

**CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 99-50(AM)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING CHAPTER 9.16, TAXICABS AND REPEALING CHAPTER 9.08, TAXICABS.

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Wasilla Municipal Code.

Section 2. Adoption of chapter. Chapter 9.16, Taxicabs, is hereby adopted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9.16: TAXICABS

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9.16.010 Definitions.

(A) For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) "Chauffeur permit" means that permit issued pursuant to WMC 9.16.070.
- (2) "Operator" means a person who operates a taxicab by employment or contract with a permit holder.

(3) "Permit holder," means an owner or manager of a taxicab business that holds the taxicab permit issued by the city clerk.

(4) "Taxicab" means any motor vehicle designed and constructed to transport passengers not more than 15 in number, not including the operator, which is used to transport passengers for pay, which is not operated over any definite and designated route within the city limits, and the destination of which is designated by the passenger at the time of transportation.

(5) "Taxicab permit," means a document issued by the city clerk that authorizes the operation of a vehicle for the purposes of a taxicab business.

9.16.020 Taxicab permit required.

No person may engage in the operation of a taxicab business within the city without first obtaining a city business license for the business and a taxicab permit for each taxicab to be operated. The permit holder must collect and remit sales tax, and must comply with all other city, borough, and state regulations.

9.16.030 Application for taxicab permit.

(A) Each taxicab business must obtain an application for permit for each vehicle to be operated in connection with a taxicab business from the office of the city clerk on an annual basis. Upon receipt of the completed taxicab permit application, the city clerk shall submit the application to the police chief for final approval within three business days. The taxicab permit application must be accompanied by the following information:

(1) The name and business identification number of the business that is applying for the taxicab permit;

(2) The make, model, serial number, license plate number, and current registration record of the vehicle to be permitted;

(3) A copy of the state of Alaska vehicle registration of the vehicle to be operated;

(4) Proof of liability insurance for the vehicle as provided by WMC 9.16.040;

(5) A vehicle inspection certificate, as provided by WMC 9.16.050;

(6) A \$75 taxicab permit fee for each taxicab to be operated; and

(7) A copy of a criminal background check from the Alaska State Troopers, dated within 10 business days of the application for taxicab permit. At the discretion of the Chief of Police, a Federal criminal history check may also be conducted.

9.16.040 Taxicab permit.

(A) A taxicab permit will not be issued to a business owner who has been convicted of a felony or crime involving fraud, dishonesty, deception, child molestation, or similar crime.

(B) Upon approval of the application by the police chief, the city clerk shall issue a taxicab permit to the applicant. The taxicab permit shall contain:

(1) The name of the business that the taxicab permit is issued; and

(2) The make, model, serial number, and license plate number.

(B) A taxicab permit shall be non-transferable, non-assignable, and non-refundable.

(C) A taxicab permit shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of each year. A taxicab permit issued after December 1 of each year will be issued for the following calendar year. Application for renewal of a taxicab permit shall be made before February 1 of each year. The same information and fee as required for the issuance of an original permit shall accompany an application for renewal.

(D) A taxicab permit will not be renewed unless the permit holder is in compliance with the city sales tax ordinance, and has collected, reported, and fully paid the sales taxes due.

9.16.050 Insurance requirement.

(A) A taxicab permit may not be issued unless the business files a certificate of liability insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Alaska.

(B) Each vehicle shall be insured in the following amounts:

(1) Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$100,000 per person and \$300,000 per accident for bodily injury, and not less than \$50,000 per accident for

property damage; and

(2) Uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage with limits of not less than \$100,000 per person and \$300,000 per accident for bodily injury, and \$50,000 per accident for property damage.

(C) Every insurance policy or certificate of insurance shall contain a clause obligating the insurer or surety to give the city clerk written notice no less than 20 days before the cancellation, expiration, non-renewal, lapse, or other termination of such insurance.

(D) A lapse, cancellation, expiration, non-renewal, or termination of insurance coverage shall be a violation of this chapter and shall constitute an automatic suspension of a taxicab permit until the policy is reinstated.

9.16.060 Vehicle Inspections.

(A) At the time of application for a taxicab permit, and annually thereafter, a vehicle licensed under this chapter must be inspected. The police chief shall inspect each vehicle or designate a certified automotive shop to inspect the vehicle. The police chief shall designate the inspection schedule. The permit holder shall be responsible for scheduling the inspection and any expenses incurred. The police chief shall have authority to perform spot checks on all vehicles holding a permit to determine compliance with the requirements of this chapter and the safety of the vehicle.

