shade or shelter, and will return the horse to its stable or usual boarding facility, by the least-strenuous and shortest safe route possible.
- F.** No horse-drawn carriage may operate on a street that does not have a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less.
- G.** No horse-drawn carriage may operate along a street with MAX or street car tracks. Upon written request, permission may be granted by the Administrator, to allow brief access or crossing of streets with MAX or streetcar tracks in order to provide access to particular locations. The Administrator may provide a list of excepted circumstances and locations in Administrative Rule.
- H.** The Administrator or his designee, who observes a horse-drawn carriage operating in adverse weather or other dangerous conditions creating a threat to the health and safety of the horse, passengers, or to the general public, may order the



ride discontinued and the horse returned to its boarding facility by the least-strenuous and shortest safe route possible.

**16.40.670      Operation of Horse-Drawn Carriages: Requirements and Prohibitions.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 184361, effective February 11, 2011.)

- A.**     The company and carriage permit holder is responsible to ensure that all drivers operating have a current and valid City horse-drawn carriage driver permit, and that all drivers operate in compliance with the requirements of this Chapter. Penalties may be issued to both company and driver for violations of operating requirements.
- B.**     Each horse-drawn carriage must maintain unobstructed the City horse-drawn carriage permit plate in the location and manner prescribed in Administrative rule.
- C.**     Each horse-drawn carriage driver must carry his horse-drawn carriage driver permit when operating a horse-drawn carriage, and present the permit for inspection when requested by the Administrator or his designee.
- D.**     Each horse-drawn carriage and horse-drawn carriage operator shall comply with all other requirements of State, federal and local law.
- E.**     No horse-drawn carriage driver shall permit other persons to operate the carriage under his control at any time under any circumstances.
- F.**     No driver shall operate a horse-drawn carriage at a weight or capacity in excess of the manufacturer's recommendation for that carriage;
- G.**     No driver shall operate a horse-drawn carriage when the combined weight of the carriage and passengers exceeds the weight of the horse;
- H.**     Horse-drawn carriages and equipment must be available for inspection immediately upon request by the Administrator or his designee.
- I.**     A copy of the Health Certificate for the working carriage horse, as described in Subsection 16.40.630 D., shall be in the custody of the company owner at all times. The driver will keep a copy of this Certificate in any operating carriage, and make said Certificate immediately available for inspection upon request by the Administrator or his designee.
- J.**     No horse-drawn carriage driver shall leave a horse untethered or unattended except when confined to a stable or other safe enclosure.

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- K.** Each driver operating a horse-drawn carriage shall maintain the horse at a speed no faster than a walk or slow trot.
- L.** Waste catchers must be in place and functioning properly at all times. It shall be the responsibility of the horse-drawn carriage operator to clean up any spillage.
- M.** The operator of a horse-drawn carriage must comply with the orders of the Administrator or his designee, or any police officer, parking enforcement officer, or animal control officer regarding the operation of the carriage. Failure to comply with these directions is grounds for revocation of the horse-drawn carriage driver's permit and the horse-drawn carriage vehicle and company permits.

#### **16.40.680 Care of Carriage Horses.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 184361, effective February 11, 2011.)

- A.** Horse-drawn carriage rides must not be initiated nor continued when the ambient temperature is greater than 90 degrees Fahrenheit, or when the combination of temperature and humidity exceeds current Carriage Operators of North America (CONA) standards.
- B.** When the temperature exceeds 90 degrees Fahrenheit, or the combination of temperature and humidity exceeds current CONA standards, the carriage driver will end the ride and return the horse to the home boarding facility or pasture by the least-strenuous and shortest safe route possible, providing rest and shelter as required.
- C.** When the temperature is between 84 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit, no carriage ride will be initiated if the local weather forecast predicts temperatures to rise over 90 degrees Fahrenheit during the time for which the ride is scheduled, or within the time allowed for the trip back to the boarding facility.
- D.** When conducting horse-drawn carriage rides when the temperature is between 78 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit, the driver will monitor respiratory rate, heart rate and temperature of the horse every hour. Horses exceeding the following resting parameters should immediately undergo cooling measures, then be brought to the stable for rest, and not worked for the remainder of that day:
  - 1.** Respiratory rate > 36 breaths per minute after 1 minute;
  - 2.** Temperature > 103 degrees;
  - 3.** Heart rate > 52 beats per minute after 1 minute recovery time.

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- E.** Horses must be provided with a blanket for dryness and warmth when appropriate.
- F.** Owners, operators and drivers of a horse-drawn carriage will monitor the condition of each horse and will not allow a horse to work when there are signs of exhaustion, dehydration, sickness, disease, injury or severe stress.
- G.** No stallions, no mares with unweaned foals, and no pregnant mares at gestation greater than 9 months shall be used as carriage horses.
- H.** The towing weight of the horse-drawn carriage may not exceed the weight of the horse.
- I.** Tie ropes used around the neck or attaching to the halter shall be carried on all horse-drawn carriages. No horse shall be tied using the bridle, bit or reins.
- J.** No animal shall work pulling a horse-drawn carriage for more than 5 hours in a 24 hour period, nor more than 5 days in any given week.
- K.** Each horse will be given at least a 10 minute rest period at the end of each hour of work. The horse must be provided ready access to clean drinking water during each break, and must be allowed at reasonable intervals to consume food and water during the workday.
- L.** Stables or other boarding facilities must be sanitary. Stables and stalls must be in good repair, well-ventilated, and free of hazards and debris.
- M.** Horses must be turned out for at least one hour per day. Adequate turn-out facilities include dry paddocks, runs, or pastures of dimensions equal to or greater than 12 feet by 24 feet.

**16.40.690 Horse-Drawn Carriage Regulations.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 184361, effective February 11, 2011.) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise or unless the regulations and requirements are more stringent than those found in Sections 16.40.620 through 16.40.700, horse-drawn carriage drivers, companies, and vehicles are subject to the regulations and requirements found in this Chapter.

**16.40.700 Horse-Drawn Carriage Penalties.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 184361, effective February 11, 2011.)

- A.** For violation of the regulations and requirements in Sections 16.40.620 through 16.40.690, the penalties are \$250 for the first occurrence, \$500 for the second occurrence, and \$1,000 and permit suspension for the third occurrence.

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- B.** Three or more violations within one year are grounds for permanent revocation of horse-drawn carriage driver, vehicle and company permits.

**16.40.710 Paid Passenger Referrals Prohibited.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 185720, effective November 7, 2012.)

- A.** All private for-hire transportation drivers are prohibited from providing payment to hotel staff, dispatchers, or any other person for referral of a passenger or passengers. The penalties for violation of Subsection 16.40.710 A. are as follows: \$1,500 for the first offense; \$2,000 and 10-day driver permit suspension for the second offense; and \$2,500 and driver permit revocation for the third offense.
- B.** It is prohibited for any person to solicit or accept payment for referral of a passenger to a motor vehicle for hire, or for any person or business, firm, association or corporation to act in concert with or on behalf of another person or persons to solicit or accept payments for the referral of passengers to a motor vehicle for hire. This prohibition does not include payment for legitimate advertising placement, such as placement of flyers or posters, or legitimate commissions provided by tour companies that do not operate on demand. Advertising or commission payments exempted herein must be documented, and said documentation must be provided to the Administrator when requested. The penalties for violation of Subsection 16.40.710 B. are as follows: \$1,500 for the first offense; \$2,500 for the second offense; and \$3,500 for the third and each subsequent offense.
- C.** It is prohibited for any person to solicit or accept gifts and/or gratuities or anything of value from any holder of a City of Portland company, vehicle or driver permit, except as authorized in this Chapter, in return for any dispatch call, assignment, vehicle or shift. The penalties for violation of Subsection 16.40.710 C. are as follows: \$1,500 for the first offense; \$2,500 for the second offense; and \$3,500 for the third and each subsequent offense.
- D.** If a limousine, executive sedan, taxicab, shuttle or other for-hire vehicle is in a marked hotel zone or loading/unloading zone, it is a rebuttable presumption that it is parked there to provide private for-hire transportation services that require a log book entry. Taxis, shuttles, executive sedans and limousines parked in a hotel zone must provide properly documented log book entry when requested by the Administrator. The penalties for violation of Subsection 16.40.710 D. are as follows: \$500 for the first offense; \$1,000 for the second offense; \$2,500 and suspension for the third and subsequent offenses.
- E.** Other than for drop off, for-hire vehicles may not park in the hotel zone without a reservation or request for service. Per Section 16.40.460 limousine and executive

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sedan service must be prearranged. The penalties for violation of Subsection 16.40.710 E. are as follows: \$500 for the first offense; \$1,000 for the second offense; and \$2,500 and suspension for the third and subsequent offenses.

- F.** Taxicabs may not park in the hotel zone or loading/unloading zone prior to 15 minutes before pick up for a dispatch or request for service. The dispatched call/request for service must be documented in the required log format, and available for review by any authorized enforcement officer inspecting logs in the field. The penalties for violation of Subsection 16.40.710 F. are as follows: \$500 for the first offense; \$1,000 for the second offense; and \$1,000 and driver permit suspension for the third offense.

