

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
LICENSE COMMISSION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR

HACKNEY CARRIAGE

OWNERS AND DRIVERS

1973

John R. Sennott, Jr., Chairman
James F. Reagan, Police Chief
William J. Cremins, Fire Chief

License Commissioners

I. HACKNEY CARRIAGE OWNERS

RULE 1

In Cambridge, no person shall drive or have charge of a hackney carriage, nor shall any person, firm or corporation set up and use a hackney carriage, unless licensed thereto by the License Commission of the city of Cambridge nor shall any person having the care or ordering of such a vehicle in said city suffer or allow any person other than a driver so licensed to drive such a vehicle.

RULE 2

Hackney carriages shall be registered in the City of Cambridge from the true legal address at which they are garaged and in no case from taxi stands.

RULE 3

No license or permit provided for in this rule shall be sold, assigned or transferred without first obtaining the consent of the License Commission, in writing.

RULE 4

The leasing or renting of taxicabs by licensed owners is expressly forbidden, and any infraction of this rule shall be considered sufficient grounds for revocation of the owner's hackney carriage permit license or medallion.

RULE 5

When a licensed owner changes his address or the place at which a hackney carriage owned by him is garaged, he shall, within twenty-four hours of such change notify the License Commission.

RULE 6

Employment cards shall be issued to drivers by the License Commission and the licensed owners of hackney carriages shall not employ drivers without such employment cards; said employment cards to be kept by employers during the period that the driver is in their employ.

RULE 7

Licensed owners shall return immediately to the License Commission the employment card of every driver when he ceases to be in their employ, and, further, the licensed owner shall in writing give the true reasons for the termination of the employment.

RULE 8

An applicant for a license or renewal as owner of a motor hackney carriage shall present for examination in case of each car a valid certificate of registration issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Registration number, a paid Excise Tax from the previous year, and if a Corporation, a Certificate of Good Standing from the Department of Taxation and Corporations, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If owned by an individual doing business in a name other than his own he must file a Business Certificate in the City Clerk's Office and a copy of same with the License Commission.

RULE 9

Before employing a hackney carriage driver the owner will check his hackney carriage driver's license and his operator's license issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

RULE 10

No owner of a licensed taxicab shall paint his vehicle in color or designs so as to resemble other licensed taxicabs. All cabs using the same business name must be painted with identical colors and identical markings and in such a way as to be obviously distinguishable one company from another.

RULE 11

Licensed owners must keep on the form card issued by the License Board, and produce upon demand of the Board or the Police a waybill made by any of their vehicles for a period of each calendar day. Forms shall be kept for 90 days.

RULE 12

All trade names used by licensed owners shall be approved by the License Commission and recorded in the City Clerk's Office.

RULE 13

Any licensee who shall cease to be the owner of a hackney carriage shall at once surrender his license to the License Commission.

RULE 14

No person shall be licensed to be an owner who is not of the age of twenty-one years or over, who cannot read, write and speak the English language intelligibly, or who is addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs.

RULE 15

The License Commission shall refuse a license for, or, if already issued, revoke or suspend the license of any hackney carriage found by him to be unfit or unsuited for public patronage.

RULE 16

It shall be optional with the taxicab owner whether or not the taxicab shall be equipped with a partition dividing the driver's and passenger's seats, and every taxicab shall have a taximeter of the size and design approved by the License Commission, which shall be so located as to be easily read by the passenger in the rear seat.

RULE 17

No taxicab shall be licensed as a hackney carriage until the taximeter attached thereto shall have been officially approved. After sundown the face of every taximeter shall be illuminated by a suitable light, so arranged as to throw a continuous steady light thereon. Upon order of the License Commission a licensee shall have his taximeter reinspected.

RULE 18

Upon any change in the Certificate of Registration of a motor hackney carriage, issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, or transfer of vehicle, licensed owners shall immediately present such certificate together with hackney carriage license to the License Commission.

RULE 19

It shall be the responsibility of every owner of a hackney carriage to provide said carriage with a frame

which will hold the Hackney Carriage Vehicle License and the Rate Card, and this frame shall be so placed as to be conspicuous and may be read by the passenger in the back seat.

II. HACKNEY CARRIAGES

RULE 1

No Hackney carriage shall contain advertising matter thereon without the permission of the License Commission.

RULE 2

Prior to being licensed, all Hackney Carriages shall be thoroughly inspected in regard to general appearance and mechanical condition. Periodic inspections in this regard will be made by the Board and, or the Police. Therefore, all Hackney Carriages must, at all times, be kept in good condition suitable for occupancy and mechanically fit for the safety of passengers. Interior and exterior shall be clean and sanitary at all times.

RULE 3

All hackney carriages shall be thoroughly cleaned, inspected and repaired by the owner at least once each week.

RULE 4

Every taxicab shall display on the interior in clear view of the passengers a card approved by the License Commissioner notifying the passengers that drivers are forbidden by law to demand more than the fare recorded on the taximeter, regardless of the number of passengers conveyed.