(B) The permit holder shall notify the police chief immediately of any damage of a vehicle licensed under this chapter. A licensed vehicle involved in an accident may not be placed in service until it is inspected and results of the inspection forwarded to the city clerk.

(C) Taxicabs must be equipped with a light or other recognizable emblem, mounted on the roof and side-door decals or emblems on each side of the vehicle, identifying the vehicle as a taxicab, distinguishable from the other vehicles using public roadways.

9.16.070 Chauffeur Permit.

(A) Each operator of a vehicle must obtain an application for a chauffeur's permit from the office of the city clerk on an annual basis. Each applicant must be at

least 19 years of age. Upon receipt of the completed application, the city clerk shall submit the application to the police chief for final approval within three business days. The chauffeurs permit application must be accompanied by the following information:

(1) A copy of a valid Alaska driver's license.

(2) A copy of the current driving record from the state of Alaska, Department of Motor Vehicles, dated within 10 business days of the application for chauffeurs permit.

(3) A copy of a criminal background check from the Alaska State Troopers, dated within 10 business days of the application for chauffeurs permit. At the discretion of the Chief of Police, a Federal criminal history check may also be conducted.

(4) A \$50 chauffeur permit fee.

(B) A chauffeur permit issued is valid for one year from the date of issuance by the city clerk. An application for renewal of a chauffeur's permit shall be made not later than 30 days prior to expiration, and shall be accompanied by the same information and fee as required for the issuance of an original permit.

(C) If an operator holding a chauffeur permit has a lease with a taxicab permit holder, the operator must obtain a separate city business license prior to the operation of the vehicle with the taxicab permit holder. The operator must collect and remit sales tax, and must comply with all other city, borough, and state regulations.

9.16.080 Chauffeur Qualifications.

(A) A chauffeur permit must not be issued to an applicant if within one-year prior to the date of application, the applicant has one or more of the following:

(1) Traffic violations totaling 12 points within one-year under Alaska Statute;

(2) Traffic violations totaling 18 points within 24 months under Alaska Statute; or

(3) A conviction of driving while license is suspended or revoked.

(B) A chauffeur permit will not be issued to an applicant if within five-years prior to the date of application, the applicant has one or more of the following

convictions entered by a court of law:

(1) Prostitution, solicitation for the purpose of prostitution, offering to secure another for the purpose of prostitution, maintaining a vehicle for the purpose of prostitution, or accepting money for a prostitute;

(2) Sale, transportation, possession, or use of any controlled substance as defined in A.S. 11.71.140-11.71.190;

(3) Any misdemeanor which includes, as an element, the use of or threat of force upon a person; or

(4) Reckless or careless driving.

(C) A chauffeur permit will not be issued to an applicant who has been convicted of a felony or crime involving fraud, dishonesty, deception, child molestation, or similar crime.

(D) An applicant who has been denied a chauffeurs permit may not apply for a permit for a period on one year from the date of denial.

9.16.090 Direct Route.

The operator shall follow the most direct route to the passenger's destination, unless otherwise directed by the passenger.

9.16.100 Rates and receipts.

(A) Each operator of each vehicle shall provide a passenger with a receipt when requested. An operator may not require payment of rates greater than those established and posted in the interior of the vehicle. The posting of rates shall be legible to passengers in the rear most seat of the taxicab.

(B) The council may regulate the fares and charges for the use of any taxicab permitted pursuant to this chapter. Prior to the adoption of regulations for fares and charges a public hearing shall be held and notice given to all permit holders.

9.16.110 Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances.

(A) An operator of a vehicle shall not drink alcoholic beverages, be under the influence of a depressant, hallucinogenic, stimulant or narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance as defined by AS 28.35.030 while on duty, or for eight hours prior to operating the vehicle.

(B) An operator of the vehicle shall not have alcoholic beverages or a controlled substance in their possession at any time while on duty. An operator shall not purchase to transport, or deliver alcohol or any other controlled substance at the request of any individual or passenger. Any transportation of alcohol in a vehicle must be by a passenger as baggage. Such alcoholic beverages shall be sealed and unopened as required by state law.

