

Chapter 25 VEHICLES FOR HIRE*

*Cross reference(s)--Licenses, Ch. 12; traffic, Ch. 23.

Sec. 25-1. Permit to operate or drive--Required; written application.

No person shall operate or drive a taxicab in the City without first securing a permit from the Chief of Police, upon written application, which shall be sworn to and require the applicant to furnish satisfactory information as to such applicant's character, age, personal habits and such other information as may be deemed necessary. Except as otherwise herein provided the size and form of the permit and application shall be prescribed by the Chief of Police. Such permit shall provide place of operation and regulations to protect the public.

Sec. 25-2. Same--Refusal to issue, appeal from same; revocation on failure to operate from place designated.

The Chief of Police is hereby given the right to refuse to issue a taxi drivers permit to any applicant, who is unable to furnish information and references satisfactory to him, and to revoke any license on failure to operate from the place designated on the permit, or for failure to comply with any of the provisions of the permit.

Any applicant refused a permit by the chief of police may appeal to the City Council, who is hereby given the right to reverse the ruling of the Chief of Police on such application and direct the issuance of a permit.

Sec. 25-3. Same--Suspension.

Any taxi driver issued a permit hereunder may have such permit suspended by the Chief of Police or County Judge at any time for any reason deemed necessary by the Chief of Police or County Judge for the health, welfare and safety of the public and the citizens of the City.

(Ord. No. 568-79, <sec> 1, 11-7-79)

Sec. 25-4. Effect of conviction of traffic violations.

A first conviction of any taxi driver for violation of any traffic law shall constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of his permit. A second conviction for violation of any traffic law shall automatically constitute revocation of such driver' s permit and no new application for a new permit by such applicant can be filed for a period of six months thereafter.

Sec. 25-5. Drinking on duty.

No taxi driver shall use or drink alcoholic beverages of any kind or of any amount whatsoever while on duty or while driving a cab and violation of this section by a driver shall constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of such driver's permit.

Sec. 25-6. Responsibility of owners and drivers.

Owners and drivers of taxis shall both be fully responsible for any violation of any part or section of this chapter.