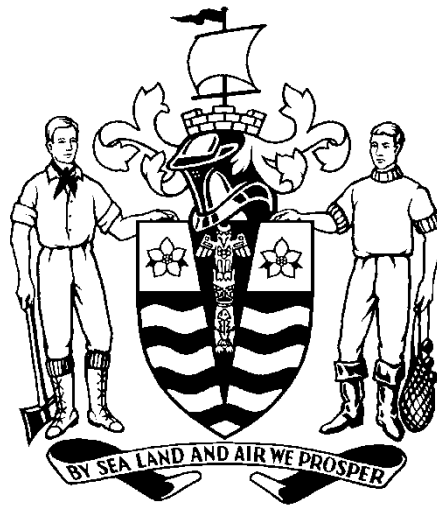


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BY-LAW NO. 6066

A By-law for licensing and regulating
the owners and drivers of
vehicles for hire in the City of Vancouver

(Consolidated for convenience only,
amended to include By-law 11654, effective October 19, 2016;
By-law No. 11645, effective January 1, 2017)

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

Name of By-law

1. This By-law may be cited as the "Vehicles for Hire By-law".

Definitions

2. In this By-law, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Applicant" means the person who makes and signs an application for any license or transfer of any license.

"Approved Towaway Sign" means a sign, in a form satisfactory to the Inspector, which adequately indicates the circumstances under which a vehicle may be towed away and the place where it may be reclaimed.

"Car-Sharing Organization" means a legal entity whose principal business is to provide car-sharing vehicles, which are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at publicly accessible locations, and which are charged out at a set rate, inclusive of insurance and fuel costs, to members who pay a membership fee to the organization.

"Car-Sharing Vehicle" means a four-wheeled automobile, van or pick-up truck owned and operated by a car-sharing organization.

"Chauffeur's Permit" means the permit required to be held by a chauffeur pursuant to the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

"Chauffeur's Permit (New Driver)" means a Chauffeur's Permit issued for a period of 12 months or less in accordance with the provisions of sections 6.2 and 6.4 of this by-law.

"Chauffeur's Permit (Graduated Driver)" means a Chauffeur's Permit issued for a period of 24 months in accordance with the provisions of sections 6.3 and 6.5 of this by-law.

"Chief Constable" means the Chief Constable for the time being of the City and includes lawful assistants of the Chief Constable.

"Commercial Parking Lot" means an area of land or any building or part thereof where the lawful parking of motor vehicles is provided for a fee, and includes, where no fee is charged, areas provided specifically for customers of a business, or tenants in buildings other than buildings used exclusively for residential purposes.

"Driver" includes every person who drives or is in charge of a vehicle for hire.

"Hire" means the fare, toll, fee or rate charged or collected from any person for the transportation of a person or persons, or chattels of persons.

"Inspector" means the Chief License Inspector of the City duly appointed by the Council, and includes lawful assistants of the Inspector.

"License" means the license required or issued under the provision of this By-law.

"Limousine" includes an Antique Limousine, Bus Limousine, Luxury Limousine, Sedan Limousine, Sport Utility Limousine and Stretch Limousine, all as defined under "Vehicle for Hire" in this section 2.

"Motor Vehicle" includes automobiles, motorcycles and all other vehicles propelled otherwise than by muscular power, excepting trailers.

"Mobility Aid" means a device, including a manual wheelchair, electric wheelchair and scooter, that is used to facilitate the transport, in a normally seated orientation, of a person with a physical disability.

"Owner" includes the proprietor or other person having the conduct or operation of any vehicle for hire.

"Parking Lot" means any area of land, or land and building, which is used for the purpose of providing parking facilities for automobiles, but does not include an area where such parking is an ancillary use to a single-family dwelling on the same area of land.

"Passenger Transportation Board" means the board established pursuant to the Passenger Transportation Act of British Columbia.

"Passenger Transportation Pool Vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is operated at any time or from time to time on a highway under the following conditions:

- (a) for the transportation of persons from the residence of the vehicle owner or operator to a place of employment or to a common destination adjacent thereto or in the case of an employer-operated vehicle, for the transportation of that employer's employees to and from a place of employment; and
- (b) the carriage of such persons is conducted in conjunction with a transportation pooling arrangement for passengers which is sponsored and coordinated by an organization or agency working in conjunction with the federal government of

Canada, the government of British Columbia, the governing body of any city or municipality in British Columbia or any combination of these governmental bodies; and

- (c) the compensation charged to passengers for such transportation does not exceed, in the aggregate, an amount equivalent to that required to pay operating costs and capital costs of the vehicle used for such transportation during the period of usage when the vehicle is employed in providing such transportation.

"Public Bike Share" means a service that provides the general public with an opportunity to rent bicycles through an automated system, on a short-term basis for use within the city as part of a network comprised of no fewer than 50 Public Bike Share Stations located on separate sites.

"Public Bike Share Station" means a bicycle sharing facility where bicycles are stored and from which the general public may rent and return bicycles and other objects or equipment necessary for or appurtenant to the operation of a Public Bike Share.

"Seating capacity" means the rated passenger load assigned to a motor vehicle by its manufacturer, but when used in combination with "passengers" does not include the driver.

"Taximeter" means any mechanical or electronic instrument or device by which the charge for transportation in any taxicab or limousine is mechanically or electronically calculated either for distance travelled or for waiting time, or both, and upon which the charge is indicated by means of figures.

"Used", where it appears in any subsection of this section, means used or intended, designed or kept for use.

"Vehicle for Hire" means a vehicle used for the carrying, transportation or conveyance of persons or property for hire and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall for the purpose of this By-law include the following classifications:

"Airport Shuttle Bus", which means a motor vehicle used exclusively to transport persons from an Airport Transporter to any point in the City or from any point in the City to an Airport Transporter at no cost to the passenger.

"Airport Transporter", which means a motor vehicle of a type and design of a bus or van with a seating capacity of 7 or more passengers and that is used exclusively to transport passengers to an airport.

"Antique Limousine", which means a chauffeur-driven sedan motor vehicle at least 50 years old, and hired only by prior reservation for an extended engagement or special purpose.

"Bus Limousine", which means a conventional bus, coach or truck which has been modified so that the seats in the passenger compartment are located along the perimeter of the vehicle, and is hired only by prior reservation for an extended or special purpose.

"Charter Bus", which means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity of 10 or more passengers with all seats facing forward, operated as a sightseeing venture over a fixed or predetermined route of travel and charging a certain sum per person for each trip or by charter to transport persons on a prearranged basis to a specified location.

"Charter Van", which means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity of not less than 6 and not more than 9 passengers and used for carrying persons and their equipment by charter to destinations outside the City where arrangements respecting the vehicle have been made prior to its arrival to pick up passengers.

"Courier Bicycle", which means a 2-wheeled vehicle used for conveying goods and propelled solely by the foot power of the operator.

"Driver Instruction Vehicle", which means a motor vehicle equipped and used for the purpose of teaching others to drive motor vehicles.

"Dual Taxicab", which means a taxicab that includes accommodation for at least one passenger using a mobility aid.

"Handicapped Cab", which means a motor vehicle of a type and design of a bus or a van that is used primarily for transporting persons who use mobility aids.

"Horse-Drawn Carriage", which means a 4-wheeled vehicle drawn by no more than 2 horses and operated over a fixed or defined route of travel.

"Luxury Limousine", which means a four-door sedan motor vehicle registered as a Rolls Royce or Bentley, and hired only by prior reservation for an extended engagement or special purpose.

"Motor Assisted Pedicab", which means a 3-wheeled vehicle propelled by foot power of the operator and motor assist, and capable of carrying no more than 2 passengers in addition to the operator.

"Motor Stage", which means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity of 12 or more passengers used for the carrying of persons from the City and operated at any time or from time to time over a route or between fixed termini or on a regular time or toll schedule.

