

ORDINANCE NO. 79542

An Ordinance amending portions of Article 63 of the License and Business Code (Ordinance No. 76398) so as to provide for more completely identifying drivers of taxicabs, requiring certain permits to be obtained and fees paid, certain information posted in taxicabs, giving rights of appeal, making it unlawful to refuse to give receipts when demanded for fare paid, and declaring an emergency.

The City of Portland does ordain as follows:

Section 1. It appearing to the Council that the present regulations concerning taxicabs and drivers are inadequate; now, therefore, Section 20-6311 and 20-6315 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 20-6311. DRIVER'S PERMIT, ISSUANCE, APPEAL. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a taxicab in the City of Portland without first obtaining a permit therefor from the motor bus inspector authorized by the City of Portland to examine chauffeurs. The applicant shall submit to having a photograph taken, and pay a fee of 25 cents for such application and photograph. It shall be unlawful for any owner of any such vehicle to cause or permit the same to be operated on any street in the City of Portland by any person who has not obtained a permit as provided in this section. The motor bus inspector shall examine such applicant for a permit as to his knowledge of the traffic regulations in force in the City of Portland and as to his ability and judgment in the operating of any automobile, and shall issue permits to drive only to such persons as may be found competent. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the motor bus inspector may appeal to the Council by filing with the City Auditor, within five days after such decision (notice of which decision shall be promptly mailed to the applicant), a written notice of appeal, delivering to the motor bus inspector a copy thereof, whereupon the Auditor shall forthwith place such appeal upon the calendar of the Council to be heard in the regular course of business. The Auditor shall send to the appellant and to the motor bus inspector a notice of the time when the appeal will

be considered by the Council. It shall be the duty of said inspector to be present, state the reasons why such permit was denied and present to the Council such facts or argument as may tend to support such denial. The appellant shall have the right to appear personally and by counsel if desired and present such facts and other data as may tend to support his appeal. The action of the Council upon the appeal shall be final. All permits issued to drivers or chauffeurs for taxicabs shall expire on December 31, each year, and must be renewed for the following year. A new examination, photographing and the fee may be omitted in the discretion of the inspector.

Sect on 20-6315. REVOCATION OF DRIVER'S PERMIT. The Chief of Police shall have the authority on proper showing by the bus inspector, to revoke a driver's permit issued to the driver of any taxicab, when he finds that such driver fails to comply with any of the traffic regulations of the City of Portland or State of Oregon, or is unskilled in handling such vehicles or fails to exercise good judgment or fails to treat the public courteously, honestly and efficiently, or if such driver fails upon notice from said inspector to present himself and submit to a new examination concerning any or all of said matters. Any driver having his permit revoked as herein provided shall have a right of appeal to the Council of the City of Portland, provided that an appeal be taken in the time and manner provided by Section 20-6311 as amended, and the proceedings and the effect of action by the Council thereon shall be as provided in said Section 20-6311. Pending the appeal and decision the permit shall stand in suspense, and no driving shall be done by him and no new permit obtained. In case of the revocation of a permit no new permit shall be issued to such driver for a period of one year from the date of revocation. The hearing on all appeals shall be de novo. The provisions hereof shall supersede the provisions of Section 20-6338 as to taxicab drivers but not as to drivers or chauffeurs of for-hire vehicles or sight-seeing busses.

Section 2. Subdivision (f) of Section 20-6321 of said ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (f) The foregoing schedule of rates shall be conspicuously posted or placed in each taxicab and in such manner that said rates may be easily read from the inside of the taxicab. The printed rate schedule shall be headed with the word "rates" in not less than 24 point capitals, and the text thereof shall be in letters not less than 12 point type and shall be printed on a card not less than 4 by 6 inches in size. There shall also be displayed in each taxicab in not less than 24 point type a sign reading as follows: "If dissatisfied with fare, demand a receipt." It shall be unlawful for the driver to refuse to give such receipt when demanded. This notice may be printed on the "rates" schedule displayed in each taxicab.

Section 3. Said Section 20-6321 is further amended by adding thereto a subdivision to be designated as subdivision (i) and reading as follows:

- (i) The name of the driver, in letters of not less than 36 point type, shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in each taxicab.

Section 4. Inasmuch as this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety of the City of Portland, in this: That the additional provisions herein contained shall become effective without unnecessary delay; therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council JAN 20 1944

Wm. C. Bowes
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND ACTING

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Mayor of the City of Portland

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Commissioner Bowes

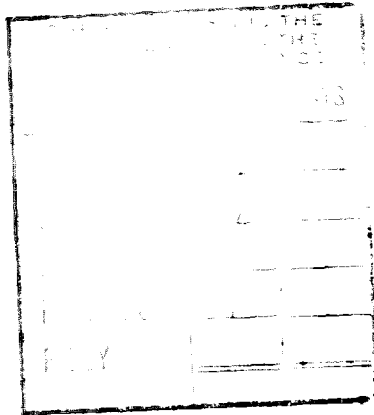
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