9.16.120 Hearing

The council may hold at least one public hearing annually to investigate the quality of services offered by taxicab companies in the city.

9.16.130 Suspension, revocation, penalty.

(A) Taxicab and chauffeur permits issued under this chapter may be suspended or revoked by the police chief. A taxicab or chauffeur permit shall be revoked or suspended if there is a finding that the permit holder has:

- (1) Willfully done or permitted to be done an act in violation of a statute, borough, or city law relating to the business, profession or occupation licensed.
- (2) Conducted the permitted business, profession or occupation in such a manner as to constitute a threat to public health, safety, or general welfare.

(B) Any violation of this chapter is unlawful, and is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.

Section 3. Repeal of chapter. Chapter 9.08, Taxicabs, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

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9.08.010 DEFINITIONS.

- (A) "CITY" MEANS CITY OF WASILLA.
- (B) "CHAUFFEUR" MEANS A PERSON AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY OF WASILLA TO OPERATE A TAXICAB PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.
- (C) "CLERK" MEANS WASILLA CITY CLERK.
- (D) "COUNCIL" MEANS WASILLA CITY COUNCIL.
- (E) "LICENSE" MEANS A CITY OF WASILLA BUSINESS LICENSE.
- (F) "OPERATE" MEANS TO DRIVE, PICK UP, TRANSPORT OR DISCHARGE PASSENGERS.
- (G) "OPERATOR" MEANS A PERSON, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER FORM OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATION ENGAGED IN THE OPERATION OF TRANSPORTING THE PUBLIC FOR HIRE.
- (H) "PERMIT," MEANS A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE CITY OF WASILLA PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER THAT AUTHORIZES THE OPERATION OF A TAXICAB.
- (I) "TAXICAB" MEANS A CHAUFFEURED MOTOR VEHICLE USED TO TRANSPORT PASSENGERS FOR HIRE HAVING A MANUFACTURER'S RATED SEATING CAPACITY OF NINE PASSENGERS OR LESS INCLUDING THE DRIVER, AND NOT OPERATED OVER FIXED OR DEFINED ROUTES.
- (J) "TAXICAB COMPANY" MEANS A BUSINESS OPERATING ONE OR MORE TAXICABS.
- (K) "TAXIMETER" MEANS AN INSTRUMENT OR DEVICE ATTACHED TO A TAXICAB AND BY MEANS OF WHICH THE CHARGE FOR SUCH VEHICLE IS MECHANICALLY OR ELECTRONICALLY CALCULATED AND DISPLAYED IN DOLLARS AND CENTS. SUCH CALCULATIONS MAY BE PREMISED UPON THE DISTANCE TRAVELED OR WAITING TIME, OR BOTH.

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.

9.08.030 FEES.

(A) THE FOLLOWING FEES SHALL BE PAYABLE TO THE CITY AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE:

(1) \$75 SHALL ACCOMPANY ANY APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A TAXICAB PERMIT.

(2) \$45 SHALL BE PAID FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXICAB PERMIT.

(3) \$50 SHALL ACCOMPANY ANY APPLICATION FOR THE CHANGE OR RE-ISSUANCE OF A TAXICAB PERMIT.

(4) \$50 SHALL ACCOMPANY ANY APPLICATION FOR A CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE AND SHALL COMPLY WITH SECTION 9.08.050 OF THIS CHAPTER.

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 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 PER PERSON AND \$300,000 PER ACCIDENT, AND FURTHER INCLUDING \$50,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE PER ACCIDENT; UNINSURED OR UNDERINSURED MOTORIST WITH MINIMUM LIMITS AS FOLLOWS: \$100,000 PER PERSON AND \$300,000 PER ACCIDENT, AND FURTHER INCLUDING \$50,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE PER ACCIDENT.

(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 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.

9.08.050 CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE APPLICATION - RENEWAL.

(A) AN APPLICANT FOR AN INITIAL CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE SHALL BE AT LEAST 19 YEARS OF AGE. THE LICENSE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE. AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE OR RENEWAL SHALL BE MADE TO AND ON FORMS SUPPLIED BY THE CLERK'S

OFFICE AND SHALL BE CONDITIONED UPON AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING.

(1) THE FEE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 9.08.030.

(2) A COMPLETE SET OF FINGERPRINTS ON A STANDARD FBI APPROVED FORM AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL APPLICATION. AN APPLICANT RENEWING HIS LICENSE NEED NOT SUPPLY.

