

1 Introduced October 22, 2013, by Councilman  
2 Hicks, seconded by Councilman Cusimano, (by  
3 request of Administration)

4 **Item No. 13-10-3012**

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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 3712**

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8 An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell,  
9 Chapter 29 Vehicles for Hire, relative to the permit fee charged to operate a taxicab, to  
10 update the minimum liability insurance limits for taxicabs, and to provide renewal  
11 requirements.

12 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell desires to increase the permit fee charged to  
13 operate a taxicab.

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15 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does  
16 hereby amend Chapter 29 Vehicles for Hire as follows:

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18 **Sec. 29-42. – License required.**

19 By deleting the paragraph in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

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21 **Sec. 29-42. License required.**

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23 (a) It shall be unlawful to operate a taxicab or taxicab business unless a  
24 taxicab license therefore has been obtained.

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26 (b) The taxicab license shall be prominently displayed in the vehicle at all  
27 times.

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29 (c) License fee for each taxicab is set out in Sec. 29-45 (6)(b); and  
30 License fee for each operator is set out in Sec. 29-45 (5).”

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32 (d) The fee for a renewal license issued pursuant to Sec. 29-49 shall be  
33 \$100.00 per calendar year.  
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4           Sec. 29-43(3) is amended to increase the minimum amount of liability  
5 insurance required for damage to property as follows:  
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7           **Sec. 29-43. Insurance prerequisite to license.**

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9           **By deleting the first paragraph in its entirety and replacing it with the**  
10 **following:**

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12           Before any person shall be issued a new or renewal occupational license to  
13 operate a taxicab business, he shall submit satisfactory proof that he has in force liability  
14 insurance issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the state, which  
15 policy shall be satisfactory to the department of finance and shall be in the following  
16 amount or more but no less than Louisiana state minimum.  
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20           **By deleting subparagraph (3) in its entirety and replacing it with the**  
21 **following:**

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23           (3) For damage to property, \$25,000.00.

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25           **Sec. 29-45. Regulation and supervision established.**

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27           **By deleting subparagraph 29-45(2) in its entirety and replacing it with**  
28 **the following:**

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30           (2) The operator must be in possession of a current state  
31 chauffeur's/commercial driver's license.  
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33           **By deleting subparagraph 29-45(3) in its entirety and replacing it with**  
34 **the following:**

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4 (3) The owner and operator must submit to a background check to be  
5 conducted by the Slidell Police Department. More than three misdemeanor convictions  
6 over the past five years shall disqualify the applicant from receiving the taxicab license.  
7 Except as provided herein, prior to receiving a taxicab license a waiting period of ten years  
8 after completion of sentence shall be required for anyone convicted of a felony. Conviction  
9 of driving while intoxicated, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, hit and run driving within  
10 the past ten years shall disqualify the applicant from receiving the taxicab license.  
11 Conviction of murder, manslaughter, kidnapping, rape or being required to register as a  
12 sex offender shall disqualify the applicant from receiving and/or maintaining a taxicab  
13 license regardless of the date of conviction.  
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20 **By deleting subparagraph 29-45(5) in its entirety and replacing it with**  
21 **the following:**  
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23 (5) The operator must obtain a taxi driver's permit from the city. This  
24 permit shall contain the operator's name and address, the owner's name, address and  
25 telephone number, and a current picture of the operator. The operator is required to  
26 supply the city with two current passport-sized pictures for this purpose and pay the city a  
27 \$100.00 permit fee. The taxi driver's permit shall be prominently displayed in the vehicle at  
28 all times. A temporary license shall not be issued to new applicants. Once a favorable  
29 background check is conducted by the Slidell Police Department, a permanent license  
30 shall be issued.  
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4 **By deleting subparagraph 29-45(6)(b) in its entirety and replacing it**  
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6 **with the following:**

7 (6)(b) Such vehicle must be registered in the owner's name with the city,  
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9 giving class, type, seating capacity, make, manufacturer, motor number and serial number,  
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11 design and color scheme and any lettering and marks to be used thereon. The owner is  
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13 required to pay a fee of \$100.00 for this registration. The registration certificate must be  
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15 prominently displayed in the vehicle at all times.

16 **By adding a new paragraph as follows:**

17 **Sec. 29-49. Renewal.**

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19 (a) All applicants for renewals must meet all requirements set out  
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21 hereinabove.

22 (b) All applications for renewal must be received in the department of  
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24 finance prior to expiration of current license as set out in Sec. 29-46 above.

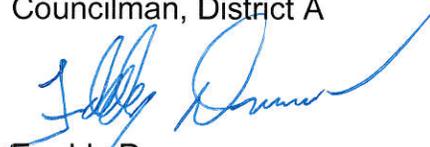
25 (c) Applicants that timely file for renewal, as set out in subparagraph (b)  
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27 above, will be eligible to receive a temporary license, valid for sixty (60) days, subject to a  
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29 criminal background check conducted in the City of Slidell and St. Tammany Parish,  
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31 pending receipt of full criminal background check  
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4 **ADOPTED** this 19th day of November, 2013.

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7 Lionel Hicks  
8 President of the Council  
9 Councilman, District A

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12 Freddy Drennan  
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