RULE 5

Every licensed Hackney Carriage shall have affixed on same a metal medallion approved and issued by the License Board and placed on the rear of the Hackney Carriage.

RULE 6

No plate or number other than the Medallion, Taxi Registration plate and telephone number shall be printed or affixed to the rear of the Carriage. -

RULE 7

No person, firm, or corporation not having a license therefor, issued by the License Commission of the City of Cambridge, shall drive or have charge of a hackney carriage, nor shall any person, firm, or corporation set up and use a hackney carriage in the City of Cambridge, provided however that nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting a driver of a taxicab licensed outside the City of Cambridge from driving through said city or from delivering in said city a passenger or passengers accepted outside said city or from accepting within the City of Cambridge a passenger or passengers for hire if summoned by or at the request of said passenger or passengers by radio or telephone so to do. Whoever violates this rule shall be punished by a fine of twenty dollars for each violation hereof.

RULE 8

No Medallion may be held for more than one licensing year without being assigned to a Registered Vehicle unless the License Commission has been notified in advance.

RULE 9

Every vehicle should have a copy of these rules and regulations therein to be shown to passenger upon request.

III. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENSE

RULE 1

No person shall be licensed to be an owner or a driver who is:

1. Not a citizen of the United States.
2. Not of the age of 21 years or older.
3. Cannot read, write, and speak the English language intelligibly.
4. Addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors.
5. Addicted to the use of narcotic drugs.
6. Has a Hackney Carriage License in any other City or Town.
7. Has a past criminal record of any of the following offenses:
 - a. Conviction of a felony.
 - b. Being concerned in a Lottery.
 - c. Parole or Probation
 - d. Sex Offenses.
 - e. Assault & Battery on Police Officer.
 - f. Narcotics Offenses
 - g. Illegal possession of firearms.
 - h. Numerous violations of Motor Vehicle Laws.

RULE 2

Every driver having charge of a hackney shall have his hackney carriage driver's license attached to his outer garment.

RULE 3

Any licensee who shall cease to be the driver of a hackney carriage shall at once surrender his license to the license Commission.

RULE 1

When a licensed driver changes his address, or his place of employment, or his employer, he shall within twenty-four hours of such change notify the License Commission.

IV. CONDUCT OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS

RULE 1

It is the duty of police officers to observe the movements of hackney carriages, especially at night, and at all times to see that the rules governing such carriages and their drivers are obeyed. Licensed drivers shall be respectful to and are required to answer fully and civilly any questions put to them by police officers in the performance of their duty.

RULE 2

The License Commission will regard as unsuited to hold a license any driver who violates any State or Federal liquor law, or who gives direction, information or service to a man or woman seeking a place or a person for immoral purposes, or any driver who offers such direction, information or service. They will regard as unsuited to hold a license any driver who conveys from place to place a person who is noisy or otherwise disorderly, or who conveys a person who is intoxicated, even though not disorderly, except directly to the place which the driver has reason to believe is the passenger's house of lodging; but this provision shall not apply to cases in which persons are conveyed by direction of a police officer.

RULE 3

When a passenger becomes noisy or otherwise disorderly while in a carriage and persists in such conduct after warning, the driver may appeal to any police officer who shall assist him in any lawful way, and if in possession of the necessary evidence shall prosecute the offending passenger. The police shall observe with particular care the matters to which this section relates, and shall report thereon.

RULE 4

No driver in charge of a licensed hackney carriage, while awaiting employment by passengers, shall park the same vehicle in any public street or place other than at or upon a public stand, nor shall any driver of such hackney carriage seek employment by repeatedly and persistently driving his vehicle to and fro in a short space before, or by otherwise interfering with the proper and orderly access to or egress from any theatre, hall, hotel, public resort, railroad station or other places of public assembly, but any licensed hackney carriage driver may accept employment while driving through any public street or place without stops other than those due to obstruction of traffic and at such speed as not to interfere with or impede traffic.

RULE 5

Every driver of any licensed hackney carriage shall remain with said vehicle while it is unemployed or standing in the streets or squares of the city, unless he shall be necessarily absent therefrom in the course of his duty and business as such driver, but in no event longer than thirty minutes.

RULE 6

Every driver of any licensed hackney carriage shall place the flag of the taximeter in a recording position as soon as he takes on a passenger, and shall keep the flag in a recording position so long as he said carriage is engaged. A recording position shall be deemed to be any position of the flag except a raised vertical position.

RULE 7

Every driver of any licensed hackney carriage shall report to the police station any suspicious actions of passengers or conditions which he may observe.

RULE 8

A driver shall not refuse, unless previously engaged or unless the conditions are such as those described of these rules, to carry any passenger lawfully entitled to be carried in a hackney carriage.

RULE 9

The hackney carriage driver shall not demand from any passenger more than the fare recorded on the taximeter, regardless of the number of passengers conveyed.

