



CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN TAXI CAB/MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE LICENSE APPLICATION

(Applications must be filed with the City Clerk not less than 30 days prior to the time a license is issued/renewed)

The Municipal Code of Ordinances for the City of Oak Park requires that after successful completion of a background check, the City Council then must approve your application prior to issuance of the license. The Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month, therefore you will need to allow 30-45 days for the processing of your application.

I HEREBY APPLY FOR A TAXI CAB/MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK. I HAVE ATTACHED ALL OF THE REQUISITE INFORMATION AS DOCUMENTED BELOW WITH A COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET.

- Completed and signed Application
- Copies (color preferred) of Driver's License for each driver
- 2 Passport size photos of each driver
- Printout of each driver's driving record
- A copy of the vehicle registration for each vehicle
- Proof of Insurance (declaration page) for each vehicle with the City of Oak Park listed as an Additional Insured
- Fee of \$75.00 per vehicle/driver - check made payable to: **City of Oak Park**

APPLICANT INFORMATION: **New** **Renewal**

Name of Firm or Corporation: _____

Name of Applicant (OWNER): _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Applicant's Driver's License No: _____

Business Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Business Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

Insurance Agent Name, Address and Telephone: _____

VEHICLE and DRIVER INFORMATION: Number of Vehicles: _____

Vehicle # 1

Year: _____
Make: _____
Model: _____
VIN No: _____
License Plate No: _____

Vehicle # 2

Year: _____
Make: _____
Model: _____
VIN No: _____
License Plate No: _____

Driver # 1

Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Social Security #: _____
Driver's License # _____
State of Issuance: _____

Driver # 2

Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Social Security #: _____
Driver's License # _____
State of Issuance: _____

****Room for additional vehicles and drivers on reverse side of application**

I attest that all of the information in this application is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Address: _____

Additional Vehicles/Drivers

Vehicle # 3

Year: _____
Make: _____
Model _____
VIN No: _____
License Plate No: _____

Vehicle # 4

Year: _____
Make: _____
Model _____
VIN No: _____
License Plate No: _____

Driver # 3

Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Social Security #: _____
Driver's License # _____
State of Issuance: _____

Driver # 4

Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Social Security #: _____
Driver's License # _____
State of Issuance: _____

Vehicle # 5

Year: _____
Make: _____
Model _____
VIN No: _____
License Plate No: _____

Vehicle # 6

Year: _____
Make: _____
Model _____
VIN No: _____
License Plate No: _____

Driver # 5

Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Social Security #: _____
Driver's License # _____
State of Issuance: _____

Driver # 6

Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Social Security #: _____
Driver's License # _____
State of Issuance: _____

INTERNAL OFFICE USE ONLY

Taxi Cab License # _____ Date Issued: _____

Public Safety Approval: Yes No Public Safety Signoff: _____

City Clerk's Office Approval: Yes No City Clerk's Office Signoff: _____

DIVISION 2. - TAXICABS

Sec. 22-301. - Rates.

The maximum fares and charges for the use of taxicabs shall be determined by resolution of the city council at a regular meeting. All taxicab licensees shall be notified of any such hearing by mail. The term "waiting time," as used in any schedule of maximum rates and charges, shall include the time when the taxicab is not in motion, beginning with the arrival at the place to which it has been called, or the time consumed while standing at the direction of any passenger, but shall not include time lost because of inefficiency of the taxicab or its operator, or time consumed by premature responses to a call or by traffic delays.

(Code 1973, § 43-14)

Sec. 22-302. - License—Required.

No person shall engage in the business of operating or causing to be operated, any taxicab upon the streets, alleys or public ways of the city without first having obtained a license for each such taxicab. Picking up passengers within the city shall be deemed engaging in the taxicab business, but discharging passengers in the city when the trip originated from a point outside the city, shall not be so construed.

(Code 1973, § 43-20)

Sec. 22-303. - Same—Certification; approval.

No license shall be granted under the provisions of this division except upon certification of the director of public safety and upon approval of the city council.

(Code 1973, § 43-21)

Sec. 22-304. - Taximeters.

- (a) No license shall be issued until a taximeter has been installed in the taxicab to be licensed and such taximeter has been inspected to verify that:
 - (1) Proof is provided of the meter's annual calibration and sealing; and
 - (2) The case thereof is sealed and the cover and gear thereof are intact.
- (b) A service fee as determined by the city council from time to time shall be charged for each inspection.
- (c) No person shall remove or tamper with the seal of any taximeter. No person shall engage in business with any taxicab when the taximeter affixed thereto is not in proper working order or the seal of the taximeter is broken or has been tampered with.
- (d) Every taximeter shall be so affixed that the amount of the fare is plainly visible to the passengers, and, after sundown, such taximeter shall be clearly illuminated. Upon any rate change made pursuant to this article, every taximeter shall be reinspected and tested and approved. No such rate change shall be effective as to any taxicab until approval and resealing of the taximeter of such taxicab by the director of public safety.