(3) A PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE AS TO THE APPLICANTS' PHYSICAL ABILITY TO OPERATE A VEHICLE FOR HIRE. AN APPLICANT RENEWING HIS LICENSE NEED ONLY PROVIDE THE PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS AS LONG AS THE LICENSE HAS NOT EXPIRED.

(4) A COPY OF CURRENT DRIVING RECORD PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

(5) A BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION; THE BACKGROUND CHECK SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT THE APPLICANT FULFILLS THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WHICH ARE A PREREQUISITE TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE BY THE CITY.

(A) NO CONVICTION BY A COURT, WITHIN ONE-YEAR PRIOR TO THE DATE OF APPLICATION, OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

(I) TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS TOTALING 12 POINTS UNDER ALASKA STATE STATUTE A.S. 28.15.221-261;

(II) RECKLESS OR CARELESS DRIVING.

(III) DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED,

(IV) REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE,

(V) DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR, DEPRESSANT, HALLUCINOGENIC STIMULANT, OR NARCOTIC DRUGS AS DEFINED IN ALASKA STATUTES;

(B) NO CONVICTION ENTERED BY A COURT, WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, PRECEDING THE DATE OF THIS APPLICATION, OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING;

(I) PROSTITUTION, SOLICITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROSTITUTION, OFFERING TO SECURE ANOTHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROSTITUTION, MAINTAINING A VEHICLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROSTITUTION, OR ACCEPTING MONEY FOR A PROSTITUTE.

(II) SALE, TRANSPORTATION, POSSESSION, OR USE OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 11.71.140-11.71.190 OF THE ALASKA STATUTES.

(III) ANY FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR WHICH INCLUDES, AS AN ELEMENT, THE USE OF OR THREAT OF FORCE UPON A PERSON.

(IV) BURGLARY, LARCENY, FRAUD, THEFT, OR EMBEZZLEMENT OR ANY SEXUAL OFFENSE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 11.41.410-11.41.455 OF THE ALASKA STATUTES.

(6) A VALID STATE OF ALASKA DRIVER'S LICENSE.

(B) ANY CONDITION, NOTED ABOVE, THAT IS NOT CONTINUED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE AFTER ISSUANCE OF A CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE, SHALL OPERATE AS AN AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF THE LICENSE.

(C) ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN DENIED A LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER MAY NOT APPLY AGAIN FOR SUCH A LICENSE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

9.08.060 RULES OF THE CITY OF WASILLA.

(A) THE CITY CLERK SHALL TAKE FINAL ACTION AND MAY APPROVE, MODIFY, LIMIT OR DENY THE APPLICATION FOR A TAXICAB PERMIT.

(B) THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ADOPT AND PUBLISH SUCH REASONABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AS IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY, ADVISABLE, OR EXPEDITE TO CARRY OUT OR ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS THEREOF. COPIES OF SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS WHEN ADOPTED SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL LICENSED OPERATORS. EACH PERMITTEE AND LICENSEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL OBSERVE ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS. ANY VIOLATION OF SUCH RULE OR REGULATION DULY ADOPTED SHALL BE DEEMED A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER AND SHALL BE PUNISHABLE AS SUCH.

9.08.070 HEARING.

THE COUNCIL MAY HOLD AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC HEARING ANNUALLY TO INVESTIGATE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES RENDERED BY VEHICLES FOR HIRE.

9.08.080 VEHICLE INSPECTION.

AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR, ALL VEHICLES LICENSED UNDER THIS CHAPTER WILL BE INSPECTED AT THE PERMITTEE'S EXPENSE. THE CLERK MAY DESIGNATE THE INSPECTION SCHEDULE. THE CLERK WILL DESIGNATE AN APPROVED AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SHOP TO INSPECT THE VEHICLE. NO VEHICLE MAY BE LICENSED UNTIL IT IS INSPECTED AND FOUND TO BE IN A SAFE AND CLEAN CONDITION AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE STANDARDS FOR HIRE VEHICLES AND WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND MUNICIPAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES. THE VEHICLE INSPECTION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE CONFIRMATION THAT THE VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH A LIGHT OR OTHER RECOGNIZABLE EMBLEM, MOUNTED ON THE ROOF, IDENTIFYING THE VEHICLE AS A TAXICAB, DISTINGUISHABLE FROM OTHER VEHICLES USING PUBLIC ROADWAYS. IN ADDITION, TAXICABS SHALL BE REQUIRED, PURSUANT TO THE INSPECTION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, TO BE EQUIPPED WITH SIDE-DOOR DECALS OR EMBLEMS, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE VEHICLE AS A TAXICAB AND THEREBY DISTINGUISHED FROM OTHER VEHICLES USING PUBLIC ROADWAYS. A LICENSED VEHICLE THAT HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY ACCIDENT MAY NOT BE PLACED IN SERVICE UNTIL IT HAS BEEN INSPECTED BY