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**TAXICAB REGULATIONS**

(Chapter added by Ordinance No. 139316; Replaced by Ordinance No. 147243;  
Repealed by Ordinance No. 165189; Reinstated by Ordinance No. 165522,  
and repealed by Ordinance No. 165947, effective October 28, 1992.)

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**MASS TRANSIT**

**Sections:**

- 16.50.001 Purpose.
- 16.50.100 Designation of Transit Lanes.
- 16.50.110 Designation of the Transit Mall and Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes.
- 16.50.200 Prohibited Use of Transit Lanes, Transit Mall and Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes.
- 16.50.300 Vehicles Allowed In Transit Lanes, Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes and on the Transit Mall.
- 16.50.400 Vehicles Allowed in Non Transit Mall Transit Lanes During Certain Hours.
- 16.50.410 Vehicles Allowed on the Transit Mall and Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes by Permit.
- 16.50.500 Regulation and Permit Procedure.

**16.50.001 Purpose.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 182921, effective June 17, 2009.) This section describes how mass transit lanes, the Transit Mall and Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes are designated, the regulations that apply, and which vehicles may use them.

**16.50.100 Designation of Transit Lanes.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 182921, effective June 17, 2009.) Designation of transit lanes, excluding the Transit Mall and Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes separately designated herein will be made by the City Traffic Engineer upon advice of the City Engineer and the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet). Designation will be shown by official signs or markings. Signs or markings will distinguish whether the transit lane may be used by:

- A. Bus only;
- B. Light rail vehicle only;
- C. Trolley or streetcar vehicle; or
- D. Carpool vehicle only; or some combination of the above.

**16.50.110 Designation of the Transit Mall and Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 182921, effective June 17, 2009.) The Transit Mall is hereby designated to be that portion of 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue between NW Irving Street and SW Jackson Street including NW Irving Street between NW 5th Avenue and NW 6th

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Avenue, and SW Morrison and Yamhill Streets between SW 4th Avenue and SW Broadway specifically designated with official signs or marking for the use of transit vehicles. The automobile lanes on 5th Avenue, 6th Avenue, NW Irving Street, SW Morrison Street and SW Yamhill Street adjacent the Transit Mall are hereby designated as Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes for purposes of this Section.

#### **16.50.200 Prohibited Use of Transit Lanes, Transit Mall and Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 182921, effective June 17, 2009.)

- A.** Except as otherwise provided for in this Section, no vehicle may enter upon, park on, or use an officially designated transit lane, or the Transit Mall.
- B.** Restrictions on transit lane use will vary depending on whether the lane is designated for light rail, motor bus, trolley, or carpool use.
- C.** Except as otherwise provided for in this Section, no vehicle may stop or park on Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes except vehicles acting in compliance with law, or at the direction of a police officer or a control device or Multnomah County prisoner transfer vehicles actively transferring people.
- D.** Except vehicles may cross the Transit mall to ingress or egress the following driveways provided that the vehicles shall obey all applicable traffic control devices:
  - 1.** The driveway located on the west side of SW 5th Avenue immediately south of SW Jefferson Street.
  - 2.** The first two driveways located on the west side of SW 5th Avenue immediately north of SW College Street.
  - 3.** The driveway located on the west side of SW 5th Avenue immediately south of SW Harrison Street.

#### **16.50.300 Vehicles Allowed In Transit Lanes, Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes and on the Transit Mall.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 182921 and 183979, effective August 13, 2010.) The following vehicles may enter upon, stop or park in a transit lane or the Transit Mall:

- A.** A vehicle owned or operated by the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon.



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- B.** A vehicle so allowed by the terms of a maintenance contract with the City of Portland or TriMet or City Transportation maintenance crews engaged in maintenance.
- C.** A police, fire, ambulance, or outpatient vehicle, if performing emergency services.
- D.** A vehicle and equipment engaged in emergency response:
  - 1.** Towing;
  - 2.** Snow removal; or
  - 3.** Street, sewer, utility, bus or fire alarm repair.
- E.** Street Car.

**16.50.400 Vehicles Allowed in Non Transit Mall Transit Lanes During Certain Hours.**  
(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 173627, 182389 and 182921, effective June 17, 2009.)

- A.** A vehicle may enter upon and park in a transit lane if the lane is closed by a street closure permit from the City Engineer per Title 17 and if the vehicle is specifically authorized to do so by the street closure permit.
- B.** A vehicle with a travel lane parking permit (16.20.550) or an angle loading permit (16.20.540) may park in a transit lane if authorized to do so by the permit.
- C.** A public utility or construction vehicle engaged in work on or adjacent to a transit lane may enter upon, park, and use transit lanes designated for bus-only use except during the following hours: 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, after giving notification as required by regulations governing the Special Traffic Control District (17.23.050).
- D.** A public utility or construction vehicle engaged in work on or adjacent to a transit lane may enter upon, park, and use transit lanes designated for bus-only use between the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and/or 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, when specifically allowed during this time by a permit from the City Traffic Engineer. The City Traffic Engineer will notify Tri-Met and the City Engineer before issuing such a permit.
- E.** A vehicle requiring direct access to properties facing a transit lane for ingress/egress or special loading may enter upon and use (but not park in) the transit lane(s) between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. A permit from the City Traffic Engineer is required for this access between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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- F.** A taxicab, for hire vehicle, delivery vehicle, maintenance vehicle, or garbage truck may enter certain transit lanes during times established by the Bureau of Transportation's Administrative Rules.

#### **16.50.410 Vehicles Allowed on the Transit Mall and Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes by Permit.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 182921; Amended by Ordinance No. 183979, effective August 13, 2010.)

- A.** A public utility or construction vehicle engaged on or adjacent to the Transit Mall may enter upon, park and use the Transit Mall and/or the Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes if the Transit Mall and/or Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes are closed by permit from the City Engineer per Title 17, or TriMet access permit, and the vehicle is specifically authorized to do so by the permit.
- B.** Except in the case of emergency and as otherwise provided for herein, the City Engineer shall not issue permits for the use of Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes between the hours of 6:00 AM and 7:00 PM Monday through Friday. The City Engineer may issue permits for Saturday and/or Sunday, but permits shall not be short term closures as required for operational safety of the service provider and shall not interrupt TriMet service.
  - 1.** "Emergency" shall mean any unscheduled repair of existing facilities which must be accomplished immediately to protect the life, health and well being of the public, or to protect public or private property. Under this definition, "emergency" work shall encompass only immediately required repairs and shall not include extensive replacement or upgrading of the facility.
- C.** The City Engineer may issue permits for the use of Auxiliary Vehicular Lane on SW 6th Avenue between SW Taylor and SW Morrison Streets to accommodate events permitted and authorized by Pioneer Courthouse Square, Inc. as may be deemed appropriate in the judgment of the City Engineer.
- D.** All permits shall include a traffic control plan approved by the City Engineer and Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet).

#### **16.50.500 Regulation and Permit Procedure.**

- A.** The Traffic Engineer must notify the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon of any rule, regulation or permit proposed to be issued under this chapter. The rule, regulation or permit will become effective on a date agreed upon by both parties. In the event of disagreement between Tri-Met and the

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Traffic Engineer, the City Council will determine whether the rule be adopted or the permit issued based upon the amount of interference to mass transit operations.

- B.** No limitation or prohibition of use herein applies to vehicles on a street intersecting or crossing a transit lane unless it is specifically designated as a transit lane.

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**Chapter 16.60**

**MOTOR VEHICLE FUELS**

(Chapter added by Ordinance No. 180313,  
effective August 11, 2006.)

**Sections:**

- 16.60.010 Definitions.
- 16.60.020 Biofuel Requirements.
- 16.60.025 Additional Regulation in the 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Subdistrict.
- 16.60.030 Exemptions.
- 16.60.040 Enforcement and Notice of Violation.
- 16.60.050 Penalties.
- 16.60.060 Disclosure.
- 16.60.070 Additional Regulations.

**16.60.010 Definitions.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 180671, effective January 12, 2007.) As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall be defined as provided in this section:

- A.** “B5 Fuel” means a fuel mixture consisting of 5% Biodiesel and 95% Diesel Fuel.
- B.** “B10 Fuel” means a fuel mixture consisting of 10% Biodiesel and 90% Diesel Fuel.
- C.** “B20 Fuel” means a fuel mixture consisting of 20% Biodiesel and 80% Diesel Fuel.
- D.** “Biodiesel blend stock” means 100% biodiesel fuel utilized for the purpose of blending with diesel fuel.
- E.** “Biodiesel fuel” means the monoalkyl esters of long chain fatty acids derived from plant or animal matter that meet the registration requirements for fuels and fuel additives established by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and standards established by the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM).
- F.** “Biofuel” means any fuel that is derived from plant or animal matter that meets the registration requirements for fuels and fuel additives established by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and standards established by the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) as determined by the Director of the Bureau of Development Services under Section 16.60.020.D. For the purposes of this Chapter, Biofuel shall include Biodiesel and Ethanol.