"Part-time Taxicab", which means a taxicab licensed to operate part time in the City of Vancouver on weekends and on those days designated in this By-law.

"Pedicab", which means a 3-wheeled vehicle propelled solely by the foot power of the operator and capable of carrying no more than 2 passengers in addition to the operator.

"Public Bus", which means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity of more than 7 passengers, which is operated for the purpose of providing transportation to persons who have not prearranged to be transported on a specific trip. It does not include a vehicle coming within any of the classes more specifically defined in this section, but does include a vehicle operated by the Metro Transit Operating Company or as part of a service established under the *British Columbia Transit Act*.

"School Cab", which means a motor vehicle used for the conveyance of children to or from school and operated by or under contract with the owner or person in charge of the school.

"School Shuttle Van", which means a motor vehicle:

- (a) the seating capacity of which is not less than 6 passengers nor more than 9;
- (b) the exclusive use of which is to transport, between home and pre-school or school only, children from pre-schoolers to Grade 12 students; and
- (c) in respect of which the owner or operator of the motor vehicle contracts with a person for its hire before the motor vehicle's arrival to pick up any passengers referred to in subsection (b) of this definition.

"Sedan Limousine", which means a full sized, four-door sedan motor vehicle of a manufacturer's top quality line, with a closed body, a maximum seating capacity of five passengers, and an original, unaltered wheelbase of not less than 287.02 cm (113 inches), and hired only by prior reservation for an extended engagement or special purpose. Sedan Limousine includes an eco-friendly sedan limousine approved by the Passenger Transportation Board provided it meets the requirements of Operational Policy IV.3.

"Shared Ride Van", which means a motor vehicle used for carrying passengers on a trip originating or terminating within the City where arrangements respecting the hire of the vehicle have been made prior to its arrival to pick up passengers and includes a U-Drive used for this purpose but does not include any other vehicle for hire classified in Schedule A of this By-law.

"Sport Utility Limousine", which means a four-door motor vehicle having the combined features of a sedan and truck and identified as a sport-utility vehicle by the manufacturer, with a closed body, a maximum seating capacity of eight passengers and an original, unaltered wheelbase of not less than 294.64 cm

(116.0 inches), and hired only by prior reservation for an extended engagement or special purpose.

"Stretch Limousine", which means a four-door sedan motor vehicle or a stretched sport utility motor vehicle having the combined features of a sedan and truck and identified as a sport utility vehicle by the manufacturer, with a closed body, a minimum seating capacity of six passengers, and hired only by prior reservation for an extended engagement or special purpose.

"Taxicab", which means a motor vehicle with a seating capacity of no fewer than four and no more than seven passengers.

"Tow Truck", which means a motor vehicle designed or adapted for use as a means of towing other motor vehicles from place to place.

"U-Drive", which means a motor vehicle which may be hired or rented by the hour, day, week or month without a driver, but does not include a vehicle leased on a yearly basis or for a longer period.

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3. The table of contents for this By-law is for convenient reference only, and is not for assistance in interpreting or enforcing this By-law.

Exemptions

4. The following are exempt from the regulations of this By-law:

- (a) the operation of any vehicle for hire by the Metro Transit Operating Company or as part of a service established under the *British Columbia Transit Act*;
- (b) except for section 7(2), the Vancouver Civic Development Corporation;
- (c) the operation of any passenger transportation pool vehicle;
- (d) the operation of any car-sharing vehicle; and
- (e) the operation of any bicycle that is part of a public bike share.

Types of vehicles for hire

5. No person shall own or operate any vehicle for hire except as classified, described or named in Schedule "A" of this By-law.

Chauffeur's Permit

6 (1) A person must not drive, operate, or be in charge of a limousine, school shuttle van, or taxicab unless that person holds a current chauffeur's permit.

(2) A person must apply for a chauffeur's permit to the Chief Constable, who may issue or refuse to issue the permit in accordance with the provisions of this section 6.

(3) An applicant for a chauffeur's permit must provide, together with the application to the Chief Constable, documentation to establish that the applicant:

- (a) is the holder of a valid Class 1, 2 or 4 driver's licence issued pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Act of British Columbia;
- (b) has a working knowledge of city streets in the City of Vancouver;
- (c) has completed the TaxiHost Pro course at the Justice Institute of British Columbia, or a similar driver training course approved by the Inspector;
- (d) has successfully completed the Ask-Listen-Act training program or a similar driver training program that teaches skills for transporting disabled passengers, and that has been approved by the Inspector;
- (e) if intending to drive a school shuttle van, has completed at least 6 hours of driver training designed to develop the driver's knowledge, skill and attitudes;
- (f) has a letter signed by the owner of a limousine, school shuttle van, or taxicab that is licensed in the City of Vancouver, indicating that the owner intends to hire the applicant immediately upon issuance of a chauffeur's permit; and
- (g) has completed an application for a criminal record check and has consented to the disclosure of the results of the criminal record check to the Chief Constable.

(4) If an applicant fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (3), the Chief Constable must refuse to issue the permit.

(5) Upon receipt of an application for a chauffeur's permit which complies with the requirements of subsection (3), the Chief Constable must ascertain whether the applicant:

- (a) has been convicted of a sexual offence for which the applicant has not received a pardon;
- (b) has been convicted of a Criminal Code offence which occurred while the applicant was driving, operating or in charge of a vehicle for hire and within the preceding three years;
- (c) has been convicted of Motor Vehicle Act offences on three or more different occasions, while the applicant was driving, operating or in charge of a vehicle for hire and within the

- preceding two years;
- (d) has been the subject of an administrative driving prohibition by the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles within the preceding three years; or
 - (e) has received a notice of driving prohibition pursuant to section 94.1, 215 or 215.41 of the Motor Vehicle Act, which occurred while the applicant was driving, operating or in charge of a vehicle for hire and within the preceding three years.
- (6) If the Chief Constable determines that the applicant:
- (a) has been convicted of a sexual offence;
 - (b) has been convicted of a Criminal Code offence which occurred while the applicant was driving, operating or in charge of a vehicle for hire and within the preceding three years;
 - (c) has been convicted of Motor Vehicle Act offences on three or more different occasions, while the applicant was driving, operating or in charge of a vehicle for hire and within the preceding two years; or
 - (d) has been subject to an administrative driving prohibition by the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles within the preceding three years; or
 - (e) has received a notice of driving prohibition, as described in subsection (5)(e);

the Chief Constable must refuse to issue a chauffeur's permit.

(7) Despite the provisions of subsection (6), if an applicant has a history of convictions or administrative driving prohibitions, or is the subject of an allegation of misconduct, or is charged with the contravention of a federal, provincial or municipal law or enactment, or demonstrates a pattern of use of or dealing in intoxicants or narcotic drugs, and if the Chief Constable determines that the history, allegation, charge or pattern of behaviour may indicate that the applicant is unfit to act as a chauffeur or that there is a risk to public safety or to passenger safety or security, the Chief Constable may refuse to issue a chauffeur's permit.

(8) If the Chief Constable determines that a person who is the holder of a chauffeur's permit has been convicted of a Criminal Code offence or an offence related to the operation of a motor vehicle, or has been subject to an administrative driving prohibition, or is the subject of an allegation of misconduct, or is charged with the contravention of a federal, provincial or municipal law or enactment, or demonstrates a pattern of use of or dealing in intoxicants or narcotic drugs, and if the Chief Constable determines that the history, allegation, charge or pattern of

behaviour may indicate that the applicant is unfit to act as a chauffeur or that there is a risk to public safety or to passenger safety or security, the Chief Constable may suspend or cancel the chauffeur's permit.

(9) An appeal lies to Council from the refusal by the Chief Constable to issue a chauffeur's permit or from the decision of the Chief Constable to suspend or cancel a chauffeur's permit and Council may uphold or overturn the refusal or cancellation and may uphold, overturn or vary the suspension.