AN APPROVED AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SHOP, THE INSPECTION SHEET SHALL THEN BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY CLERK. THE PERSON WHO OWNS THE DAMAGED TAXICAB SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE CLERK OF DAMAGE RECEIVED.

9.08.090 DIRECT ROUTE.

EVERY CHAUFFEUR OF A TAXICAB WHO IS ENGAGED TO CARRY PASSENGERS SHALL TAKE THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE POSSIBLE THAT WILL CARRY THE PASSENGERS SAFELY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY TO THEIR DESTINATION OR DESTINATIONS, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY A PASSENGER.

9.08.100 DUTY TO SERVE PUBLIC.

(A) NO CHAUFFEUR SHALL REFUSE OR NEGLECT TO CONVEY ANY ORDERLY PERSON OR PERSONS UPON REQUEST, UNLESS THE CHAUFFEUR HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ENGAGED OR IS UNABLE OR FORBIDDEN BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER TO DO SO, IF THE PROPER FEE IS DELIVERED OR PRESENTED BY SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS.

(B) NOTHING SET FORTH ABOVE IN SUBSECTION (A) IS INTENDED TO RESTRICT OR PROHIBIT TAXICAB OPERATORS FROM EXERCISING REASONABLE AND PRUDENT DISCRETION IN DECISIONS REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF TAXICAB PASSENGERS WHO MAY PRESENT A RISK TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE TAXICAB OPERATOR OR A RISK OF DAMAGE TO THE TAXICAB OR PROPERTY.

9.08.110 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

(A) A CHAUFFEUR SHALL NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A DEPRESSANT, HALLUCINOGENIC, STIMULANT OR NARCOTIC DRUG, OR ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AS DEFINED BY A.S. 28.35.030 WHILE ON DUTY, OR FOR EIGHT HOURS PRIOR TO OPERATING A TAXICAB.

(B) NEITHER THE CHAUFFEUR NOR ANY OCCUPANT SHALL HAVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN HIS POSSESSION IN A TAXICAB EXCEPT AS PASSENGER BAGGAGE. SUCH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SHALL BE SEALED AND UNOPENED.

9.08.120 REGULATION OF FARES AND CHARGES.

(A) THE COUNCIL MAY REGULATE THE FARES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER. BEFORE ANY OF SAID REGULATIONS SHALL BE EFFECTIVE, THE COUNCIL SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING. NOTICE OF THIS HEARING SHALL BE GIVEN TO ALL OWNERS OF VEHICLES AFFECTED BY THE REGULATIONS.

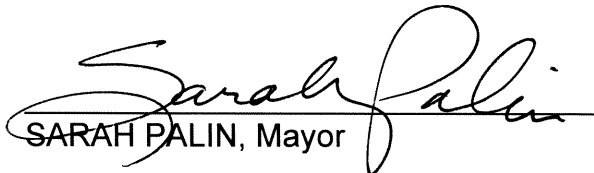
(B) FARES, THE CHAUFFEURS LICENSE AND THE TAXICAB PERMIT SHALL BE AT ALL TIMES POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN THE INTERIOR

OF THE VEHICLE. ALL FARES AND CHARGES SHALL BE NONDISCRIMINATORY. RECEIPTS FOR FARES MUST BE GIVEN UPON REQUEST OF THE PASSENGERS.

(C) NO CHAUFFEUR MAY REQUIRE PAYMENT OF RATES GREATER THAN THOSE ESTABLISHED AND POSTED IN THE INTERIOR OF THE VEHICLE.]

Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council, Alaska, on December 13, 1999.


SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AE
City Clerk

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