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- G.** “Diesel” means petroleum based liquid that is suitable for use as a fuel in diesel powered vehicles.
- H.** “E10” means a fuel mixture of 10% ethanol and 90% gasoline.
- I.** “Ethanol” means ethyl alcohol, a flammable liquid used or sold for the purpose of blending or mixing with gasoline.
- J.** “Feedstock” means the plant or animal matter from which a biofuel is derived.
- K.** “Fuel” means all gasoline or diesel sold within the City of Portland for the purpose of operating motor vehicles on public roadways.
- L.** “Fuel distributor” means a person that causes the transportation or storage of fuel at any point between a refinery or importer’s facility and any retail outlet or wholesale purchaser-consumer within the City of Portland.
- M.** “Gasoline” means any fuel sold for use in spark ignition engines.
- N.** “Motor Vehicle” means every inanimate vehicle which is self-propelled. For the purposes of this Chapter, the definition of motor vehicle shall not include aircraft, watercraft, or locomotives.
- O.** “Nonretail dealer” means any person who owns, operates, controls or supervises an establishment at which motor vehicles fuel is dispensed through a car or key-activated fuel dispensing device to nonretail customers.
- P.** “Reseller” means a person who purchases fuel and resells or transfers it to a retailer or wholesale purchaser-consumer within the City of Portland.
- Q.** “Retail outlet” means any establishment within the City of Portland at which fuel is sold or offered for sale to the ultimate consumer for use in motor vehicles.
- R.** “Retailer” means any person who owns, leases, operates, controls or supervises a retail outlet within the City of Portland.
- S.** “Wholesale purchaser-consumer” means any organization within the City of Portland that is an ultimate consumer of fuel, and which purchases or obtains diesel or gasoline from a fuel distributor or reseller for use in motor vehicles, and receives delivery of that product into a storage tank or directly into a vehicle’s tank.

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#### **16.60.020 Biofuel Requirements.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 180671, effective January 12, 2007.)

##### **A.**

1. On and after July 1, 2007, all diesel fuel sold by fuel distributors or resellers to fuel retailers, nonretail dealers or wholesale purchaser-consumers within the City of Portland shall contain a minimum blend of 5% Biodiesel (B5 fuel).
2. On and after August 15, 2007, all diesel fuel sold by fuel retailers, dispensed by nonretail dealers or purchased by wholesale purchaser-consumers within the City of Portland shall contain a minimum blend of 5% Biodiesel (B5 fuel).

##### **B.**

1. On and after July 1, 2010, all diesel fuel sold by fuel distributors or resellers to fuel retailers, nonretail dealers or wholesale purchaser-consumers within the City of Portland shall contain a minimum blend of 10% Biodiesel (B10 fuel).
2. On and after July 1, 2010, all diesel fuel sold by fuel retailers, dispensed by nonretailer dealers or purchased by wholesale purchaser-consumers within the City of Portland shall contain a minimum blend of 10% Biodiesel (B10 fuel).

##### **C.**

1. On and after September 16, 2007, all gasoline sold by fuel distributors or resellers to fuel retailers, nonretail dealers or wholesale purchaser-consumers within City of Portland shall contain a minimum blend of 10% ethanol (E10 fuel). This requirement shall remain in effect on a year round basis.
2. On and after November 1, 2007, all gasoline sold by fuel retailers, dispensed by nonretailer dealers or purchased by wholesale purchaser-consumers within City of Portland shall contain a minimum blend of 10% ethanol (E10 fuel). This requirement shall remain in effect on a year round basis.

- D.** The Director of the Bureau of Development Services shall establish, and revise as necessary, standards for biofuels sold in the City of Portland. The Director shall consult specifications established for biofuels by the American Society for

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Testing and Materials, the Oregon Department of Agriculture or similar specifications, in forming its standards.

- E.** Biodiesel produced from a feedstock of palm oil may not be used to satisfy the requirements of this Chapter.
- F.** The Bureau of Development Services shall study and monitor biodiesel production, use and sales in Oregon and in the City of Portland. When the production of biodiesel from Oregon grown feedstock and used cooking oil reaches a level of at least two million five hundred thousand gallons on an annualized basis for at least three months, the Bureau of Development Services shall notify all fuel distributors, resellers, retailers, nonretail dealers and wholesale-purchaser consumers that:
  - 1.** The production of biodiesel from Oregon grown feedstock and used cooking oil has reached the level described above; and
  - 2.** That three months from the date of the notice, all biodiesel used for the purposes of satisfying the requirements of this Chapter shall contain a minimum of 50% (by volume) of biodiesel produced from used cooking oil and/or feedstock from the Genera Brassica, Camelina, Helianthus or Carthamus.
- G.** Fuel retailers shall be required to conspicuously place signage denoting the type of biofuel mixture available for sale by the fuel retailer in accordance with the labeling guidelines or rules established by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. For example, B5 fuel shall be labeled "B5 Biodiesel Blend."

**16.60.025 Additional Regulation in the 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Subdistrict.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 180372; amended by Ordinance 180671, effective January 12, 2007.) Effective July 1, 2007, in the 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue subdistrict of the East Corridor plan district, all fuel vendors established under the provisions of Subsection 33.521.300. F. of Title 33, Planning and Zoning, must sell a minimum blend of 20% Biodiesel (B20 fuel) at one or more pumps.

**16.60.030 Exemptions.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 180671, effective January 12, 2007.)

- A.** Any retailer who offers a biodiesel blend of 20% (B20 fuel) or greater shall be exempt from the requirements of Section 16.60.020 (A) and (B), and may also provide for sale, on the same site or a contiguous site, diesel fuel which does not contain biodiesel.

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- B.** The Director of the Bureau of Development Services may temporarily suspend or modify the minimum biofuel content requirements of this Chapter based on a determination that such requirements are temporarily infeasible due to economic or technical circumstances. The Director's determination shall be made by filing a report with the City Council.
- C.** The requirements of this Chapter do not apply to fuel used for the operation of railroad locomotives, watercraft or aircraft.
- D.** Nothing in this Chapter is intended to prohibit the production, sale, or use of motor fuel for use in federally designated flexibly fueled vehicles capable of using up to eighty-five percent ethanol fuel blends.

#### **16.60.040 Enforcement and Notice of Violation.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 180671, effective January 12, 2007.)

- A.** The Director of the Bureau of Development Services, or designee, upon determining that a violation of this code or regulations duly adopted pursuant to this Chapter has occurred, shall issue a written notice of the violation by certified mail to the fuel distributor, reseller or retailer identifying the violation and applicable penalty.
- B.** The fuel distributor, reseller or retailer shall, upon receipt of a notice of violation, correct the violation and pay to the City the stated penalty or appeal the finding of a violation to the Code Hearings Officer within 10 days of receipt of the notice.
- C.** A determination issued pursuant to Section 16.60.040.A may be appealed to the Code Hearings Officer, as provided for in Chapter 22.10 of City Code.

#### **16.60.050 Penalties.**

Violations of this Chapter may be punishable by fines as follows:

- A.** A fine of up to \$5,000 for the first violation;
- B.** A fine of up to \$10,000 for each subsequent violation.

#### **16.60.060 Disclosure.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 180671, effective January 12, 2007.) For all sales of biofuels blended products by fuel distributors or resellers for the purposes of meeting this Chapter, the distributor or reseller must provide a bill of lading or shipping manifest disclosing biofuel content, stating volume percentage, gallons of biofuel per gallon base stock, or an "Bxx" or "Exx" designation where "xx" denotes the volume percent biofuel included in the blended product, and the feedstock from which the biofuel was derived.



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**16.60.070 Additional Regulations.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 180671, effective January 12, 2007.)

- A.** The Bureau of Development Services is authorized to promulgate administrative rules and take other actions reasonable and necessary to enforce this Chapter.

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**FUNERAL PROCESSIONS**

(Chapter added by Ordinance No. 176022,  
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**16.65.010 Funeral Processions.**

As used in this Section, funeral procession means four or more motor vehicles accompanying the body of a deceased person in the daytime, when each of such vehicles has its headlights lighted.

- A.** Pedestrians and the operators of all vehicles, except emergency vehicles, must yield the right-of-way to each vehicle which is a part of a funeral procession. Whenever the lead vehicle in the funeral procession lawfully enters an intersection, the remainder of the vehicles in such a procession may continue to follow such lead vehicle through the intersection notwithstanding any traffic control device or right-of-way provisions prescribed by statute or ordinance, provided the operator of each vehicle exercises due care to avoid colliding with any other vehicle or pedestrian upon the streets or highway.
- B.** No person may operate any vehicle as part of a funeral procession without having the headlights of such vehicle lighted.
- C.** No operator of a vehicle may drive between vehicles in a funeral procession which are properly identified while the procession is in motion, except when directed to do so by a police officer.

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#### **16.70.001 Purpose.**

This Section provides traffic regulations in addition to those of the Oregon Revised Statutes that apply in the City of Portland.

#### **16.70.200 Pedestrians.**

##### **16.70.210 Must Use Crosswalks.**

No pedestrian may cross a street other than within a crosswalk if within 150 feet of a crosswalk.

##### **16.70.220 Must Cross at Right Angles.**

A pedestrian must cross a street at right angles unless crossing within a crosswalk.