(10) The Chief Constable must issue a chauffeur's permit (new driver) to an applicant who complies with the requirements in this section 6 and:

- (a) does not hold a chauffeur's permit issued by the Chief Constable;
or
- (b) is the holder of:
 - (i) a chauffeur's permit issued by the Chief Constable prior to September 1, 2010; or
 - (ii) a chauffeur's permit (new driver) issued by the Chief Constable within the preceding 12 months.

(11) The Chief Constable must issue a chauffeur's permit (graduated driver) to an applicant who complies with the requirements in this section 6 and:

- (a) has been the holder of:
 - (i) two chauffeur's permits issued by the Chief Constable,
 - (ii) a chauffeur's permit issued by the Chief Constable and a chauffeur's permit (new driver), or
 - (iii) two chauffeur's permits (new driver),

in the preceding 24 months; or
- (b) holds a chauffeur's permit (graduated driver).

(12) A chauffeur's permit (new driver) issued under subsection 10 expires on the day preceding the permit holder's birthday next following the date of issuance of the permit unless the permit is sooner forfeited, suspended or revoked.

(13) A chauffeur's permit (graduated driver) issued under subsection 11 expires on the day preceding the permit holder's birthday two years following the date of issuance of the permit unless the permit is sooner forfeited, suspended or revoked.

(14) Every driver of a limousine, school shuttle van, or taxicab, must produce his or her chauffeur's permit for inspection upon request by the Inspector, the Chief Constable, or a police officer.

(15) The holder of a chauffeur's permit who is:

- (a) charged with an offence under the Criminal Code; or
- (b) convicted of an offence under the Criminal Code,

must immediately notify the Chief Constable.

(16) The holder of a chauffeur's permit who is:

- (a) charged with an offence under the Motor Vehicle Act; or
- (b) convicted of an offence under the Motor Vehicle Act,

must immediately notify the Chief Constable and provide the Chief Constable with a certified abstract of his driving record.

Vehicle for hire license

7. (1) No person shall own, operate or engage in a business involving a vehicle for hire without holding a valid and subsisting City license therefor.

(2) Every person applying for a license pursuant to this By-law shall make application to the Inspector on the form provided for that purpose, and at the time of making the application shall pay to the City the license fee specified in Schedule "A" of this By-law.

(3) On receipt of an application for a license and before issuing the license, the Inspector must ascertain whether the applicant has at any time within the preceding five years been convicted of any offence under any statute of Canada or the Province of British Columbia or under any city by-law, and the Inspector, if of the belief that the nature of the offence relates to the business, trade, profession, or other occupation for which the application has been made, must refuse to issue the license. The Inspector shall also refuse to issue such license unless satisfied that:

- (a) the applicant is 19 years of age or older; can speak, read and write the English language; possesses a working knowledge of city streets; and is willing and able to maintain a satisfactory service to the public during the currency of the license;
- (b) REPEALED
- (c) the vehicle with respect to the operation of which a license has been applied for is suitable for the use intended, is equipped as required by

this By-law, and complies in all respects with applicable provisions of the *Motor Vehicle Act* and the *Highway Act*;

- (d) in the case of a vehicle for hire which is not defined as a "motor vehicle" pursuant to the *Motor Vehicle Act*, except for a courier bicycle, the applicant is the holder of a valid policy of liability insurance pertaining to the vehicle with a minimum coverage of \$2,000,000 (two million dollars);
- (e) each of the applicant and any motor vehicle the applicant intends to use or will use in the business, trade, profession, or other occupation for which the applicant is applying for the license complies with the requirements of this By-law; and
- (f) the number of licenses the applicant will hold under this section 7 does not exceed the number of vehicle identifiers held by the applicant for passenger directed vehicles that are for use as taxicabs and dual taxicabs under a licence or licences approved by the Passenger Transportation Board.

(4) DELETED

(5) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Inspector shall issue a license to an applicant except that the Inspector shall not issue any additional licences for taxicabs or dual taxicabs, apart from renewals of existing licences and new licences for 20 full-time wheelchair accessible taxis approved by the Passenger Transportation Board on December 10, 2014, between October 1, 2014 and October 31, 2017.

(5.1) Notwithstanding Section 7(5), the Chief Licence Inspector must issue a licence to an applicant who is the holder of a temporary permit approved by the Passenger Transportation Board to authorize the operation of a taxicab, in accordance with the provisions of section 8(2) of this By-law.

(6) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a person not licensed pursuant to this By-law but holding a valid taxicab license from another municipality may pick up passengers within the City provided that the passengers have made prior arrangements for the pick up and the destination is at all times within the municipality where the owner or operator of the taxicab is originally licensed under the *Passenger Transportation Act*.

Cost of police records check

7A. Concurrently with submitting an application for a license or a chauffeur's permit, the applicant must pay to the city the fee for the police records check specified in Schedule A of this By-law.

Term of license

8. (1) Unless otherwise provided in this By-law, all licenses issued under this By-law must be issued for the calendar year current at the time of issuance of such license, and shall expire on the 31st day of December next succeeding the date of issue, except that if a person operates a vehicle for hire under a temporary permit approved by the Passenger Transportation Board, the Inspector may issue a license for a term that expires on the same date as the temporary permit.

(2) Despite the provisions of section 8(1), licenses issued pursuant to section 7(5.1) must:

- (a) be valid for a maximum of 30 days;
- (b) terminate on January 8, 2016 at 11:59 p.m.; and
- (c) not be renewed.

Suspension or revocation of license

9. (1) A license issued under this By-law shall be deemed to be suspended if the vehicle in respect of which the license has been issued fails to pass a safety inspection under the provisions of the *Motor Vehicle Act* and the license thereof shall remain suspended until the vehicle has been reinspected and approved pursuant to the provisions of that Act.

(2) A license issued under this By-law shall be deemed to be suspended if the license holder does not hold a valid policy of insurance as required by clause (d) of section 7(3) of this By-law.

(3) Any person who, for monetary consideration, employs his or her vehicle for hire for purposes other than for which he or she is licensed shall be subject to the suspension or revocation of the license at the discretion of the Council.

(4) It is an express condition of the granting of any license that the licensee shall observe all by-laws of the City, and noncompliance with any of the provisions of such by-laws shall be deemed to be a breach of the conditions under which the license was granted, and shall render such license subject to suspension or revocation at the discretion of the Council.

(5) While a license is suspended pursuant to this section it shall, for the purposes of section 7(1), be deemed to be neither valid nor subsisting.

Appeal of suspension

10. DELETED

Transfer of license

11. (1) Any person desiring to obtain a transfer of any license, or interest in any license, issued pursuant to this By-law and held by any other person, shall make an application the same as that required to obtain a license under this By-law; and the powers, conditions, requirements and procedures relating to the granting and refusal of the licenses and appeals thereon shall apply.

(2) No person who purchases all or part of the interest of any person licensed pursuant to this By-law shall carry on or continue the business, trade, profession or other occupation so purchased without first having obtained either a transfer of the license or a new license.

(3) No license shall be transferred from one person to another more than once during any calendar year.

(4) Where any license is transferred, the applicant shall pay the fee set out in Schedule A to this By-law.

(5) Despite the provisions of this section 11, the Inspector must not permit the transfer of a taxicab license or the transfer of the numbered or alpha-numeric plate issued in conjunction with a taxicab license, unless the Inspector is satisfied that the specific vehicle licensed as a taxicab and bearing the numbered or alpha-numeric plate issued in conjunction with that taxicab license, has been temporarily removed from service for repairs, permanently removed from all service as a taxicab or has been destroyed.

Numbered plate

12. (1) The Inspector shall furnish to each person taking out a license with respect to the operation of a vehicle for hire, except a U-Drive, a numbered plate for each such vehicle kept and used by that person. Such plate shall remain the property of the City and on the expiration, revocation or suspension of the license corresponding or represented thereby, such person shall forthwith return such plate to the Inspector.

