

TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR TAXIS/LIVERY

SECTION 1: DEFINITION

The term taxi/livery is the name given to each vehicle used or designed to be used for the conveyance of persons for hire from place to place within the Town of Foxborough or from Foxborough to other areas, except a bus or other vehicles excluded by any Chapter and Section of the Massachusetts General Laws. Any vehicle used to transport people for hire shall also include limousine and courier service.

Each taxi/livery licensed by the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Foxborough shall comply with all statutory requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2

No person shall operate a taxi/livery service in the Town of Foxborough without first obtaining a license for such operation from the Board of Selectmen.

The license shall be issued for the period of one year. The fee set by Chapter 40, Section 22, for said license shall be twenty-five (\$25) dollars for each taxi/livery vehicle annually.

Each application for a license shall state the name and address of any person or persons having any interest, financial or otherwise, in the business to be conducted under said license. If the applicant is a single proprietorship or partnership, state the name and address of each partner. If a corporation, state name and address of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and/or Treasurer.

Any false statement made by the applicant for a taxi/livery license in the Town of Foxborough shall be cause for immediate revocation of said license.

SECTION 3

Any person receiving a license under this section and operating a taxi/livery service thereunder, shall be subject to such orders, rules and regulations as shall be adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

No taxi/livery license shall be sold, assigned, or transferred without written permission from the Board of Selectmen.

An applicant for a license to drive a taxi/livery vehicle shall present for examination a valid license as an operator, issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the date and number thereof shall be entered on the application.

The orders, rules and regulations may be amended by the Board of Selectmen at any time for the purpose of improving the services rendered and for the protection of its citizens.

Rates for taxi/livery fares shall be adopted by the Board of Selectmen and may be amended from time to time. A public hearing shall be required to establish or amend taxi/livery fares.

SECTION 4

A public taxi stand shall be one for the common use of all taxis legally licensed in the Town.

A private taxi stand shall be one established only upon private property.

All public stands shall be plainly marked and shall be free and accessible to all taxis licensed by the Board of Selectmen.

Any taxi operator/driver has the right to stop and take a position on any public stand where there is a vacancy. The drivers of all taxis shall sit in the driver's seat of their vehicles, ready to be hired at once, at all times that said taxis are at public stands. No taxi driver shall make or permit anyone else to make any repairs to his taxi while on a public stand.

SECTION 5

Each taxi/livery operating under this section shall display in a conspicuous place within the taxi/livery a copy of the rates that have been approved by the Board of Selectmen.

All taxis shall have suitable signs designating the vehicle as a taxi/livery and the license shall be affixed to the sun visor.

All taxi/livery vehicles licensed to operate within the Town of Foxborough shall carry personal liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000 each person and \$300,000 each accident. All policies shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for review.

SECTION 6

All motor vehicles licensed hereunder shall meet all the requirements established by the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Each motor vehicle licensed as a taxi/livery shall, in addition to meeting all safety requirements, be kept clean, safe and orderly, both inside and outside.

Each taxi/livery vehicle shall be subject to inspection periodically by the personnel of the Police Department to determine the taxi/livery vehicle's suitability for carrying passengers in a clean and safe environment and that the driver's license and the registration numbers are valid.

All motor vehicles licensed as taxi/livery vehicles in the Town of Foxborough shall have a qualified inspection at a garage authorized by the Registry of Motor Vehicles at an Inspection Station every three months. The results of that inspection shall be submitted to the Chief of Police. This inspection shall include items required by the Registry of Motor Vehicles as well as other items requested by the Board of Selectmen which are outlined in a form supplied to the license holder. The cost of said inspection shall be borne by the license holder.

SECTION 7: OPERATORS

Any license holder who hires other persons to drive for him/her or drives said taxi/livery him/herself shall obtain a taxi/livery operator's license.

SECTION 7A: REQUIREMENTS

A valid Massachusetts driver's license with no motor vehicle offenses in the past two years, nor convicted of any felony crime in the past decade. The operator applicant shall fill out an application and will have a records check done by the Police Department.

SECTION 7B

An application may be filed at the Selectmen's Office. There is an application review fee of \$25.00 which must be paid upon the filing of a completed application.

A taxi/livery operator's license will be valid for a two (2) year period. The fee for said license shall be \$20.00.

Violation of any provision of these Rules and Regulations shall be punishable by a penalty of twenty (\$20.00) dollars for each offense as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 22 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

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