##### **16.70.230 To Obey Directions of School Traffic Patrol and Crossing Guard.**

At intersections where a member of the school traffic patrol or crossing guard is stationed for the safety of school children, all pedestrians must obey the directions of such school traffic patrol member or crossing guard. It is unlawful for any pedestrian to cross at any intersection where such patrol member or crossing guard is stationed contrary to the direction of such school traffic patrol member or crossing guard.

##### **16.70.240 Bridge Railings.**

No pedestrians may sit, stand on, or lean their torso over a Willamette River bridge railing unless engaged in bridge maintenance work or otherwise authorized by an appropriate government agency.

#### **16.70.300 Bicycles.**

##### **16.70.310 Persons Riding Bicycles to Obey Traffic Regulations.**

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway is subject to state law and the provisions of this Title applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except state law and those provisions of this Title which by their very nature can have no application.

##### **16.70.320 Operating Rules.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 165594, July 8, 1992.) No person may:

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- A.** Leave a bicycle so that it obstructs vehicle or pedestrian traffic on a roadway, sidewalk, driveway, handicap access ramp, building entrance, or so that it prevents operation of a parking meter or newspaper rack;
- B.** Leave a bicycle secured to a fire hydrant or to a police or fire call box;
- C.** Leave a bicycle on private property without consent of the owner or legal tenant. Consent is implied on private commercial property;
- D.** Leave a bicycle on a street or other public property for more than 72 hours; or
- E.** Ride a bicycle on a sidewalk, unless avoiding a traffic hazard in the immediate area, within the area bounded by and including SW Jefferson, Front Avenue, NW Hoyt and 13th Avenue, except:
  - 1.** On sidewalks designated as bike lanes or paths;
  - 2.** On the ramps or approaches to any Willamette River Bridge; or
  - 3.** In the area bounded by the west property line of SW Ninth Avenue, the east property line of SW Park Avenue, the north property line of SW Jefferson and the south property line of SW Salmon Street.
  - 4.** For police or special officers operating a bicycle in the course and scope of their duties; or
  - 5.** For employees of the Association for Portland Progress and companies providing security services operating a bicycle in the course and scope of their duties. These employees must have in possession an identification card issued by the Chief of Police certifying the rider has completed a training course in the use of a bicycle for security patrol.

**16.70.330 Impounding Bicycles.**

- A.** A bicycle left on a street or other public property for more than 72 hours may be impounded.
- B.** A bicycle may be immediately impounded if:
  - 1.** It is parked in violation of this code and obstructs or impedes pedestrian or vehicular traffic; or
  - 2.** It is an immediate threat to the public welfare.

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- C.** The impounding agency must make reasonable efforts to notify the owner of the impoundment and a description of how and by what date the bicycle must be claimed.
- D.** A fee may be charged to the owner of an impounded bicycle. No impoundment fee will be charged to the owner of a stolen bicycle that has been impounded.
- E.** An impounded bicycle that remains unclaimed after 30 days may be disposed of in accordance with city procedures for disposal of abandoned or lost personal property.

#### **16.70.340 Renting Bicycles.**

No person may rent a bicycle to another person unless the bicycle is equipped as required by state law.

#### **16.70.400 Other Transportation.**

#### **16.70.410 Roller Skates and Skateboards.**

(Replaced by Ordinance No. 185596, effective September 5, 2012.)

- A.** No person may use roller skates, including in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, or other similar devices powered exclusively by human power upon any sidewalk within the area bounded by and including SW Jefferson, Naito Parkway, NW Hoyt and 13th Avenue. The middle and bisecting sidewalks in the Park Blocks are considered sidewalks for the purposes of this Subsection.
- B.** No person may use roller skates, including in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, or other similar devices powered exclusively by human power upon any street, roadway or sidewalk on
  - 1.** SW 5th or 6th Avenues between SW Lincoln and Burnside; and on
  - 2.** NW 5th or 6th Avenues between Burnside and Union Station.
- C.** No person may use roller skates, including in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, or other similar devices powered exclusively by human power upon any street, roadway or sidewalk between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. on
  - 1.** SW Fairview Boulevard between SW Knights Boulevard and SW Kingston Avenue;
  - 2.** SW Kingston Avenue between SW Tichner Drive and the Washington Park entrance;

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3. SW Tichner Drive between SW Kingston Avenue and SW Marconi Avenue;
  4. SW Marconi Avenue;
  5. SW Park Place between SW Marconi Avenue and SW Wright Avenue;
  6. SW Lafayette Place;
  7. SW Hampshire Street between SW Lafayette Place and SW Champlain Drive;
  8. SW Champlain Drive between SW Hampshire Street and SW Rutland Terrace;
  9. SW Rutland Terrace; and
  10. West Burnside Street from Skyline Boulevard to SW Vista Avenue.
- D.** No person may use roller skates, including in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, or other similar devices powered exclusively by human power upon any street, roadway or sidewalk while attached in any manner to any motor vehicle on the roadway. In addition, a person shall not knowingly drive a motor vehicle that is towing a person riding same.
- E.** All persons using roller skates, including in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, or other similar devices powered exclusively by human power must while on a public street, traveling at less than the speed limit of the roadway shall yield to vehicles approaching from the rear by moving to the right curb or shoulder of the street.
- F.** During limited visibility conditions and between the hours of sunset and sunrise, all persons using roller skates, including in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, or other similar devices powered exclusively by human power must be equipped with and use lighting equipment that shows a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front of the device.
- G.** During limited visibility conditions and between the hours of sunset and sunrise, all persons using roller skates, including in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, or other similar devices powered exclusively by human power must be equipped with and use lighting equipment that has a red reflector or lighting device or material of such size or characteristic and so mounted, carried or worn as to be

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visible from all distances up to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlights on a motor vehicle.

- H.** The penalty for failing to follow the rules of Subsections A. - G. shall be a minimum fine of \$115.
- I.** All persons under 16 years of age shall wear protective headgear when using roller skates, including in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, or other similar devices powered exclusively by human power upon any street, sidewalk, or bridge. The penalty for failure to wear protective headgear as required in this subsection shall be a maximum fine of \$25.
- J.** Except for those provisions by their very nature can have no application, this subsection adopts the Oregon Motor Vehicle Code's rules of the road for vehicle drivers to regulate the use of roller skates, including in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, or other similar devices powered exclusively by human power upon a public highway in the City. Riders of such devices are subject to the provisions applicable to, and have the same rights and duties provided any driver of a vehicle by the Oregon Vehicle Code concerning operating on highways except when otherwise specifically provided in this Code.
  - 1.** The penalty for failing to follow the rules of the road incorporated by Subsection J. shall be a fine of \$250.
    - a.** First time offenders of this Code are eligible to participate in Share the Road or similar program in lieu of the fine.
- K.** This Section does not apply to bicycles as defined by Section 16.90.025 of this Code.

#### **16.70.430 Train Switching Prohibited in Certain Areas.**

- A.** On railroad tracks located in NW 12th Avenue between West Burnside and NW Hoyt Streets, and on railroad tracks located on NW Flanders Street, between NW 12th Avenue and NW Front Avenue, it is unlawful for any person to direct, cause, or permit switching movements of freight cars between the hours of 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- B.** No person may direct, cause, or permit any railroad equipment to be left or parked on the main line tracks of these streets.



**16.70.450 Off-Street Parking Required for Trucks.**

A person owning or controlling any truck or truck trailer must provide at his or her own expense complete off-street parking facilities for the storage of all such equipment.

**16.70.500 Traffic Regulations.**

**16.70.510 Trespassing - Leaving Pamphlet On Vehicle.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 165987, Nov. 12, 1992.)

- A. It is unlawful for any person to ride or trespass upon or within any motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or operator thereof.
- B. It is unlawful for any person to post, stick, or place upon or within any motor vehicle any card, notice, handbill, leaflet, pamphlet, survey, or similar matter without the consent of the owner or operator.
- C. The provisions of this Section do not apply to any card, notice, handbill, leaflet, pamphlet, survey, or similar matter placed upon or within such motor vehicle by authority of law, by an authorized officer of the City, County, or State or by a designee of the City Traffic Engineer.

**16.70.520 Hitching Onto Vehicle.**

- A. It is unlawful for any person riding upon any vehicle, sled, or other conveyance to hitch or hold on to any part of another vehicle or conveyance for the purpose of being propelled or drawn along any street or highway within the City.
- B. Nothing contained in this Section is deemed to prohibit the coupling of one or more motor vehicles or motor vehicle and trailer in the manner approved by ORS 818.

**16.70.530 Central City Plan District Closed to Driving Lessons.**

It is unlawful for any person to give or receive lessons or instructions in driving or operating any vehicle upon any street, except interstate freeways, in the Central City Plan District except for access directly to and from an institution or business located in the Central City Plan District. This Section does not apply to an applicant for a motor vehicle operator's license when accompanied by an examiner from the office of the Department of Motor Vehicles of Oregon.

**16.70.550 Vendor Traffic Regulations.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 165594, 166575, and 176585, effective July 5, 2002.)