(2) Every person to whom a plate has been furnished pursuant to this section shall keep such plate on each such vehicle for hire in a place designated by the Inspector.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person so licensed to use or exhibit on any vehicle for hire any City plate other than the plates set out in the license.

(4) Where a vehicle for hire plate furnished pursuant to this section has become lost, mutilated or destroyed the Inspector may, upon receipt of written proof satisfactory to the Inspector setting out such loss, mutilation or destruction, issue a replacement plate upon payment of the fee set out in Schedule A to this By-law.

Valid decal

13. (1) No driver of a taxicab or a limousine shall pick up, take on or carry any passenger unless the vehicle displays a valid decal indicating that the vehicle has passed a safety inspection under the provisions of the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

Limousine hires

14. (1) Every limousine is subject to an annual inspection by the Inspector.

(2) A motor vehicle in respect of which an applicant applies for a license to use it as a sedan limousine, sport utility limousine or stretch limousine must not, as at the license application date, be more than five years old calculated from the year of its manufacture.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (4), an owner or operator of a motor vehicle may use a sedan limousine, sport utility limousine or stretch limousine for up to nine years calculated from the year of its manufacture, if, based on annual inspections, the exterior appearance and condition of the interior finishing of the limousine are satisfactory to the Inspector.

(4) The Inspector must not issue a license to a person to operate, and a person must not operate, an antique limousine unless it is capable of maintaining a minimum speed of 40 km per hour.

(5) A person who owns or operates a limousine must:

- (a) within 24 hours after the date of hiring or engaging a driver, report to the Chief Constable the number and date of that driver's license to operate a limousine and chauffeur's permit; and
- (b) during the period of the driver's employment or engagement, keep a written record of such license and permit.

(6) A person who owns or operates a limousine must display, post or otherwise make available to passengers the tariff rates approved by the Passenger Transportation Board.

(7) A person who owns, operates, or drives a limousine must not use or publish, or suffer or permit to be used or published, any signs or other advertising material indicating, expressly or impliedly, that the tariffs or fees for use of the limousine will be lower than the tariffs and fees that person may charge as approved by the Passenger Transportation Board.

(8) A person who drives a limousine must:

- (a) keep a daily log of all calls serviced which must include the client's name and the date, time, and location of pick-up; and
- (b) produce such record at any time for inspection on demand by the Chief Constable or Inspector.

(9) A person who owns, operates, or drives a limousine must not:

- (a) advertise or hold the limousine out to the public as being available to the public for hire without prior booking;

- (b) occupy any designated taxi stands in the City or respond to hails from the street or other forms of on-demand requests for service;
- (c) cruise, hover, or stand in front of any theatre, hall, hotel, cruise ship terminal, railway, ferry or transit station, or other place of public gathering unless that person can produce for inspection on demand by the Chief Constable or Inspector proof of a confirmed prior booking including the customer's name, address, telephone number, and trip destination; or
- (d) keep, inside or outside the limousine, a top light, sign or similar device that is capable of indicating that the limousine is available to be flagged.

(10) A person must not drive a limousine unless that person is dressed professionally and neatly according to limousine industry standards.

(11) Every owner, operator or driver of a limousine who uses a taximeter:

- (a) must:
 - (i) keep the taximeter in good working condition that ensures accuracy and continuous registration during hire,
 - (ii) display the current fare continuously during hire,
 - (iii) provide an estimate of the anticipated fare upon the request of a passenger who provides a destination, and
 - (iv) every six months, or immediately upon request, submit the taximeter to the Inspector who is to inspect and test the meter over a measured distance;
- and
- (b) must not use a taximeter that registers a fare that is more than 2 per cent incorrect.

Courier bicycles

15. (1) No license shall be issued to a person to operate a courier bicycle until that person has successfully completed a written examination and a practical examination approved by the Inspector, and has paid the fee set out in Schedule A to this By-law.

(2) The Inspector shall furnish a numbered plate to every person qualifying for a license to operate a courier bicycle, which plate shall be attached to the bicycle operated by such person at the rear of the seat so that it is in a vertical position and is clearly visible from behind the bicycle. Such plate is non-transferrable and remains the property of the City, and shall be surrendered to the Inspector on the expiration, revocation or suspension of the license corresponding to it.

- (a) after the Inspector has furnished a person with a numbered plate in accordance with section 15 (2), the plate holder shall indicate the plate remains valid by affixing a current year licence decal to the plate.

(3) Every person licensed pursuant to this section shall at all times while operating a courier bicycle carry on his or her person an identification card displaying his or her photograph and showing his or her full name, address and date of birth.

(4) A police officer may arrest without warrant any person operating a courier bicycle whom the officer finds committing a breach of this by-law if such person fails to stop and produce his or her identification card or state his or her proper name and address when so requested by the police officer.

(5) No person shall:

- (a) deface or alter a number plate or the current year licence decal issued pursuant to this section;
- (b) display a numbered plate or current year licence decal issued pursuant to this section that has been defaced or altered; or
- (c) display a numbered plate or current year licence decal issued pursuant to this section except for the person to whom it was issued.

Driver instruction vehicles

16. (1) No license shall be issued in respect of a driver instruction vehicle unless the vehicle conforms to the requirements imposed by this By-law with respect to the vehicle and to the operational equipment required for the purpose of giving driver instruction.

(2) No person shall use or operate any driver instruction vehicle unless the vehicle:

- (a) while in use is plainly marked with a sign on the rear bearing the warning: "Student Driver";
- (b) while in use is occupied only by the instructor and the pupil;
- (c) is used only for the purpose of driver instruction or driver testing.

(3) No person shall carry on the business of teaching or instructing in the driving of a motor vehicle unless he or she uses for that purpose a driver instruction vehicle conforming to the requirements set out in subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

(4) A person may keep and use premises for the business of motor vehicle driver instruction in a residential dwelling unit but only if that person:

- (a) and those premises comply with the Zoning and Development By-law including, without limitation, section 12.6;

- (b) licenses only one driver instruction vehicle under this By-law for use in that business, and uses only that motor vehicle in the business;
- (c) does not permit any students or employees of the business to attend at the premises; and
- (d) is the only person carrying on the business at the premises.

Funeral cabs

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Handicapped cabs

18. (1) No license shall be issued in respect of a handicapped cab unless the vehicle is equipped with a hydraulic lift or ramp, or other equipment satisfactory to the Inspector, for loading and unloading persons confined to wheelchairs.

(2) No person shall transport persons in a handicapped cab unless at least one of the persons being transported is physically handicapped.

(3) No owner or driver of a handicapped cab shall solicit any person on any street.

Horse-drawn carriages

19. (1) No person shall operate a horse-drawn carriage

- (a) from 2:01 a.m. to 9:29 a.m. and from 3:01 p.m. to 5:59 p.m. on any day;
- (b) on any City street except as approved by the City Engineer; and
- (c) without the capacity for the immediate removal of manure as soon as it is deposited on a street.

(2) No more than 16 horse-drawn carriages shall be licensed as such at any time.

