

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM**  
**NO. 97-30**

FROM: The Clerk's Office  
DATE: May 15, 1997  
SUBJECT: Taxi Cab Insurance Requirements

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The standard insurance requirement throughout the State seems to be \$100,000.00 per person, \$300,000.00 per accident, and \$50,000.00 property damage. I discussed the possibility of Wasilla requiring higher insurance limits with a representative of Jaques Ben-Ezra & Assoc., and was advised against it. Apparently the insurance industry looks at the different municipalities as a whole and that is how they set standard policy limits. Our proposed increase would require the applicant to purchase an additional umbrella policy. The current cost of the standard insurance policy is \$5,000.00 per year, and an umbrella policy is approximately \$2,000.00 per year.

I also contacted the Insurance Commissioners Office in Juneau, and it was the opinion of the Representative I spoke with that due to the high risk status of the taxi industry, most insurance companies are hesitant to insure them.