- A. It is unlawful for any:

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1. Vehicle, cart, or temporary stand used to conduct business to be left unattended for 30 or more minutes or parked or stored over night on any public grounds, street, or highway. See also: 14A.50.030, 14A.50.040, 14A.50.050, 16.20.150 D., 16.60.100 F., 17.25, 17.26.
  2. Vendor to conduct business in a roadway adjacent to or directly across from residential property for a period longer than 10 minutes within any block face. Such vendor must vacate said block face for a period of 2 hours upon expiration of the 10-minute limit.
- B. Whenever, in the judgement of the Bureau of Police, traffic is or will be congested in and around an area being used by a vendor, the Bureau of Police is hereby given authority to cause said vendors to move and remain out of the congested area.

#### **16.70.560 Traffic Regulations in Parks.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 165594, July 8, 1992.)

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the provisions of this Title regulating street traffic and parking apply to driving or parking a vehicle in a City park or golf course.
- B. With approval of the Commissioner In Charge, the Superintendent of Parks may restrict or prohibit traffic or types of traffic and parking in City parks and golf courses. Signs giving notice of any restriction or prohibition imposed under this Subsection shall be posted and maintained by the Superintendent in a conspicuous manner and place to inform the public. It is unlawful for any person to violate any restriction or prohibition imposed under this Subsection after notice thereof has been posted.
- C. The Bureau of Police has authority to enforce the provisions of this Section.
- D. The provisions of this Section do not apply to City authorized vehicles used in park or golf course service.

#### **16.70.570 Inoperative Electric Traffic Control Signals.**

An intersection with inoperative electric traffic control signals shall be treated as an uncontrolled intersection, unless other official traffic control devices have been erected at the intersection. This Section does not apply to freeway ramp metering signals operated by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

#### **16.70.600 Over Dimensional Vehicles.**

#### **16.70.610 General Prohibitions.**

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- A.** It is unlawful for any person or owner to drive, move, or to cause or permit to be driven or moved on any street in the City any vehicle or combination of vehicles that:
- 1.** Exceeds the weight or size limitations set forth in the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), Chapter 818;
  - 2.** Is not constructed or equipped as required by ORS 818;
  - 3.** Is dragging upon or over the surface of a street any log, pole, piling, or other thing;
  - 4.** Does not move exclusively on revolving wheels or rotating tracks in contact with the surface of the street;
  - 5.** Is so constructed or loaded so as to allow its contents to drop, sift, leak, or otherwise escape therefrom; or
  - 6.** Violates any other provisions of this Title.
- B.** Operation of any vehicle or combination of vehicles in violation of the provisions of this Chapter is prima facie evidence that the owner of the vehicle or combination caused or permitted the vehicle or combination to be so operated and the owner shall be liable for any penalties imposed pursuant to ORS 818.

**16.70.620 Exemptions.**

- A.** The provisions of this Chapter governing size and weight do not apply to:
- 1.** Any vehicle, combination of vehicles, article, machine, or other equipment in use by the Federal Government, the State of Oregon, or any county or city while in the immediate vicinity of and involved with the construction, maintenance, or repair of public highways;
  - 2.** Any vehicle in use by a mass transit district for the purposes authorized under ORS 267.010 to ORS 267.390, provided the size or weight of the vehicle is approved by the City for that route; or
  - 3.** Any vehicle, combination of vehicles, article, machine, or other equipment operated under a permit issued by the Traffic Engineer and in compliance with the conditions and restrictions thereof.
- B.** None of the size limits described in ORS 818, except the maximum limit of allowable extension beyond the last axle of a combination of vehicles, apply to

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agricultural equipment hauled, towed, or moved upon any street if the movement is incidental to the farming operations of the owner of the agricultural equipment.

#### **16.70.630 Permits.**

Under authority granted in Section 16.10.200, the Traffic Engineer may grant written permits for the operation over City streets, or sections thereof, of any vehicle or combination of vehicles, including any load thereon, having:

- A.** A gross weight;
- B.** A length;
- C.** A width;
- D.** A height; or
- E.** A maximum number of vehicles in combination; in excess of that authorized in ORS 818 or administratively imposed weight or size limits designated in accordance to 16.70.690.

#### **16.70.640 Limits of Authority to Issue Variance Permit.**

A permit may not be issued for any vehicle or load that can readily or reasonably be dismantled or disassembled to reduce weight or width. This does not apply to any vehicle, combination of vehicles, load, article, property, machine, or thing that is:

- A.** Used in the immediate vicinity of construction, maintenance, or repair of public highways; and
- B.** Of a length in excess of that permitted in ORS 818.

#### **16.70.650 Requirements, Conditions and Procedures for Issuance of Variance Permit; Duration; Cancellation.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 176361 and 181217, effective September 14, 2007.)

- A.** In issuing a permit, the Traffic Engineer may:
  - 1.** Grant a permit that is valid for a single trip, a number of trips or an amount of time not to exceed one year.
  - 2.** Establish seasonal or other time limitations on a permit.
  - 3.** Require the applicant to furnish public liability or automobile insurance and property damage insurance as follows:

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- a.** General Liability insurance with a combined single limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for Bodily Injury and Property Damage; or
  - b.** Automobile Liability insurance with a combined single limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including coverage for owned, hired or nonowned vehicles, as applicable; and
  - c.** The City of Portland, and its agents, officers, and employees are Additional Insured, but only with respect to operations occurring within the scope of the permit.
  - d.** There shall be no cancellation, material change, reduction of limits or intent not to renew the insurance coverage(s) without 30-days written notice from the Contractor or its insurer(s) to the City.
  - e.** As evidence of the insurance coverage required, the applicant shall furnish acceptable insurance certificates to the City prior to issuance of any permit. The certificate will specify that the City is additional insured and will include the 30-day cancellation clause. Insuring companies or entities are subject to City acceptance. The applicant shall be financially responsible for all pertinent deductibles, self-insured retentions and/or self-insurance.
- 4.** Require the applicant to furnish indemnity insurance or an indemnity bond in an amount fixed by the Traffic Engineer to:
  - a.** Reimburse the City of Portland for any damage to the highways or streets that may be caused under the permit; and
  - b.** Indemnify the members, officers, employees, and agents of the City of Portland from any claim that might arise from the granting of the permit and from the use of the highways under the permit.
- 5.** Require a demonstration by the applicant to establish that any vehicle, combination of vehicles, load, article, property, machine, or thing in operation under a permit would:
  - a.** Stay on the right side of the center line of the traveled way at all times; and
  - b.** Allow sufficient room in the opposing traffic lane for the safe movement of other vehicles.

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- B.** A permit must be in writing and must specify:
  - 1.** All highways or streets over which the permit is valid;
  - 2.** Any vehicle, combination of vehicles, load, article, property, machine, or thing allowed under the permit; and
  - 3.** Maximum dimensions and maximum weights allowed under the permit.
- C.** Under this section, the Traffic Engineer may not issue a permit that is valid for longer than 1 year.
- D.** An application for a permit issued under this section must specify:
  - 1.** The vehicle, combination of vehicles, load, article, property, machine, or thing for which the permit is requested;
  - 2.** The particular highways and streets for which the permit is sought; and
  - 3.** Whether the permit is sought for a single trip, a number of trips or continuous operation.
- E.** This section does not authorize:
  - 1.** Any vehicle, combination of vehicles, load, article, property, machine, or thing for which the permit is issued to be operated or moved contrary to any provisions of the vehicle code, except as specified in a permit; or
  - 2.** Any movement or operation of a vehicle, combination of vehicles, load, article, property, machine, or thing until a permit is issued.
  - 3.** Any vehicle, combination of vehicles, load, article, property, machine, or thing which is eligible for a permit under the State of Oregon Continuous Operation Variance Permit program as described in OAR 734.074.0010.
- F.** The City Traffic Engineer may be present during the movement. The presence of the City Traffic Engineer and any directions or suggestion made by him/her is not to be considered supervision of the movement and does not relieve the permit holder or the permit holder's insurers or sureties from liability for any damage done by the movement. If there are any of the permit's terms or conditions with which the movement does not comply, the City Traffic Engineer who is present at the movement may order it to be stopped.

**G.** Any permit may be canceled at any time by the City Traffic Engineer upon satisfactory proof that:

1. The permit holder has violated any of the terms of the permit;
2. The permit was obtained through misrepresentation in the application therefor; or
3. The public interest requires cancellation.

**16.70.660 Permit Must Be Carried and Displayed.**

**A.** The driver of any vehicle or combination of vehicles for which a variance permit has been issued commits the offense of failure to carry and display a variance permit if the driver does not:

1. Have the variance permit in immediate possession at all times when driving the vehicle or combination of vehicles upon a public highway or street; and
2. Display the variance permit upon demand of any police officer, department or county weighmaster, judicial officer, or the City Traffic Engineer.

**B.** Later producing a variance permit issued prior to and valid at the time of an offense by authority of this section is not a defense for a charge under this section.

**16.70.670 Movement of Building or Other Structure Excluded.**

The movement of buildings or other structures on or over the streets and other public right-of-ways of the City is excluded from the provisions of this Chapter. (See Chapter 17.48, Public Improvements.)

**16.70.680 Liability for Damage to Streets or Other Public Property.**

Any person moving any vehicle of excess weight or size on or over any street or other public right-of-way in the City is responsible for damage to pavement or other public improvement or property caused thereby.