Pedicabs and motor assisted pedicabs

20. (1) A person must not operate a pedicab or motor assisted pedicab unless:

- (a) that person does so in compliance with the restrictions and prohibitions in subsections (2) and (3) and the restrictions and prohibitions indicated on the Pedicab Routing Map attached to this By-law as Schedule B;

- (b) the equipment forming part of, attached to, or carried on or within the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab is acceptable to the Inspector, and includes:
 - (i) rear hydraulic brakes and front V-brakes or another braking system approved by the Inspector, and
 - (ii) front headlights, rear tail lights, rear flashing light (for night time operations), turn signal lights, reflectors on wheels and carriages, standard bell, rear mud flaps or similar protection, first aid kit, repair kit, rear bumper or similar protection, and unless rooftop design exceeds six feet, a six foot high flag pole, and a safety flag on the flag pole;
- (c) the rear of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab has a current vehicle for hire plate, issued under the authority of this By-law, affixed to it;
- (d) that person is carrying a current business license for the operation of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab along with a current photo identification that includes the person's name, address, and birth date;
- (e) that person has the brakes of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab inspected at least annually by a bicycle repair shop that has a current business license issued by a municipality, and promptly undertakes any repair or maintenance to the brakes disclosed by such inspection;
- (f) that person retains for at least two years all records of any inspection, repair, or maintenance referred to in subsection (e), and makes such records available to the Inspector at any time on request;
- (g) that person inspects the pedicab's or motor assisted pedicab's brakes and other safety equipment each day prior to operating the pedicab, and makes such adjustments as are necessary;
- (h) prior to issuance of a license for use, the Inspector has inspected the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab;
- (i) the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab has painted or otherwise permanently affixed, in figures at least 5 cm high, on each side and to the rear of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab carriage a business name and identification number which uniquely identifies the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab;
- (j) that person can demonstrate, at the request of the Inspector, that the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab is available for transporting passengers;

- (k) that person ensures that parking, storage, and maintenance of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab occurs only on private property, except for lawful parking on streets while waiting for customers;
 - (l) that person must not allow third party advertising, as defined in section 2 of the Sign By-law, on the exterior of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab, except for an area on the rear of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab carriage that must not exceed 0.45 m²; and
 - (m) the pedicab carries no more than two passengers.
- (2) No person shall operate a pedicab or motor assisted pedicab on any street marked with lane lines or directional dividing lines, between the hours of 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.
 - (3) No person shall operate a pedicab or motor assisted pedicab on the Burrard Bridge, the Granville Bridge, the Cambie Bridge, the Dunsmuir Viaduct, the Georgia Viaduct or on Georgia Street between Cardero and Chilco streets.
 - (4) The owner of a pedicab or motor assisted pedicab must:
 - (a) cause any person who operates such pedicab or motor assisted pedicab to comply with the requirements set out in subsection (1); and
 - (b) not transfer its license to any other person.
 - (5) The number of licenses issued for pedicabs and motor assisted pedicabs must not exceed 60, in aggregate, at any one time.

Public buses

- 21. (1) No person shall use or operate any vehicle as a public bus.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the License By-law, the Inspector shall not issue a license which would permit the operation of a public bus system.

School shuttle vans

- 22. (1) The total number of licenses for the operation of school shuttle vans that Council issues under this By-law, and the total number of school shuttle vans owned or operated in the City, at any one time must not exceed 10.
- (2) A motor vehicle in respect of which an applicant applies for a license to use it as a school shuttle van must not, as at the license application date, be more than 2 years old calculated from the year of its manufacture.
- (3) An owner or operator of a motor vehicle must not use it as school shuttle van for more than 5 years calculated from the year of its manufacture.

- (4) A person must not drive a school shuttle van unless:
- (a) the school shuttle van has attached to it a valid, current annual mechanical safety inspection decal issued by a designated Insurance Corporation of British Columbia certified inspection facility;
 - (b) lettering that is legible, at least 8 cm high, and painted or otherwise permanently affixed to both sides of the school shuttle van, in a position satisfactory to the Inspector, identifies it as a school shuttle van service and sets out the business name and telephone number of the van's license holder and a number that uniquely identifies the school shuttle van;
 - (c) such lettering is clear, clean, and distinguishable at all times; and
 - (d) there is unrestricted vision through all windows of the school shuttle van, and the tinting on the windows is to factory specifications for the van.
- (5) A person must not drive a school shuttle van unless that person wears:
- (a) a neat and clean uniform that is identical to all other drivers in the same school shuttle van service; and
 - (b) outside the uniform, identification issued in the then current calendar year showing the person's picture and bearing the person's name and the name of the school shuttle van service for whom that person drives the school shuttle van.
- (6) A person must not drive a school shuttle van except:
- (a) for the exclusive purpose of transporting, between home and pre-school or school only, children from pre-schoolers to Grade 12 students;
 - (b) if the owner or operator of the school shuttle van contracts with a person for its hire before the motor vehicle's arrival to pick up any passengers; and
 - (c) exclusively within the boundaries of the City of Vancouver.
- (7) Every owner and driver of a school shuttle van must comply with section 6 which regulates chauffeur's permits.

Taxicabs

23. (1) The number of taxicabs owned or operated by persons licensed under this by-law must not exceed 475 taxicabs and 133 dual taxicabs, except that this subsection does not apply to taxicabs operating under a temporary permit approved by the Passenger Transportation Board.

(2) Every person to whom a taxicab license has been granted shall keep an established place of business within the City of Vancouver and shall notify the Chief Constable and Inspector in writing of the address of the premises where such person keeps books and records of operation of the business, and such license shall be kept conspicuously posted up in such premises. Such person shall immediately notify the Chief Constable and the Inspector in writing of any change in such address, and no license shall be issued for the operation of a taxicab unless the applicant has a business telephone and is listed in the telephone directory under a trade name. The place of business herein referred to may be the business premises of anyone open during regular business hours.

(3) Any person having obtained a license with respect to the operation of a taxicab may obtain an additional license to display advertising material on such vehicle, and any such additional license shall be subject to the provisions of this By-law and the Street and Traffic By-law and the payment of an additional license fee as provided for in Schedule "A" of this By-law.

(4) An illuminated sign bearing the word "Taxi" or "Cab" and complying in all respects with the Regulations made pursuant to the *Motor Vehicle Act* shall be placed on the front of the taxicab, either outside above the windshield, or inside behind the windshield in a position satisfactory to the Inspector. Such sign shall be illuminated at all times when the taxicab is available for hire.

(5) No person shall drive or operate a taxicab unless there is painted on or otherwise permanently affixed to the vehicle

(a) a business name and the words "Taxi" or "Cab" in figures not less than 5 cm high which shall be placed on either the rear doors or front doors on each side of the taxicab,

(b) a number which uniquely identifies that taxicab in figures not less than 9 cm high which shall be placed on both sides of the taxicab near the front and on the rear of the taxicab in a position satisfactory to the Inspector, and

(c) the same number which is referred to in clause (b) which shall be placed on the inside of the vehicle in a prominent location that is visible to passengers in the back seat.

(6) All words and letters required by subsections (4) and (5) shall be kept clear, clean and distinguishable at all times.

(7) No trade name shall be used on any taxicab unless such trade name has first been approved by and recorded with the Inspector; and no licensed owner or driver shall use

or publish, or permit to be used or published, any advertising matter or sign indicating, implying or suggesting fares or charges lower than the tariff of fares and charges which owners or drivers of taxicabs are entitled to receive or charge under the provisions of this By-law.

(8) No motor vehicle shall be operated as a taxicab except by the registered owner thereof or by a driver employed by or directly responsible to such owner.

(9) Every owner granted a license to operate a taxicab shall, on the engagement of any driver, ascertain the number and date of the driver's license to operate a taxicab and chauffeur's permit, and forthwith report the same to the Chief Constable and shall, during the term of the driver's employment, keep a record of such license and permit.

(10) No taxicab shall be equipped with tinted windows, or with blinds, shades or similar devices designed to restrict visibility through windows, except that this prohibition shall not apply to dual taxicabs or handicapped cabs.

(11) Every taxicab shall be equipped with an interior light, sufficient to illuminate the entire passenger compartment and at all times maintained in proper working order.

(12) Every holder of a license to operate a taxicab, other than a part-time taxicab, must ensure that the taxicab is in service and available for hire 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, unless the Inspector is satisfied that the taxicab is not in service as the result of an accident, repairs, testing or a police investigation.

