

Introduced June 24th, 1980 by
Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by
Councilman Martinez

Item Number 80-6-178

Amended: July 22nd, 1980 (B & C)

ORDINANCE NO. 1281

An Ordinance regulating Taxicabs and Taxicab Drivers and
Owners in the City of Slidell.

Section 1. Defined.

A taxicab within the meaning of this article is defined to be a motor
or power driven vehicle or conveyance carrying six (6) passengers or less,
including the driver or operator thereof, in the City of Slidell for hire or
any other consideration, excluding railroads, buses and other common carriers.

Section 2. Occupational License Required.

It shall be unlawful to operate a taxicab or taxicab business unless
an occupational license therefor has been obtained in accordance with Chapter
17 of the City of Slidell Code of Ordinances. The occupational license shall
be prominently displayed in the vehicle at all times.

Section 3. Insurance Prerequisite to License.

Before any person shall be issued a taxicab occupational license
he shall submit satisfactory proof that he has in force liability insurance
issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of
Louisiana, which policy shall be satisfactory to the governing authority and
shall be in the following amount or more:

(a) For the death or injury of any one person, Twenty-Five Thousand
and No/100ths (\$25,000.00) Dollars.

(b) For the death or injury of any one person arising out of any
one accident, Fifty Thousand and No/100ths (\$50,000.00) Dollars.

(c) For damage to property, Five Thousand and No/100ths (\$5,000.00)
Dollars.

(d) Policy of insurance shall show payment of the premium by the
applicant for a period of six (6) months. Notice of cancellation by the
insurance company shall be reported to the governing authority.

Section 4. Duty to Keep Insurance in Effect, Operate According to
Law; License Revocation.

Said insurance as set forth in Section 3 hereof shall be constantly
kept in full force and effect for the maximum amount thereof during all of the

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2 time the license is in effect. Failure to maintain said insurance as herein
3 set forth or to operate said taxicab in accord with the ordinances of the City
4 and the laws of the State of Louisiana upon the highways, streets and alleyways
5 of the city shall constitute grounds for the revocation of said license by the
6 governing authority.
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11 Section 5. Regulation and Supervision Established.

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13 The following rules and regulations shall govern taxicabs within the
14 City of Slidell. Before any person shall be issued a taxicab occupational
15 license, the following conditions must be met:
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18 (a) The owner and operator must be at least twenty-one (21) years
19 of age.

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21 (b) The operator must be in possession of a current Louisiana
22 Chauffeur's License.

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24 (c) The owner and operator must submit to a police check to be
25 conducted by the Slidell Police Department. One (1) felony conviction or
26 more than three (3) misdemeanor convictions over the past five (5) years will
27 automatically disqualify the applicant from receiving the taxicab occupational
28 license. Further, any conviction of driving while intoxicated, reckless operation
29 of a motor vehicle, and/or hit and run driving within the past three (3) years
30 will be considered an automatic disqualification.
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33 (d) The owner of the vehicle must supply the City with a local
34 telephone number and a local address. The operator of the vehicle, if different
35 from the owner, must supply the City with a local telephone number.
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38 (e) The operator must obtain a taxi driver's permit from the City.
39 This permit shall contain the operator's name and address, the owner's name,
40 address and telephone number, and a current picture of the operator. The operator
41 is required to supply the City with two (2) current passport size pictures for
42 this purpose and pay the City a Ten and No/100ths (\$10.00) Dollars permit fee.
43 The taxi driver's permit shall be prominently displayed in the vehicle at all times.
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46 (f) Regulation of Vehicle to be Utilized as a Taxicab:

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48 (1) The vehicle must be in good mechanical condition and display
49 a current Louisiana inspection certificate. Vehicles purchased for the
50 express use of serving as taxicabs within the City of Slidell shall be
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2 vehicles may remain in service indefinitely as long as they comply
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4 with the safety standards of the State of Louisiana and the other
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6 provisions of this ordinance.
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8 (2) Said vehicle must be registered in the owner's name with
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10 the City, giving class, type, seating capacity, make, manufacturer,
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12 motor number and serial number, design and color scheme and any
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14 lettering and marks to be used thereon. The owner is required to
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16 pay a fee of Ten and No/100ths (\$10.00) Dollars for this registration.
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18 The registration certificate must be prominently displayed in the
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20 vehicle at all times.
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22 (3) Change of ownership of or title to any vehicle for the
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24 operation of which a registration certificate has been issued
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26 hereunder shall automatically revoke such certificate unless the
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28 City is notified of such a change and transfers the unexpired portion
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30 of said certificate to the new owner or to a substitute vehicle in
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32 case of destruction or replacement of vehicle for which the original
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34 permit was issued.
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36 (4) Upon receipt of the driver's permit, vehicle registration
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38 certificate and occupational license, the owner of the vehicle must
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40 have said vehicle clearly marked as a taxicab and include the owner's
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42 name, address and telephone number on a space not less than eighteen
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44 (18) square inches and not to exceed twenty-four (24) square inches
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46 to be located in the center of the right and left front doors of said
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48 vehicle. The owner's telephone number must be prominently displayed
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50 on the left rear bumper of the vehicle.
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52 Section 6. All other ordinances of the City of Slidell in conflict
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54 with this ordinance are hereby repealed.
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56 Section 7. All persons, firms, corporations or operators situated or
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58 operating within the corporate limits of the City of Slidell affected by this
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60 ordinance are given sixty (60) days from the adoption of this ordinance in
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62 order to comply with its provisions and failure to comply within said sixty (60)
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64 days will result in a revocation of any permits that might have been issued
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66 previously under the prior provisions. Failure to comply with any part of this
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ordinance shall carry the following penalties:

(a) Revocation of those pertinent permits found in violation.

(b) A fine of One Hundred and No/100ths (\$100.00) Dollars or sixty (60) days in jail or both.

Section 8. All permits are valid for the calendar year in which they are issued and shall expire on December 31st in said calendar year.

All permits shall be renewed thirty (30) days prior to expiration.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of July, 1980.

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