**16.70.690 Designation of Streets for Vehicles of Excess Weight or Size.**

**A.** When in the judgement of the City Traffic Engineer any City street or section thereof is capable of carrying any vehicle or combination of vehicles having a gross weight or overall size in excess of that authorized in ORS 818, the City Traffic Engineer may report to the City Council so declaring that street and fixing

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the maximum gross weight, width, height, and/or length and types and classes of vehicles or combination of vehicles which may be operated thereon.

- B.** The provisions of any report accepted by the City Council pursuant to recommendation of the City Traffic Engineer under this Section may be changed or rescinded at any time and is subject to any order made pursuant to Section 16.10.200.
- C.** If a report submitted by the City Traffic Engineer under this Section is accepted by the City Council, a duplicate original thereof (and any amendment or revocation thereof) must be filed by the Auditor with the Secretary of State. After such resolution is adopted and filed, no permit is required for the operation upon such street or section thereof of a vehicle or combination of vehicles not exceeding the maximum gross weight and length fixed by the report for vehicles or combinations of vehicles of that type and class.

#### **16.70.700 Traffic Congestion Thoroughfares.**

##### **16.70.701 Purpose.**

The purpose of this Chapter is to prohibit the repeated driving of a motor vehicle along and across one portion of a congested public street, which constitutes a strict liability violation without any requirement of culpable mental state, all as described in this Chapter.

##### **16.70.720 Posting Signs.**

With respect to any traffic congestion thoroughfare, the Chief of the Bureau of Police or his/her designee is authorized to declare that portion of the street to be a traffic congestion thoroughfare and to cause signs, as described in this Chapter, to be posted notifying of that designation.

##### **16.70.730 Signs.**

The signs referred to in Section 16.70.720 will notify drivers that they are entering a traffic congestion thoroughfare; that repeated passage of a motor vehicle through or across the traffic congestion thoroughfare is a violation of City Code Section 16.70.740; and that for a subsequent violation, the vehicle will be towed.

##### **16.70.740 Acts Prohibited.**

Between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. of the following morning, no vehicle may pass along or across a traffic congestion thoroughfare, designated as such by signs as described in Section 16.70.730, more than two times.

##### **16.70.750 Penalty.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 165987 and 176394, effective April 17, 2002.) Violation of this Chapter is an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$150.



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- A. Except as provided below, violation of this Chapter is an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$150.
- B. Violation of Sections 16.20.470, 16.70.510 A, 16.70.210, 16.70.220 and 16.10.060, is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment not exceeding 10 days or both.

**16.70.760 Subsequent Violation.**

If a vehicle passes along or across a traffic congestion thoroughfare as designated by signs in violation of Section 16.70.740, any single subsequent drive-through of that traffic congestion thoroughfare by that vehicle within the same 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. time period constitutes a separate violation of Section 16.70.740, punishable as provided in section 16.70.750; and the vehicle may be towed and taken to a storage area designated by the City and may be held for not more than 24 hours, all at the expense of the owner or person entitled to possession.

**16.70.770 Notice of Towing For Subsequent Violations.**

Upon issuing a citation for a violation of Section 16.70.740, the officer will give the person to whom the citation is issued a written notice which will state:

NOTICE

You have been cited for violation of Code Section 16.70.740 for repeated passage of a motor vehicle on or across a traffic congestion thoroughfare.

If the vehicle you are driving is again driven along or across this traffic congestion thoroughfare before 5 a.m. this morning, this vehicle may be impounded and towed in accordance with City Code Section 16.70.760.

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**16.70.780 Exemptions.**

This Section does not apply to:

- A. Any publicly owned vehicle of any city, county, public district, state, or federal agency;
- B. Any vehicle licensed for public transportation; or
- C. Any other vehicle granted an exemption by the Chief of Police because passage of the vehicle along or across the traffic congestion thoroughfare is necessary for commercial or medical reasons.

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#### **16.70.800 Visibility.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 165987, 173369 and 183397, effective January 8, 2010.)

- A.** It is the responsibility of the owner or occupant of any property to prevent any vegetation or street tree on the property or the abutting public right-of-way from partially or wholly obstructing the visibility of traffic control devices, the visibility of or for drivers, bicyclists, or pedestrians, or in any way presents a safety hazard.
- B.** The person who owns or occupies said property is liable to any person who is injured or otherwise suffers damage by reason of the failure to remove or prune such vegetation as required by Title 16 or any other Title of the City Code. Furthermore, said person is liable to the City of Portland for any judgement or expense incurred or paid by the City, by reason of said person's failure to satisfy the obligations imposed by this or any other Title of the City Code.
- C.** Any street tree removal or pruning required by this Title must be done in accordance with the provisions of Title 20.
- D.** Vegetation, including trees, in green street or other public stormwater management facilities, shall be trimmed only by the City or under the authorization of the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES).
- E.** Any vegetation or street tree not removed or pruned as required in this Title is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and may be summarily abated as provided in Title 29.
- F.** Whenever the provisions of this section conflict with those of any other section of this code, including but not limited to Titles 16, 17, 18, 20, and 33, the stricter provisions shall govern.

#### **16.70.810 Street Obstructions and Dangerous Conditions.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 176585, effective July 5, 2002.) No person, whether acting as private citizen, principal, employee or agent shall:

- A.** Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, place or allow to remain on any street any obstruction, other than a lawfully parked vehicle or any permitted structure, unless a clearly displayed warning light or lights are:
  - 1.** plainly visible for 200 feet in either direction parallel to the street and at least 25 feet in all other directions, and
  - 2.** placed on the edge or side of the obstruction nearest the center of the street.

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- B.** At any time, create a dangerous condition on any street without erecting and maintaining a distinctly visible barricade which provides a clear indication of the danger and directs people safely around it; and/or
- C.** Remove such a barricade from any street while the danger continues.

**16.70.900 Reckless Driving.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 173097, effective by February 10, 1999.)

- A.** A driver of a vehicle commits the crime of reckless driving within the City of Portland if the driver commits two or more of the following violations in a single series of acts in such a way as to endanger the safety of persons or property:
  - 1.** Unlawful or unsignaled lane change;
  - 2.** Unsafe passing on the left or right;
  - 3.** Passing in a no-passing zone;
  - 4.** Following too close;
  - 5.** Illegal backing;
  - 6.** Unlawful stop or deceleration;
  - 7.** Failure to signal;
  - 8.** Violation of maximum speed limit in an urban area; or
  - 9.** Taking other actions that a reasonable driver would know endanger the safety of persons or property in a congested urban driving environment such as the City of Portland.
- B.** Violation of this law shall constitute a Class A Misdemeanor as prescribed in State law.

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#### **16.90.001      Generally.**

The following words and phrases when used in this Title shall, for the purpose of this Title, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this Chapter, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. Definitions of words and phrases in the Oregon Revised Statutes may be applied unless defined differently in this Title or in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

#### **16.90.005      Abandoned Vehicle.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 179141, effective March 23, 2005.) A vehicle that remains in violation for more than 24 hours and one or more of the following conditions exist:

- A.**      The vehicle does not have a lawfully affixed, unexpired registration plate, or fails to display current registration.
- B.**      The vehicle appears to be inoperative or disabled.
- C.**      The vehicle appears to be wrecked, partially dismantled or junked.

#### **16.90.010      Accessory Recreational Vehicle.**

See Recreational Vehicle.

#### **16.90.015      Alley.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) A facility primarily intended to provide access to the rear or side of lots or buildings in urban areas and not intended for through vehicular movement.

**16.90.020      Angle Loading.**

When a vehicle is parked at an angle to traffic flow for the purpose of loading/unloading and extends into the public right-of-way anywhere outside of a legal parking area.

**16.90.025      Bicycle.**

A type of vehicle that:

- A. Is designed to be operated on the ground on wheels;
- B. Has a seat or saddle for use of the rider;
- C. Is designed to travel with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground;
- D. Is propelled exclusively by human power; and
- E. Has every wheel more than 14 inches in diameter or two tandem wheels either of which is more than 14 inches in diameter.

**16.90.030      Bicycle Boulevard.**

(Replaced by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) A roadway with low vehicle traffic volumes where the movement of bicycles is given priority.

**16.90.032      Bicycle Lane.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) The part of the street designated by official signs or markings for the movement of persons riding bicycles except as otherwise specifically provided by law.

**16.90.034      Bikeway, Shoulder.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) A street upon which the paved shoulder, separated by a four-inch stripe and no bicycle lane markings, is used for the movement of persons riding bicycles. Auto parking is also allowed on shoulders marked in this manner.

**16.90.035      Bicycle Path.**

(Repealed by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.)

**16.90.036      Bikeway, Extra Width Curb Lane.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) A wider than normal curbside travel lane provided to give extra room for the movement of persons riding bicycles where there is insufficient space for a bicycle lane or shoulder bikeway.

**16.90.038      Bikeway, Off-Street Path.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) An off-street path for the movement of persons riding bicycles that is physically separated from motorized

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vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier and either within a street right-of-way, but not in the roadway, or within an independent right-of-way or dedicated easement.