(13) Every driver of any taxicab shall:

- (a) be neatly and properly dressed, neat and clean in person, and be civil and well-behaved;
- (b) remain within 7 metres of the taxicab when the same is at a stand;
- (c) keep the doors of such taxicabs closed when the same is at a stand waiting for passengers;
- (d) assist passengers to enter and leave the vehicle and to load and unload their belongings on request.

(14) No driver of any taxicab shall seek employment by driving the taxicab to and fro upon any street, or by interfering with the proper and orderly access to or egress from, or by cruising or hovering in front of any theatre, hall, hotel, railway or ferry station, or other place of public gathering; provided, however, that the driver of a taxicab may accept passengers at any place of public gathering so long as the taxicab is lawfully parked in the vicinity of the place or building where such public gathering is taking place.

(15) The driver of a part-time taxicab must;

- (a) ensure that the taxicab displays alpha numeric vehicle identification consisting of the identity numbers required by this by-law, followed by the letter "S" which must be the same colour as the identity numbers and no less than 9.5 centimeters high;
- (b) only illuminate the top light of the taxicab when the taxicab is in service and available for hire and is operating in accordance with the terms and conditions of its licence and the provisions of this by-law;
- (c) only be in service and available for hire during the following days and times:
 - (i) commencing no sooner than 3:00 p.m. on each Friday and Saturday and ending no later than 6:00 a.m. the following morning;
 - (ii) commencing no sooner than 3:00 p.m. on each day of the "Celebration of Light" Festival, and ending no later than 6:00 a.m. the following morning;
 - (iii) commencing no sooner than 3:00 p.m. on October 31, and ending no later than 6:00 a.m. the following morning;
 - (iv) commencing no sooner than 3:00 p.m. on December 31, and ending no later than 6:00 a.m. the following morning; and
 - (v) on "Black", "Grey" and "Red" cruise ship days and all special event days, as designated by the Passenger Transportation Board and listed in the Passenger Transportation Board Rule.

(16) Every driver of a taxicab shall proceed by the most direct travelled route to the point of destination, unless otherwise directed by the passenger.

(17) Every driver of a taxicab shall keep a daily record of all trips made by the driver. The record must contain the following information:

- (a) the date, the time and the address or intersection where the trip commenced and the date, the time and the address or intersection where the trip ended, which information shall be recorded as soon as practicable upon completion of each trip;
- (b) the driver's name and address; and
- (c) the Provincial license number of the taxicab.

(18) Every driver of a taxicab shall, no later than 24 hours after completion of each shift, deposit in the business office of the owner of the taxicab the daily record required by subsection (17) that relates to that shift.

(19) Before accepting the daily trip record from the driver, the owner of a taxicab shall ensure that each trip is legibly and properly noted in the record.

(20) The owner of a taxicab must keep the record referred to in subsection (17) at the owner's place of business for a period of 6 months and must produce the record to the Chief Constable or the Inspector if requested to do so.

(21) Subject to the provisions of this by-law regarding service by dual taxicabs, the driver of a taxicab must;

- (a) provide service to any orderly person if available to do so;
- (b) provide service to persons based on the order of their requests for service;
- (c) only provide service during a trip to the passenger or passengers who requested the service at the beginning of the trip;
- (d) not carry multiple passengers for separate fares during a single trip; and
- (e) inform any person requesting service if the desired service will not be available within a reasonable time.

(22) Despite the provisions of section (21), the driver of a dual taxicab must give priority to requests for service from handicapped or wheelchair bound persons over other service requests.

(23) The Inspector must not license a vehicle as a taxicab if that vehicle is more than two years old, calculated from the year of its manufacture, except that the Inspector may renew the license of a previously licensed taxicab if that vehicle is no more than seven years old, calculated from the year of its manufacture.

(24) Every taxicab must be equipped with a two-way radio or other communication device which must be capable of sending and receiving calls from the taxi dispatch center and must be maintained in good working order.

(25) Every taxicab must be equipped with a map-enabled global positioning system (GPS) which must be: maintained in good working order; in operation at all times; capable of determining the location, speed and direction of the taxicab and to provide trip route information; and capable of retaining data for at least 365 days.

(26) The owner of a taxicab must retain the data gathered by the GPS system in the taxicab for 365 days and must provide that data to the Chief Constable or Chief License Inspector if requested to do so.

(27) A person must not drive or operate a taxicab unless the chauffeur's permit issued to that person is placed on the front dashboard of the taxicab in a location visible to all passengers.

Dual taxicabs

24. (1) Every dual taxicab:

- (a) shall be equipped with a sufficiently high door and have sufficient ceiling height to permit easy access for elderly and handicapped persons;
 - (b) shall have posted on each side of the vehicle the International Symbol of Accessibility for Handicapped Persons.
- (2) Every owner of a dual taxicab must:
- (a) advertise to the public that the vehicle is equipped to serve handicapped and wheelchair bound passengers and that requests for service from such persons will receive priority over other requests for service;
 - (b) ensure that each driver of a dual taxicab, in addition to complying with section 23(17) of this By-law, records on a daily record every trip that involved the transporting of a handicapped person, stating in each case whether such person was confined to a wheelchair;
 - (c) ensure that each driver of a dual taxicab is physically capable of assisting in the loading and unloading of persons confined to wheelchairs; and
 - (d) ensure that the dual taxicab contains facilities for securing a passenger in a wheelchair and the wheelchair to the vehicle.
- (3) Every driver of a dual taxicab must:
- (a) be physically capable of assisting in the loading and unloading of persons confined to wheelchairs;
 - (b) ensure that the dual taxicab contains facilities for securing a passenger in a wheelchair and the wheelchair to the vehicle;
 - (c) wait at least five minutes for the passenger to arrive at the pick-up point;
 - (d) provide reasonable assistance to the passenger, on request:
 - (i) to or from the pick-up point or destination,
 - (ii) to enter and leave the vehicle,
 - (iii) to load and unload their belongings, and
 - (iv) to transport their belongings to or from the pick-up point or destination; and

- (e) in the event of a medical emergency involving a passenger, call for emergency assistance and wait for its arrival.

Taxicab rates and fares

25. (1) In this section 25, "rate" means the aggregate of each tariff, rate, charge, surcharge, and fee established from time to time by the Passenger Transportation Board.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (18), a person who owns or drives a taxicab must not charge, demand, collect, or receive a fare except at the rate.

(3) A person who owns or drives a taxicab must not refund or remit to a passenger any portion of a fare.

(4) A person who owns a taxicab must not publish or use, or permit to be published or used, any fare other than at the rate referred to in subsection (1), whether such fare is determined by taximeter or by time.

(5) A person who owns a taxicab must not, either directly or indirectly, carry or permit to be carried without charge any passenger, unless the passenger is an officer, agent, or employee of the owner or unless the ride is for a charitable purpose.

(6) All ferry, bridge, and tunnel toll charges applicable to the taxicab and its occupants are payable in addition to the regular fare.

(7) A person operating a taxicab may operate on a time or mileage basis, at the request of a passenger, at the rate with respect to time fares for such vehicle.

(8) A person who owns or drives a taxicab must keep and display therein, in a place that faces the passenger and that the Inspector has designated, a tariff card of the fares for taxicabs consistent with the rates.

(9) A person must not remove, mutilate, deface, or otherwise dispose of such tariff card.

(10) A person must not drive or operate, or engage in the business of operating a taxicab, unless such taxicab is equipped with a taximeter which is of a type approved by the Inspector, and which the Inspector has inspected and sealed under subsection (12).

(11) Each person who owns or drives a taxicab must:

(a) cause the taxicab to include a taximeter that mechanically or electronically registers the distance and corresponding fare while under hire;

(b) keep the taximeter in a condition that ensures accuracy and continuous registration during hire;

- (c) install the taximeter so as to operate automatically when the taxicab is in motion as well as when such vehicle is standing under hire;
- (d) not use a taximeter that registers a fare that is more than 2% incorrect; and
- (e) at the request of the Inspector, and in any event once every 6 months, submit the taximeter to the Inspector who is to inspect and test the meter over a measured distance.