(Code 1973, § 43-22)

Sec. 22-305. - Consideration of council of public necessity and convenience upon application for license.

Upon application made for any new taxicab license, as distinguished from any renewal thereof, the city council shall first consider the question of whether public convenience and necessity require the operation of such taxicab. The council shall consider the number of taxicabs operating in the city and whether the demands of the public require additional taxicab service; traffic conditions on the streets of the city and whether the additional taxicab service will result in a greater hazard to the public and such

other relative facts as the council may deem advisable. The judgment of the council on the question of public necessity and convenience shall be conclusive.

(Code 1973, § 43-23)

Sec. 22-306. - Insurance.

- (a) Before any such license is issued under the provisions of this division, the applicant therefor, shall furnish one or more policies of insurance, issued by responsible insurance companies providing indemnity for the insured, including Michigan no-fault coverage, in the amounts specified in this section and agreeing to pay, within the limits of the amounts on behalf of the insured, all sums which the insured shall become obligated to pay by reason of the liability imposed upon the insured by law, for damages because of bodily injury, including death, at any time resulting therefrom, or for damages to property, or both, sustained by any person other than the employees of the insured and caused by accident and arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of the licensed taxicab.
- (b) The minimum amount of the insurance coverage as to any one licensed taxicab shall be:
- (1) Not less than \$300,000.00 per occurrence, combined single limit, for bodily injury and property damage; or
 - (2) On account of injury to, or death of, any person in any one accident\$100,000.00;
- and
- On account of any one accident resulting in injury to or death of, more than one person\$300,000.00;
- and
- On account of damage to property in any one accident\$50,000.00.

(Code 1973, § 43-24; Ord. No. O-96-355, § 1, 10-7-96; Ord. No. O-98-374, § 1, 2-2-98; Ord. No. O-98-375)

Sec. 22-307. - Bonds.

In lieu of insurance required by this division, the licensee may furnish a surety company bond, in a form to be approved by the city attorney, in penal sums of not less for each taxicab than the amounts specified for insurance, and binding the principal and surety to the same conditions as are required in insurance policies.

(Code 1973, § 43-25)

Sec. 22-308. - Cancellation notice provided to city.

Every insurance policy or bond shall contain a clause obligating the insurer or surety to give the city clerk, by registered mail, at least ten days' written notice before the cancellation, expiration, lapse or other termination of such insurance or bond or the withdrawal of surety from any such bond.

(Code 1973, § 43-26)

Sec. 22-309. - Issuance of license plates.

Upon issuance of any taxicab license, the city clerk shall furnish the licensee a metal license plate for each vehicle so licensed.

(Code 1973, § 43-27)

Sec. 22-310. - Transfers of licenses generally.

When the ownership of any taxicab shall change, whether by operation of law or otherwise, the taxicab license pertaining to such taxicab shall be automatically revoked. Any transfer of, or attempt to transfer, a taxicab license to any other person shall automatically revoke the license.

(Code 1973, § 43-28)

Sec. 22-311. - Transfer of licenses between vehicles.

The owner of any licensed taxicab who desires to transfer such license to another vehicle owned by him, shall make application to the city clerk on forms provided therefor, and shall state under oath or affirmation such facts as may be required for, or applicable to, such transfer. Upon approval of the city manager, such transfer shall be granted.

(Code 1973, § 43-29)

Secs. 22-312—22-320. - Reserved.

DIVISION 3. - MOTOR VEHICLES FOR HIRE

Sec. 22-321. - Application of article.

All provisions of this article relating to taxicabs shall be equally applicable to motor vehicles for hire, except section 22-304, and such other provisions as by their nature can have no application to motor vehicles for hire.

(Code 1973, § 43-40)

Sec. 22-322. - Fares.

- (a) Until changed, as provided in section 22-301, the maximum rates to be charged by motor vehicles for hire shall be as determined by the city council from time to time.
- (b) For the use of a motor vehicle for hire where the vehicle has been used in excess of one hour, additional time may be charged for on the basis of one-quarter hour fractions of the rate charged for the first hour's use of the vehicle. The time shall begin when the motor vehicle is ready at the time and place requested by the passenger, and shall continue until the passenger has been discharged and the car shall have had time thereafter to return to the garage or stand, by the most direct route, and at the maximum speed permitted by law.

(Code 1973, § 43-41)

Sec. 22-323. - License required.

No person shall engage in the business of operating or causing to be operated any motor vehicle for hire upon the streets, alleys or public ways of the city, without first having obtained a license for each such motor vehicle for hire.

(Code 1973, § 43-47)

Sec. 22-324. - Applications.

License applications shall be made as provided for taxicab licenses, but the applicant shall endorse thereon that the application is for a motor vehicle for hire license.

(Code 1973, § 43-48)

Sec. 22-325. - Endorsement of licenses.