#### **16.90.040 Bikeway, Signed Connection.**

(Replaced by Ordinance No 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) A bikeway upon which signing is placed to direct bicyclists to a destination or another bikeway.

#### **16.90.045 Block Face.**

The area between the line separating a public right-of-way from private property and the center line of a street or highway, and between the midpoint of two intersections.

#### **16.90.050 Bureau of Transportation System Management.**

(Repealed by Ordinance No. 182389, effective January 2, 2009.)

#### **16.90.055 Carpool Vehicle.**

- A.** Any vehicle that is designed by its manufacturer to seat three or more people and is utilized to transport on a regular basis, three or more people including the driver, from a point of origin to a destination.
- B.** For the purpose of this Title of the City Code, carpool vehicle specifically means any vehicle described in A. above, which displays a carpool permit issued by the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon.

#### **16.90.060 Central City Plan District.**

The Central City Plan District is defined in Title 33 of this code. For purposes of this Title, however, regulations that apply to the Central City Plan District apply to the whole street (up to the property line or extension of a property line to the corner of a property line across an intersection) of the streets whose center lines serve as boundaries to the Central City Plan District.

#### **16.90.065 City Recognized Holidays.**

City recognized holidays are:

- A.** New Year's Day;
- B.** Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday;
- C.** President's Day;
- D.** Memorial Day;
- E.** Fourth of July;



- F.** Labor Day;
- G.** Veteran's Day;
- H.** Thanksgiving Day; and
- I.** Christmas Day.

A day begins at 12:00:00 a.m. and ends at 11:59:59 p.m.

**16.90.070 Compact Car.**

Any vehicle which will fit within the space lines of a space designated for compact cars by official signs or markings.

**16.90.075 Conduct Business.**

The act of selling or attempting to sell services, or edible or nonedible items for immediate delivery.

**16.90.080 Construction Zone.**

The space adjacent to the curb and in immediate proximity to the premises where construction, alteration, remodeling, repairing, or similar work is in progress, and designated by official parking meter or sign hoods, signs, or markings.

**16.90.085 Crosswalk.**

Any portion of a roadway at an inter-section or elsewhere that is distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface of the roadway that conform in design to the standards established for crosswalks under ORS 810.200. Whenever marked cross- walks have been indicated, such cross- walks and no other shall be deemed lawful across such roadway at that intersection. Where no marked crosswalk exists, a crosswalk is that portion of the roadway described in the following:

- A.** Where sidewalks, shoulders or a combination thereof exists, a crosswalk is the portion of a roadway at an intersection, not more than 20 feet in width as measured from the prolongation of the lateral line of the roadway toward the prolongation of the adjacent property line, that is included within:
  - 1.** The connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks, shoulders, or a combination thereof on opposite sides of the street or highway measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traveled roadway; or
  - 2.** The prolongation of the lateral lines of a sidewalk, shoulder, or both, to the sidewalk or shoulder on the opposite side of the street, if the prolongation would meet such sidewalk or shoulder.

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- B.** If there is neither sidewalk nor shoulder, a crosswalk is the portion of the roadway at an intersection, measuring not less than 6 feet in width, that would be included within the prolongation of the lateral lines of the sidewalk, shoulder or both on the opposite side of the street or highway if there were a sidewalk.

#### **16.90.090 Curb.**

Any raised margin defining the space in the street devoted to vehicular traffic.

#### **16.90.095 Curb Line.**

The curb line separates a street or highway into the area dedicated to vehicle traffic (roadway) and the area dedicated to pedestrian and nonmotor vehicle traffic (planting strip, sidewalk, etc.).

#### **16.90.100 Driver.**

The rider, driver, or leader of any animal or vehicle that is not self-propelled and the operator of any vehicle that is self-propelled.

#### **16.90.105 Driveway.**

- A.** A road or access, whether improved or unimproved, extending from a public right-of-way onto private or public lands or structures for the purpose of gaining vehicular access to such areas and reasonably designated at the property line so as to be an obvious opening for access. For purposes of enforcement, a driveway:
  - 1.** Extends from one curb return to the other;
  - 2.** If winged, includes the wings; or
  - 3.** If the street is unimproved, the driveway area falls between the projections of the edges of an improved driveway or the most established tire ruts of an unimproved driveway.
- B.** Such road or access will be enforced as a driveway unless closed by a structure or permanent closure device.

#### **16.90.110 Drop Box.**

A container in which trash or any other refuse material is temporarily stored or collected. For the purposes of Title 16, a drop box will be considered a vehicle in terms of parking provisions and restrictions.

#### **16.90.115 Emergency Vehicles.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 180917, effective May 26, 2007.) Vehicles of Portland Fire & Rescue, police vehicles, emergency vehicles of municipal departments, and

ambulances while being used for emergency purposes and displaying lights as required by the Oregon Revised Statutes.

**16.90.120 Fire Station.**

Any building used for the purpose of housing fire apparatus of the City.

**16.90.125 Fog Line or Edge Line.**

The official 4-inch wide marking that defines the lateral lines of a roadway.

**16.90.130 Gross Vehicle Weight Rating.**

The value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a single or a combination vehicle or the registration weight, whichever is greater.

**16.90.135 Guest.**

As used in a regulated parking zone sign, means a patron or visitor to the adjacent hotel.

**16.90.140 Handicap Access Ramp.**

An inclination, ramp-like structure, or any other such device designed to serve and provide ease of access from the sidewalk to the roadway or from the street to adjacent property for individuals using a mobility aid. If winged, it includes the winged area of the structure.

**16.90.145 Hotel.**

Any structure intended or designed for transient occupancy and which offers more than 25 percent of its rooms for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes for less than a 30 day period.

**16.90.150 Improper Use.**

Improper use occurs when a permit holder violates the provisions described on the permit application.

**16.90.155 Intersection.**

The area of a roadway created when two or more public roadways join together at any angle, as described in one of the following:

- A. If the roadways have curbs, the intersection is the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines.
- B. If the roadways do not have curbs, the intersection is the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral boundary lines of the roadways.
- C. The junction of an alley with a roadway does not constitute an intersection.

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- D.** Where a highway includes two roadways 30 feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of the divided highway by an intersection highway is a separate intersection. In the event the intersection highway also includes two roadways 30 feet or more apart, then every crossing of two roadways of such highways is a separate intersection.

**16.90.160 Light Rail Transit System.**

A commuter transit mode consisting of steel-wheeled rail vehicles, powered electrically through overhead lines, operating predominately on exclusive right-of-way that need not be grade separated.

**16.90.165 Light Rail Vehicle.**

A component car in a light rail transit system.

**16.90.170 Load/Unload.**

To load or unload a vehicle means to be actively engaged in removing merchandise from or putting merchandise in a vehicle.

**16.90.175 Local Authorities.**

Every county, municipality, and other local board or body having authority to adopt local police regulations under the constitution and laws of this State.

**16.90.180 Long-Term Parking Meter.**

A parking meter with a designated time limit of more than 4 hours.

**16.90.185 Mobile Construction Trailer.**

A trailer that is used temporarily in conjunction with a construction site for office and other related purposes.

**16.90.190 Motor Bus.**

Every motor vehicle designed or used for carrying passengers and their personal baggage for compensation. The term “motor bus” does not mean or include taxicabs designed or constructed to accommodate and transport not more than five passengers, exclusive of the driver, and fitted with taximeters or using or having some other device, method, or system to indicate and determine the passenger fare paid for distance traveled.

**16.90.195 Motor Home.**

See Recreational Vehicle.

**16.90.200 Motor Vehicle.**

Every inanimate vehicle which is self-propelled.

**16.90.205 Municipal Terminal.**

Any property owned or operated by the Port of Portland for the provision of port services.

**16.90.210      Official.**

By authority of or recognized by law or code.

**16.90.215      Official Vehicle.**

Any government vehicle so identified by public registration plates.

**16.90.220      Official/Reserved Zone.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 179141, effective March 23, 2005.) Any space adjacent to the curb or edge of the roadway, or on City of Portland owned or operated property, which is exclusively reserved for those vehicles which have been assigned the use of such space through official permits or other means of designation.

**16.90.225      Operator.**

Any person who is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

**16.90.230      Parade.**

Any group of persons and/or vehicles moving on a street or streets of the City under permit as herein provided in accordance with a plan or common purpose for a celebration, display, exhibition, show, or advertisement, whether for public, semi-public, or private purposes, but does not include funeral processions or advertising vehicles operating under the provisions of Title 7.

**16.90.235      Park, Parking, or Parked.**

The stopping or standing of any vehicle upon any street or highway within the City, whether such vehicle is occupied or not. It does not mean stopping or halting temporarily for less than 30 seconds to load/unload passengers, or in obedience to traffic regulations, signs, signals, or officers.

**16.90.240      Parking Lane.**

The area between the curb and not more than 8 feet from the curb or curb line or as shown by official street markings. The parking lane is generally intended for vehicle parking. Parking regulations may apply to the parking lane area according to the provisions of Title 16 of the Portland City Code.