(12) If the Inspector is satisfied that the taximeter displays the corrected fare, is accurate subject to subsection (11)(d), and is otherwise in good working order, the Inspector may either seal the meter or approve the sealing of the meter.

(13) A person who owns or drives a taxicab must ensure that the taxicab's taximeter is:

- (a) adequately illuminated at all times when in use between dusk and dawn;
- (b) installed and placed at the right side of the driver in such position that the passenger may easily read, from the rear seat, the fare to be paid by the passenger, and so that the face of the meter is in plain view both from within and without the cab, or as designated by the Inspector;
- (c) adjusted in accordance with the rate, including the provisions of subsection (18);
- (d) used only when the seal thereon is intact; and
- (e) kept in good working condition at all times, and not used when defective in any way.

(14) A driver of a taxicab, while carrying passengers or under engagement, must not indicate that the taxicab is not engaged or, when the taxicab is not engaged, indicate that the taxicab is engaged.

(15) A driver of a taxicab must place the meter in the hired mode immediately on the commencement of a trip with a passenger, and at the termination of such trip must place the meter in the vacant mode, and must call the attention of the passenger to the amount of the fare registered on the meter.

(16) Subsections (14) and (15) are not to apply when a taxicab is being operated on a time or distance basis.

(17) The driver of a taxicab must not illuminate the top light of the taxicab unless the taxicab is in service and available for hire and is operating in accordance with the terms and conditions of its licence and the provisions of this By-law.

(18) If a person who owns or drives a taxicab is required to collect a tax imposed by a government, the person must include such tax in the fare shown on the taximeter, and may demand, collect or receive such tax in addition to any fare.

(19) A person who owns or drives a taxicab must post and keep posted a sign inside the taxicab in proximity to the tariff card referred to in subsection (8), clearly indicating that the fare shown includes the tax referred to in subsection (18).

Tow trucks

26. (1) Every person to whom a tow truck license has been granted shall keep an established place of business within the City and shall notify the Chief Constable and the Inspector in writing of the address, or any change thereof, of the premises where such person keeps the books and records of the operation of his or her business.

(2) Every driver of a tow truck shall keep a daily record of all trips made by the driver, and the record must contain the following information:

- (a) the reason for the tow;
- (b) the date, time, origin and destination of the towing contract; and
- (c) the name and address of the owner of the vehicle being towed.

All records shall be kept by the owner of the tow truck for a period of 6 months and shall be produced for inspection at any reasonable time on demand by the Chief Constable or the Inspector.

(3) Every driver of a tow truck shall, before towing any motor vehicle from the scene of an accident, supply to the owner or driver of the vehicle being towed a card which identifies the driver and the towing company by whom such driver is employed, except that where an owner or driver is injured or has been removed from the scene of an accident, such card shall be given to an attending police officer. The card shall be signed by the driver of the tow truck and shall state clearly the destination to which the motor vehicle will be towed.

(4) No driver of a tow truck shall deliver a vehicle to any destination other than the one stated on the card referred to in subsection (3) hereof.

(5) Every person who operates a tow truck and who impounds vehicles from private property shall provide staff for the purpose of releasing the vehicles to their owners on a 24 hour basis at the impound lot where such impounded vehicles are stored. Such impound lot shall be illuminated.

(6) No driver of any tow truck who has been requested to tow a vehicle from the scene of an accident shall solicit or suggest a specific destination for the motor vehicle being towed.

(7) No driver of a tow truck shall attend at the scene of a motor vehicle accident, whether by coincidence or otherwise, unless requested to do so by the owner or driver of the motor vehicle involved in that accident or by an attending police officer.

(8) No driver of a tow truck shall remove any vehicle from any parking lot or vacant land under any agreement with the owner, occupier or operator thereof as the case may be, unless at the time such agreement was made there was, and at the time such vehicle is towed away there is, an approved tow away sign conspicuously displayed on the said parking lot or vacant land.

(9) The owner of any tow truck operating in the City shall cause the name of the company or firm carrying on the business to be painted on each door of each such vehicle in letters not less than 10 centimeters high.

(10) No driver of a tow truck shall remove any motor vehicle from a commercial parking lot unless upon the specific instruction of the owner of such vehicle or unless there is displayed on the vehicle a Tow-away Notice issued pursuant to the provisions of section 10.5 of the License By-law.

(11) Where a vehicle is removed by the driver of a tow truck pursuant to a Tow-away Notice the driver shall, at the time of removal, endorse such time on the original and duplicate Notice and initial the same. The duplicate shall be left on the vehicle in a conspicuous place. Every original Notice shall be retained for a period of thirty days and be subject to inspection upon demand by the Inspector.

(12) The maximum fee that may be charged for removal of a vehicle from a commercial parking lot pursuant to a Tow-away Notice shall be \$91.42 if such vehicle weighs 3,628 kg or less and \$98.31 if such vehicle weighs more than 3,628 kg.

(13) Where a tow truck has been requested to tow a vehicle pursuant to this section and the vehicle is claimed by the owner or driver before the vehicle has actually been towed away, the driver of the tow truck shall release the vehicle upon payment of a fee which shall not exceed \$45.71 if such vehicle weighs 3,628 kg or less and \$49.16 if such vehicle weighs more than 3,628 kg."

(14) Where a vehicle has been impounded by a person to whom a tow truck license has been granted, such person shall:

- (a) within 24 hours of the vehicle's arrival at the place of storage, give written notification to the Chief of Police of the fact of impoundment, the vehicle's full description and its license and vehicle identification numbers;
- (b) if a vehicle remains unclaimed or uncollected for more than 1 (one) calendar day after impounding, send written notification to the registered owner thereof within the next 14 days if the vehicle is

registered within British Columbia, or as expeditiously as possible if the vehicle is registered outside British Columbia;

- (c) maintain a record of all impounded vehicles which remain unclaimed or uncollected for more than 14 days after impounding, including a full description of the vehicle and its license and vehicle identification numbers; and
- (d) before the last day of every month, deliver a copy of the record referred to in Clause (c) to the Chief Constable.

(15) Where a vehicle has been impounded by a person to whom a tow truck license has been granted, such person shall store it so that both its license number (plate) and vehicle identification number are accessible and can be readily identified.

U-drives

27. (1) No person shall let for hire a u-drive to any other person, or allow any person to drive such vehicle, who is not in possession of a driver's license for the current year under the provisions of the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

(2) No owner shall knowingly let for hire a u-drive to any person apparently under the influence of liquor or drugs or who the owner has reason to suspect may use such vehicle for an unlawful purpose.

(3) No person shall use a u-drive for the transportation of property for hire or permit such vehicle to be used by any other person for such purpose.

(4) Every person who lets u-drives for hire shall keep a record book in which shall be recorded each hiring of such vehicle, and the record book shall be signed by every person hiring such vehicle, shall be open at all reasonable times to inspection by the Chief Constable or the Inspector and shall contain the following:

- (a) description of motor vehicle, including its make, license number, and serial number;
- (b) description of person renting motor vehicle, including the person's name, address, occupation, and driver's license number;
- (c) time of engagement:

Out: [Date, hour (a.m. or p.m.)]

In: [Date, hour (a.m. or p.m.)]

(5) No u-drive shall be let for hire until the person hiring the vehicle has produced a subsisting driver's license under the *Motor Vehicle Act*, and until the owner or other person in charge of the u-drive office has compared the signature on such license with the signature in the record and is satisfied that they were written by the same person.

(6) The regulations of this section 27 shall also apply, mutatis mutandis, to u-drive trucks, except that a person ordinarily engaged in the business of transporting property for hire may use a u-drive truck to transport such property for hire in his or her business.