Licenses issued under this division shall be similarly endorsed by the director of public safety.

(Code 1973, § 43-49)

Secs. 22-326—22-335. - Reserved.

DIVISION 4. - DRIVERS

Sec. 22-336. - Lost articles.

Every taxicab driver, immediately after the termination of any hiring or employment, shall carefully search such taxicab for any property lost or left therein, and any such property unless sooner claimed or delivered to the owner shall be taken to the headquarters of the public safety department and deposited with the officer in charge within 24 hours after the finding of such article.

(Code 1973, § 43-60)

State law reference— Powers of city to license, regulate drivers of vehicles for hire, MCL 99.1, MSA 5.1740.

Sec. 22-337. - Conveyance of passengers.

Every taxicab driver shall have the right to demand payment of the legal fare in advance, and may refuse employment until so prepaid, but no taxicab driver shall otherwise refuse or neglect to convey any orderly person, upon request, anywhere in the city unless previously engaged or unable to do so. No driver of any licensed taxicab shall carry any other person than the passenger first employing a taxicab without the consent of the passenger.

(Code 1973, § 43-61)

Sec. 22-338. - Soliciting bus passengers.

No driver of any taxicab shall solicit persons who are awaiting to take passage on a bus at an established loading point for such bus.

(Code 1973, § 43-62)

Sec. 22-339. - License—Required.

No person shall drive a taxicab or motor vehicle for hire upon the streets of this city without first having obtained a license so to do.

(Code 1973, § 43-68)

Sec. 22-340. - Same—Qualifications of applicant.

Every applicant for a license required by the provisions of this division shall be 18 years of age or over and must be licensed to operate a taxicab in at least one of the communities in which the taxicab is licensed.

(Code 1973, § 43-69)

Secs. 22-341—22-360. - Reserved.

DIVISION 5. - RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 22-361. - Generally.

The city manager is hereby empowered, subject to approval by the city council, to make such rules and regulations regarding the dress and conduct of drivers, the maintenance, marking, and operation of taxicabs as may be necessary in the interest of providing safe and orderly service to passengers. No person shall fail to comply with any such rule or regulation. Upon adoption or change in any such rule or regulation, notice thereof shall be furnished to each taxicab licensee and taxicab driver licensee.

(Code 1973, § 43-88)

Sec. 22-362. - Conduct of drivers.

It shall be the duty of every person driving or operating a taxicab to be courteous, to refrain from swearing, loud talking or boisterous conduct, to drive his motor vehicle carefully and in full compliance with the traffic regulations of the city and orders of the public safety officers of the city, to promptly answer all court notices, traffic violation notices or police notices, to deal honestly with the public and with his employer.

(Code 1973, § 43-89)

Sec. 22-363. - Member of associations.

Any taxicab licensee who is a member of any cooperative association shall furnish the public safety department with the name of such association and shall notify the department of any change in his membership or affiliation within 48 hours after such change.

(Code 1973, § 43-90)

Sec. 22-364. - Maintenance of vehicles.

All taxicabs shall be kept in good running condition and clean and fit for public use and each taxicab shall be inspected at such intervals as the director of public safety may direct and upon the complaint of any citizen of the city.

(Code 1973, § 43-91)

Sec. 22-365. - Schedule of rates to be followed.

No person shall charge any fare for the hire of any taxicab other than in accordance with the current schedule of maximum rates.

(Code 1973, § 43-93)

Sec. 22-366. - Solicitation of passengers.

No taxicab, while awaiting employment by passengers, shall stand on any public street or private property open to the public without consent of the property owner, nor shall any taxicab driver seek employment by repeatedly and persistently driving his taxicab to and fro in a short space before or by otherwise interfering with the proper and orderly access to or egress from any theater, hall, hotel, public resort, bus station or other place of public gathering, or in any other manner obstructing or impeding traffic. However, any taxicab driver may solicit employment by driving through any public street or place without stops other than those due to traffic and at such speed as not to interfere with or impede traffic and may pass and repass any theater, hall, hotel, public resort, bus station or other place of public

gathering, provided that after passing such public place he shall not turn and repass until he shall have gone a distance of two blocks beyond such place.

(Code 1973, § 43-94)

Sec. 22-367. - Conduct of drivers.

No person shall solicit passengers for a public taxicab upon the streets of the city except the driver of the taxicab when sitting upon the driver's box of his vehicle. Every taxicab driver shall remain on the driver's seat or inside his vehicle at all times when such vehicle is standing upon any taxicab stand or when actually engaged in carrying passengers, except that every taxicab driver shall be permitted to leave his taxicab to assist passengers into or out of such taxicab.

(Code 1973, § 43-95)

Sec. 22-368. - Drinking alcoholic liquors.

No taxicab driver shall drink any intoxicating beverage while on duty, nor immediately prior thereto.

(Code 1973, § 43-97)

Secs. 22-369—22-374. - Reserved.