**16.90.245      Parking Meter.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 176394 and 179141, effective March 23, 2005.) A device placed at or near the curb adjacent to the street area, or on City of Portland owned or operated property authorized by the City and designed to register the duration of the parking time and the limit thereof, upon payment by a U.S. coin or a payment card. Parking meter includes a pay station.

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#### **16.90.247 Payment Card.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 176394, effective April 17, 2002.) A valid credit, debit or stored value card.

#### **16.90.249 Space Reservation Device.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 176394; amended by 179141, effective March 23, 2005.) A hood that is secured over a parking meter or a marker that is placed near the curb of the parking space, which contains administrative information on permit holder and regulations.

#### **16.90.250 Pedestrian.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) A person afoot; a person operating a pushcart; a person riding on or pulling a coaster wagon, sled, scooter, tricycle, bicycle with wheels less than 14 inches in diameter, or a similar non-motorized vehicle; or on roller skates, skateboard, wheelchair, or a baby in a carriage.

#### **16.90.255 Pedestrian Way.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) A facility intended for pedestrian movement.

#### **16.90.260 Permanently Exhibit.**

To display affixed to a vehicle so that the sign may not be removed from the vehicle without mechanical tools.

#### **16.90.265 Person.**

A natural person, firm, partnership, association, social or fraternal organization, corporation, trust, estate, receiver, syndicate, branch of government, or any group or combination acting as a unit.

#### **16.90.270 Planting Strip.**

The area between the curb or edge of the roadway and an improved sidewalk.

#### **16.90.275 Private Road.**

Every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.

#### **16.90.280 Public Right-of-Way.**

(Repealed by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.)

#### **16.90.285 Rail Vehicles.**

Any steel-wheeled vehicle(s) propelled on fixed steel rails, including, but not limited to: trolleys; light rail vehicles; and diesel- powered trains.

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**16.90.290      Recreational Vehicle.**

A vehicle which is designed for sport or recreational use, or which is designed for human occupancy on an intermittent basis. Recreational vehicle is divided into two categories as follows:

- A.**     Motor Home. A motor vehicle designed for human occupancy on an intermittent basis. A camper is considered a motor home when it is on the back of a pick-up or truck.
- B.**     Accessory Recreational Vehicle. A nonmotor vehicle designed for human occupancy on an intermittent basis such as vacation trailers and fifth-wheel trailers. A camper is considered an accessory recreational vehicle when it is not on the back of a pick-up or truck. Accessory recreational vehicle also includes vehicles designed for off-road use such as off-road vehicles, dune buggies, and recreational boats.

**16.90.295      Regulated Parking Zone.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 179141, effective March 23, 2005.) A space adjacent to a curb or curb line, designated by official signs or markings, where special regulations for parking or stopping a vehicle apply in addition to the general parking regulations that apply to all parking areas in the public right-of-way, or on City of Portland owned or operated property.

**16.90.300      Repair (a vehicle).**

To perform work on the motor, mechanical, or body parts of a vehicle.

**16.90.302      Right-of-Way.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.)

- A.**     The area between property lines of a street, easement, tract or other area dedicated to the movement of vehicles, pedestrians and/or goods.
- B.**     A public right-of-way is dedicated or deeded to the public for public use and under the control of a public agency.
- C.**     A private right-of-way is in private ownership, for use by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by others.

**16.90.305      Roadway.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) The portion of a street or highway improved for vehicle movement, including any parking lane. On an improved street, the area between the curbs or edge lines of a street.

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#### **16.90.310 School Bus.**

A motor bus owned or operated by authority of any lawfully recognized school district.

#### **16.90.315 Service (a vehicle).**

To perform routine maintenance such as replacing fluids or charging batteries. It does not include repairs to motor or body parts.

#### **16.90.320 Short-Term Parking Meter.**

A parking meter with a designated time limit of 4 hours or less.

#### **16.90.325 Shoulder.**

The portion of a public street or highway without curbs, whether paved or unpaved, contiguous to the roadway that is primarily for use by pedestrians, for the accommodation of stopped vehicles, for emergency use and for lateral support of base and surface courses.

#### **16.90.330 Sidewalk.**

The portion of the street between the curb or lateral lines of the roadway and the adjacent property lines, intended for use by pedestrians. An improved sidewalk is a pedestrian walkway with permanent surfacing in the sidewalk area of a street or highway.

#### **16.90.335 Skateboard.**

A board of any material, natural or synthetic, with wheels affixed to the underside, designed to be ridden by a person.

#### **16.90.340 Sled.**

Vehicles that do not move exclusively on revolving wheels in contact with the surface of the road or on fixed rails.

#### **16.90.345 Stop, Stopping, or Stopped.**

Any halting, even momentarily, of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control sign or signal.

#### **16.90.350 Street or Highway.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) The entire width of a right-of-way when any portion thereof is intended for motor vehicle movement or motor vehicle access to abutting property.

#### **16.90.351 Storage Container.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 179141, effective March 23, 2005.) A Storage Container in which any material is temporarily stored or collected. For the purposes of Title 16, a storage container will be considered a vehicle in terms of parking provisions and restrictions.



**16.90.355      Taxicab.**

Any motor vehicle which carries passengers for hire where the destination and route traveled may be controlled by a passenger and the fare is calculated on the basis of an initial fee, distance traveled, waiting time, or any combination thereof, and which is duly licensed by the City of Portland as a taxicab.

**16.90.360      Tire.**

The band of material used on the circumference of a wheel, on the outer face of a track or on a runner of a sled, which forms the tread that comes in contact with the surface of the road, or, if no band is used, then it means the tread or runner of a sled.

**16.90.365      Traffic.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, and vehicles, either singly or together, while using any street or highway for purposes of movement or parking.

**16.90.370      Traffic Congestion Thoroughfare.**

Any portion of a street or highway within the City affected by traffic congestion caused in whole or in part by the repeated driving of the same motor vehicles along or across that portion of the thoroughfare.

**16.90.375      Traffic Control Device.**

- A. All signs, signals, markings, and devices consistent with this Title placed or operated by direction of the City Traffic Engineer for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning, or regulating traffic or parking.
- B. Any device that remotely controls by electrical, electronic, sound, or light signal the operation of any device identified in subsection (A) of this definition.

**16.90.380      Traffic Control Signal.**

Any device, whether manually, electrically, or mechanically operated, by which traffic is directed. An electric traffic control signal is considered inoperative when none of the signal control indications are illuminated.

**16.90.385      Traffic Hazard.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 179141, effective March 23, 2005.) Any object, including vehicles, that impede the safe movement of vehicles in the public right-of-way or, on City of Portland owned or operated property.

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#### **16.90.390 Traffic Lane.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) An area of a street or highway, designated by official signs or markings, as dedicated to the movement of one vehicle at a time.

#### **16.90.392 Transit Mall and Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 182921, effective June 17, 2009.) The Transit Mall and Auxiliary Vehicular Lanes shall be designated in Section 16.50.110. An emergency is defined in Subsection 17.23.020 E.

#### **16.90.395 Tri-Met Bus.**

A motor bus owned or operated by the Tri-Metropolitan Transit District of Oregon.

#### **16.90.400 Trolley or Streetcar.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 175564, effective May 9, 2001.) An electric or diesel powered, steel wheeled rail vehicle, operating on steel rails, used to transport passengers.

#### **16.90.405 Truck.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 179141, effective March 23, 2005.) Every motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property, goods or providing a service, tow truck with passenger plates, step vans, vehicle length or width or height greater than original manufacturer's vehicle dimensions, and meeting the description as defined by DMV registration as a truck, van or pickup.

#### **16.90.410 Truck Trailer.**

A vehicle which is not a recreational vehicle or utility trailer, is more than 16 feet in length, and is designed to be pulled by a motor vehicle.

#### **16.90.415 Uncontrolled Intersection.**

Any intersection with no official traffic control device to designate vehicular right-of-way.

#### **16.90.420 Utility Trailer.**

A vehicle which is used to carry property, refuse, or special equipment, is 16 feet or less in length and is designed to be pulled by a motor vehicle. Boat trailers are included as utility trailers no matter what their length.

#### **16.90.421 Valid Receipt.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 179141, effective March 23, 2005.) A parking meter receipt dispensed from a City of Portland Parking Meter device indicating the valid date, time purchased, expiration time, watermark, or any other identifications showing validity of receipt. The receipt issued is valid only in the designated meter district where purchased.

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**16.90.425      Vehicle.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon any street or highway. Bicycle is more specifically defined in Section 16.90.025.

**16.90.430      Vehicle Alarm System.**

Any device, equipment, assembly, or system designed, arranged, or intended to sound an alarm horn, siren, klaxon, or other sound emitting device to signal an entry or attempted entry into, or tampering with, a vehicle.

**16.90.435      Vendor.**

Any person who conducts business in the public right-of-way or any other public property.

**16.90.440      Way.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 177028, effective December 14, 2002.) A facility for the movement of pedestrians, vehicles or goods, the specific user or users being determined by modifying words, such as road, bicycle, pedestrian, etc. Path and lane are synonyms for way, and likewise may be given a more specific meaning through use of a specified user or specific definition. See: Roadway, Pedestrian Way, Traffic Lane, Bicycle Path, et. al.