Vehicles for hire

28. (1) The interior and exterior of every vehicle for hire shall be kept clean and in good repair, and whenever the owner of any vehicle for hire receives notice, either given to the owner personally or to a driver of the vehicle, signed by the Inspector, that such vehicle for hire is not in a fit or proper condition for use, stating briefly the condition complained of, such owner shall forthwith cease to use such vehicle or, within the time mentioned in such notice, shall remedy the condition complained of.

(2) No person shall carry in any vehicle for hire a greater number of passengers than the seating capacity for the vehicle or the number of passengers such vehicle is designed to seat, whichever is the lesser.

(3) No person owning or operating any vehicle for hire shall load, carry or transport any baggage on the outside of the vehicle, except in properly constructed racks for that purpose.

(4) The owner of any vehicle for hire in respect of which a license has been issued shall, when required, forthwith submit the vehicle for examination to the Inspector, and no owner or driver shall at any time prevent or hinder the Inspector from entering the owner's garage or other building for the purpose of inspecting such vehicle.

(5) Where an owner of a vehicle for hire disposes of it and acquires another vehicle for hire, such owner shall submit the replacement vehicle to the Inspector for approval in conformity with the provisions of this By-law before using the vehicle for the purpose of the business.

(6) No owner of any vehicle for hire shall employ, engage or permit any person to operate the vehicle unless that person holds a subsisting taxi driver's license in the case of taxicabs, or in the case of any other vehicle for hire holds a subsisting driver's license of the type required by the *Motor Vehicle Act* or its regulations for the operation of that vehicle.

(7) Every owner of a vehicle for hire shall, on the engagement of a driver, ascertain the number and date of the driver's license to operate a vehicle, and forthwith report the same to the Chief Constable and shall, during the term of the driver's employment, keep a record of such license.

(8) Owners of vehicles for hire who employ both male and female drivers shall arrange suitable and separate washroom accommodation for each sex.

(9) Within 2 days of the engagement of a driver, every owner of a vehicle for hire shall notify the Chief Constable that the driver has been employed, and when such driver

ceases to be so employed, the owner shall, within 2 days thereafter, notify the Chief Constable to such effect, giving the reasons for such cessation of employment.

(10) Every owner and driver of a vehicle for hire shall at all times obey the lawful orders and directions of the Chief Constable and the Inspector.

(11) No owner of a vehicle for hire who drives his or her own vehicle shall spend more hours in any one day in operating the vehicle than the maximum hours of work for an employee as set out in the *Employment Standards Act* of the Province of British Columbia. For the purpose of this subsection "day" means the period of time from midnight to the following midnight.

(12) Each owner referred to in subsection (11) of this section shall keep a true and correct record in ink or indelible pencil in the English language of the hours worked each day in personally operating the vehicle. Such records shall be produced for inspection of the Chief Constable at all reasonable times on demand of the Chief Constable.

(13) Every person to whom a license has been granted shall, at all reasonable times, permit the Chief Constable, Inspector, or any other police officer or official of the City to inspect any place, premises or thing in respect of which such license has been granted.

(14) Every person licensed under this By-law to operate a vehicle for hire shall, upon changing address or establishing additional premises, so notify the Chief Constable and the Inspector within 2 days by providing the new or additional address and such other particulars as the Chief Constable or the Inspector may require. Every person holding a chauffeur's permit issued by the Chief Constable shall, upon changing his or her home address, so notify the Chief Constable within 2 days, giving the new address and such other particulars as the Chief Constable may require.

(15) No person owning or operating a vehicle for hire shall employ or allow a runner or other person to, on a street, assist or act in concert with such owner or operator in soliciting any person.

(16) No person shall assist or act in concert with the owner or operator of a vehicle for hire on any street in soliciting any person.

(17) Every owner and driver of a taxicab must:

- (a) search the taxicab after every trip for any lost or forgotten property;
- (b) immediately return all property found in the taxicab to the passenger; and
- (c) if the property is unclaimed or the passenger cannot be located, deliver the property to the place of business of the owner or driver and keep the property in safe keeping for a minimum of 90 days.

Effect of non-compliance

29. Non-compliance with any of the provisions of this or any other By-law applicable to a license or failure to maintain the standard of qualification for the issue of a license as herein provided shall be deemed to be an infraction of this By-law and shall render a license holder liable to the penalties hereby imposed, or to suspension or cancellation of the license.

False statements

30. Every person who makes any false statement in any application for a license under the provisions of this By-law shall be guilty of an offence against this By-law.

Infractions

31. Every person who offends against any of the provisions of this By-law, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this By-law, or who neglects to do, or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this By-law, or who does any act or thing which violates any of the provisions of this By-law, shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction of this By-law, and shall be liable to the penalties hereby imposed.

Fines and penalties

32. (1) Every person who commits an offence against this By-law is liable to a fine and penalty of not more than \$10,000.00 and not less than \$250.00 for each offence except for failing to comply with section 7(1), 23(14), 23(15)(b) or (c), 23(16) or 23(21)(a) in which case the fine is to be not less than \$500.00.

(2) Every person who commits an offence of a continuing nature against this By-law is liable to a fine not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$10,000.00 for each day such offence continues.

Repeal

33. By-law No. 4299 is repealed.

Force and effect

34. This By-law comes into force and takes effect on the date of its passing.

DONE AND PASSED in open Council this 25th day of November, 1986.

(signed) "Michael Harcourt"
Mayor

(signed) "R. Henry"
City Clerk

Year 2017 Vehicles for Hire License Fees

SCHEDULE A

A classification of carriers and respective license fees payable by such person.

The following license fees are payable by every person owning or operating any of the following vehicles for hire in the City of Vancouver:

Airport Shuttle Bus	Per annum for each vehicle	\$ 84.00
Airport Transporter	Per annum for each vehicle	\$173.00
Antique Limousine	Per annum for each vehicle	\$217.00
Bus Limousine	Per annum for each vehicle	\$217.00
Charter Bus	Per annum for each vehicle	\$173.00
Charter Van	Per annum for each vehicle	\$173.00
Courier Bicycle	Per annum for each vehicle	\$ 18.00
Driver Instruction Vehicle	Per annum for each vehicle	\$173.00
Dual Taxicab	Per annum for each vehicle	\$570.00
Handicapped Cab	Per annum for each vehicle	\$173.00
Horse-Drawn Carriage	Per annum for each vehicle	\$569.00
Luxury Limousine	Per annum for each vehicle	\$217.00
Motor Stage	Per annum for each vehicle	\$173.00
Part-time Taxicab	Per annum for each vehicle	\$570.00
Pedicab	Per annum for each vehicle	\$173.00
For each person operating a leased pedicab on a daily fee basis	Per annum	\$ 11.00
School Cab	Per annum for each vehicle	\$173.00
School Shuttle Van	Per annum for each vehicle	\$173.00
Sedan Limousine	Per annum for each vehicle	\$217.00

Sport Utility Limousine	Per annum for each vehicle	\$217.00
Stretch Limousine	Per annum for each vehicle	\$217.00
Taxicab	Per annum for each vehicle	\$570.00
Taxicab operating under a temporary permit approved by the Passenger Transportation Board	Per annum for each vehicle	\$285.00
If used also for displaying advertising material, for each taxicabs so used, additional fee	Per annum for each vehicle	\$ 37.00
Tow Truck	Per annum for each vehicle	\$173.00
U-Drive	Per annum for each vehicle with 4 or more wheels	\$ 48.00
	Per annum for each vehicle with less than 4 wheels	\$ 12.00
Unless otherwise provided herein, the license fee to operate a vehicle licensed for one purpose shall be \$79.00 for each additional purpose authorized by this By-law		\$ 79.00
<u>Administrative costs</u>		
Transfer of License - Section 11(4)		\$139.00
Replacement Plate - Section 12(4)		\$ 35.00
Bicycle Courier Testing - Section 15(1)		\$ 38.00

SCHEDULE 1

