

VEHICLES FOR HIRE
Taxicab Licensing

That Chapter 30, Vehicles for Hire, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burlington be and hereby is amended by amending Sections 30-21, 30-23, 30-28, and 30-29 thereof to read as follows:

Sec. 30-21. Application.

- (a) As written.
- (b) As written.
- (c) *Application fee, criminal & motor vehicle record check fees required.* Each applicant must pay an annual application fee of ~~ten~~ thirty dollars (\$~~10.00~~ \$30.00) at the time of application. ~~If approved, such fee shall be applied to the required license fee set forth in section 30-23(a)~~ Annually every applicant is subject to a complete criminal & motor vehicle record check pursuant to section 30-22(b) of this article. The fees, as they are determined from time to time by the State of Vermont, for these record checks are separate fees and are the responsibility of the applicant. The fee for a Vermont Criminal Information Center criminal background check is currently \$30 and the fee for a Vermont Motor Vehicle check is \$16. If applicant has not resided in Vermont for at least 5 years or the taxi licensing appeals board determines that there is reason to need a national record check for any applicant, a national record check shall be required to be obtained through the City and the applicant shall also be responsible for any fees associated with obtaining the national record check.

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Sec. 30-23. Issuance, form and duration.

(a) *Fee; photograph required.* Once an application for a taxi driver license has been approved by the city, the licensing office shall issue a license to the applicant on payment of a fee of ~~thirty-five~~ seventy-five dollars (~~\$35.00~~ \$75.00). ~~Applicants filing less than six (6) months prior to the license expiration date shall be required to pay one half (1/2) the annual fee specified in this section. The applicant shall also have his or her photograph taken by the city prior to issuance of the license.~~

(b) *Form of license.* As written.

(c) *Expiration; ~~discount for early renewal.~~* A taxi driver license shall expire annually on the first day of August. ~~Applicants for renewals of licenses who file at least fifteen (15) business days prior to expiration shall receive a five dollar (\$5.00) discount on the license fee.~~

(d) *Not transferable.* As written.

(e) *Loss of license; duplicates.* In case of the loss of a taxi driver license, the licensee shall forthwith notify the licensing office in writing, and the licensing office shall furnish such licensee with a duplicate license on receipt of ~~five~~ fifty dollars (~~\$5.00~~ \$50.00).

Sec. 30-28. Standards for issuance.

(a) through (c) As written.

(d) ~~*Certificate of Insurance.*~~ The applicant must present a certificate of insurance for liability coverage with a responsible company authorized to do business in the State of Vermont for the payment of a minimum amount as follows:

~~(1) For damages for and incident to death or injuries to persons:~~

~~a. For each motor vehicle having a seating capacity of seven (7) passengers or less, an insurance policy with a minimum liability limit of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00);~~

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~~b. For each motor vehicle having a seating capacity of eight (8) to twelve (12) passengers inclusive, an insurance policy with a minimum liability limit of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00);~~

~~e. For each motor vehicle having a seating capacity of thirteen (13) to twenty (20) passengers inclusive, an insurance policy with a minimum liability limit of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00);~~

~~d. For each motor vehicle having a seating capacity of twenty one (21) to thirty (30) passengers inclusive, an insurance policy with a minimum liability limit of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00);~~

~~e. For each motor vehicle having a seating capacity exceeding thirty (30) passengers, an insurance policy with a minimum liability limit of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00);~~

~~(2) For damages for and incident to injury to or destruction of property; for each motor vehicle an insurance policy with a minimum liability of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00).~~

1. Each taxicab vehicle operating within the City shall be continuously insured under a commercial motor vehicle liability policy of insurance, issued by an insurance carrier duly authorized to do business in the State of Vermont, which provides minimum coverage in the amount of \$500,000.

2. Every taxicab licensee shall provide to the Licensing Office a certificate of insurance designating the vehicle or vehicles covered and certifying that insurance in the amounts specified herein is in effect. Said certificate of insurance shall specify as an additional insured the City of Burlington, Vermont and that 30 days cancellation notice is required. The failure of any licensee to tender such certificate or maintain valid insurance for all vehicles owned, operating and licensed pursuant to this chapter shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of any and all taxicab license(s) as outlined in this Article.

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3. No taxicab license shall be issued or renewed until a certificate of insurance certifying that the taxicab vehicle is insured as herein provided is provided to the Licensing Office.

4. Every taxicab licensee shall immediately notify the Licensing Office of the voluntary or involuntary cancellation of any certificate of insurance on licensed taxicabs. In addition to other prescribed penalties for violations of this Ordinance, failure to so notify the Licensing Office shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of the taxicab license.

(e) *Transfer of license.* A taxicab license shall not be transferable to another vehicle unless such transfer has been specifically approved by the taxicab licensing board. Approval shall be granted if the following criteria are met:

- (1) The licensee surrenders his or her current ground transportation license, taxi and license card of a corresponding number to the licensing office;
- (2) The licensee pays a fee of thirty-five dollars (~~(\$35.00)~~(\$50.00)) to the licensing office;
- (3) The new vehicle meets all licensing prerequisites of this chapter. Transfer of a taxicab license shall not extend the period of the license.

Sec. 30-29. Issuance, duration.

The taxicab license shall be valid for a period of one year and shall be issued upon payment of a ~~forty dollars~~ one hundred dollar (~~(\$40.00)~~ \$100) fee by the taxicab owner. This fee is to be paid by the owner of the vehicle to be licensed.

* Material stricken out deleted.

** Material underlined added.