



CITY OF WASILLA

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Code Ordinance
Requested by: The Clerk's Office
Prepared by: The Clerk's Office
Introduction Date: 05/12/97
Public Hearing Date: 05/28/97

ORDINANCE SERIAL NO: 97-30

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA AMENDING SECTION 9.08.040, INSURANCE REQUIRED, OF THE WASILLA MUNICIPAL CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become part of the Wasilla Municipal Code.

SECTION II. Purpose. To amend a section of Chapter 9.08 (Insurance Required/Taxi Cabs)

SECTION III. Repeal. Section 9.08.040 (B), is hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. Enactment. Section 9.08.040 (B) of the Wasilla Municipal Code is enacted as follows:

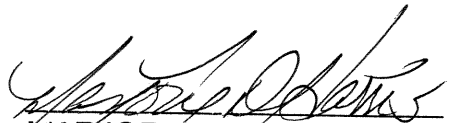
9.08.040 Insurance Required:


B. The minimum automobile liability insurance applicable to any one vehicle in use under this Taxicab Permit shall comply with any applicable statutory requirements, and in no event be less than the following policy limits: liability limits of not less than \$100,000.00 per person and \$300,000.00 per accident, and further including \$100,000.00 property damage per accident; Uninsured or underinsured motorist with minimum limits as follows; \$100,000.00 per person and \$300,000.00 per accident, and further including \$100,000.00 property damage per accident.

SECTION V. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Wasilla on this 9th day of June, 1997.

ATTEST:


MARJORIE D. HARRIS, CMC
City Clerk


SARAH H. PALIN, Mayor

(SEAL)

dollars and cents. Such calculations may be premised upon the distance traveled or waiting time, or both. (Ord. 95-53 §4 1995)

9.08.020 Required Permits and Licenses.

A. No person(s) may operate a taxicab business within the City without first complying with all City, Borough and State regulations and valid City business license and a taxicab permit.

B. No person(s) may operate a taxicab within the City without first obtaining a chauffeur's license.

C. The Clerk's Office shall issue a taxicab permit for operation of each taxicab when the City Clerk certifies that all provisions of the Code, below, pertaining to taxicabs have been complied with.

D. No permit is transferable or assignable. (Ord. 95-53 §4 1995)

9.08.030 Fees. The following fees shall be payable to the City at the Clerk's Office:

A. \$75.00 shall accompany any application for the issuance of a taxicab permit.

B. \$45.00 shall be paid for the renewal of a taxicab permit.

C. \$50.00 shall accompany any application for the change or re-issuance of a taxicab permit.

D. \$50.00 shall accompany any application for a chauffeur's license and shall comply with Section 9.08.050 of this Chapter. (Ord. 95-53 §4 1995)

9.08.040 Insurance Required.

A. Before any taxicab permit is issued for any vehicle for hire, the applicant therefor shall furnish one or more certificates of insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Alaska.

B. The minimum automobile liability insurance applicable to any one vehicle in use under this Taxicab Permit shall be as follows: \$300,000.00 Combined Single Limit of Liability per Accident for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles. \$300,000.00 Bodily Injury per Person or Accident for Uninsured or Underinsured Motorist Coverage and, \$50,000.00 Property Damage per Accident for Uninsured or Underinsured Motorist Coverage. Or applicable higher limits of liability if required by Federal, or State Law, Statute or Ordinance. The insurance policy language shall not contain any limitation or restriction to operators of the vehicles in use under this Taxicab Permit.

C. The certificate(s) of liability insurance shall be reviewed as to liability amounts noted above by the Clerk and filed with the Clerk.

D. Notice of Cancellation or Termination of Insurance. Every such certificate shall contain a clause obligating the insurer to give the Clerk by registered mail, at least twenty (20) days written notice before the cancellation, expiration, lapse, or other termination of such insurance. A lapse of insurance coverage shall work an automatic suspension of any permit during the period the permittee is without such insurance. (Ord. 95-53 §4 1995)

ORDINANCE NO. 97-30

Subject: **Taxicab Insurance Requirements**

Meeting Date: **05/12/97**

**RECOMMENDATION AND MOTION:
Introduce Ordinance Serial No. 97-30 and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting, 05/28/97.**

Administration Recommendation:

Reviewed by Sarah H. Palin, Mayor:



Route To:	Department:	Approval (Initials):	Remarks:
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2	Finance		
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4	Museum		
5	Planning		
6	Police		
7	Public Works		
8	Admin.		
9	City Attorney		Reviewed via phone and fax

Attachment (s): Fiscal Note: YES _____ NO _____
(List other attachments; i.e., maps, bid information, etc.)

Staff Recommendation: **Introduce Ordinance Serial No. 97-30 and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting, 05/28/97.**

Summary Statement:

After reviewing requirements of other cities, further research was done as to why complaints were coming in regarding the insurance requirements. It appears that WMC 9.08.040 (Insurance Requirements) were written in a confusing manner. The new language proposed in Ordinance Serial No. 97-30 has been reviewed by both Mr. Deuser and by Jacques Ben-Ezra & Assoc. Insurance Company, who underwrites the insurance for most Cab Companies in Alaska.

Jaques Ben-Ezra & Assoc. recommends the amounts of \$100,00.00 per person, \$300,00.00 per accident and \$50,000.00 property damage. After much deliberation, we recommend going with Mr. Deusers' recommendation of \$300,000.00 per person and \$500,00.00 per accident, and further including \$100,000.00 property damage per accident.