RULE 10

Drivers of hackney carriages shall not smoke cigars, cigarettes or pipes while transporting passengers.

RULE 11

No driver having charge of any licensed taxicab shall take up or carry any other passenger after the taxicab

has been occupied or engaged by any prior passenger, until such prior passenger shall have discharged said taxicab, without the consent of such prior passenger. And such prior passenger shall not be obliged or requested to pay any extra fare or fee for refusing such consent.

RULE 12

Every licensed driver must keep a record of all trips made, together with a list of all articles found in the hackney carriage, on a form approved by the License Commission, which record shall be kept by the owner of the licensed hackney carriage.

RULE 13

Every driver, male or female, whose hair is shoulder length or longer must securely fasten his or her hair either under the prescribed head covering or by hiding it in a so called pony tail or hair net while operating a hackney carriage so that the hair will not interfere with visibility while driving.

RULE 14

Every driver of a licensed hackney shall pull his cab into the curb when picking up or discharging passengers.

RULE 15

Female drivers are not permitted to operate a hackney carriage before 7:00 A.M. and not after 7:00 P.M. or after sun-set whichever is longer in any given day.

V. CONDUCT ON DRIVERS ON
PUBLIC STANDS

RULE 1

Every driver of a hackney carriage shall observe the following rules when using a public stand:

- 1) Take proper position in rear of hackney line. Overcrowding, crashing or backing on to line will not be permitted.
- 2) Any driver has the right to stop and take position on any stand where there is a vacancy.
- 3) The drivers of all hackney carriages shall sit on the driver's seat of their vehicles, ready to be hired at once, at all times that said hackney carriages are at public stands.
- 4) As soon as any hackney carriage leaves a public stand, all other hackney carriages shall immediately move up in line so that the only vacant space in the public stand shall be in the rear of the last hackney carriage.
- 5) No hackney carriage driver shall make or permit anyone else to make any repairs to his vehicle while on a public stand.
- 6) No driver shall sit in the rear passenger compartment of a hackney carriage and shall permit no one else to sit therein except passengers.

Provided, however, that the foregoing provision shall not be construed to prevent any person from selecting any hackney carriage that may be desired on the stand, whether it be at the head of the line or not.

RULE 2

No driver shall solicit or pick up, unless called, any passengers within fifty feet of an established public stand when there are hackney carriages on the said stand.

RULE 3

No driver shall park his car in a double line at a public stand nor shall any driver park his vehicle in such a manner as to interfere with traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, at any location.

RULE 4

No more than two taxi cabs of a company or of an association using the same business name may park at a public taxi stand, if a taxi of another company wishes to park therein.

RULE 5

No hackney carriage Driver shall keep food or drink in the vehicle or shall consume food or drink in the vehicle while waiting at a public stand.

If any part, section or subdivision of these rules and regulations, or the application thereof, shall be held invalid, unconstitutional or inoperative as to any particular person, persons or conditions, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of these rules and regulations which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of these rules and regulations are declared to be severable.

These Rules and Regulations are in addition to the duties and obligations of hackney Carriage Owners and Drivers provided in Chapter 34 of the Ordinances of the City of Cambridge which must be adhered to and complied with.

LIST OF PUBLIC TAXICAB STANDS

NO. SPACES	LOCATION
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2	Cambridge St. S/S 344' E Sciarappa
5	Central Sq. SE/S 30' W of Mass. Ave.
1	Garden St. E/S 110' N of Follen St.
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3	Garden St. N/S 12' S Berkeley St.
2	Hampshire St. N/S 379' W Prospect St.
3	Holyoke St. W/S 32' S Mass. Ave.
4	Magazine St. E/S 30' S Green St.
3	Main St. S/S 19' E of Hayward St.
8	Mass. Ave. S/S 20' W of Holyoke St.
3	Mass. Ave. E/S Kiosk in Harvard Sq.

LIST OF PUBLIC TAXICAB STANDS

NO. SPACES	LOCATION
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4	Mass. Ave. S/S 408' E of Vassar St.
2	Mass. Ave. N/S 117' W of Norfolk St.
6	Mass. Ave. N/S 23' W of Essex St.
3	Mass. Ave. E/S 82' S of Wendell St.
2	Mass. Ave. W/S 34' S of Harvey St.
3	Mass. Ave. S/S 20' W of Dunster St.
2	Mt. Auburn St. S/S 115' E of Channing

memo

FROM: Cambridge License Commission By: Mary E. Calnan

TO: Paul Healy

RE: Taxicab Hearing 4/30/79 ADDRESS: _____

MESSAGE: Attached are two reports submitted by Officer Miceli,
to Sergeant Joseph Amoroso, relating to his work in the Hackney
Bureau. Mary E. Calnan

4/17/79

ADJUTANT: _____

BY: _____



City of Cambridge
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Station No. _____

Cambridge, Mass., APRIL 6, 19 79Joseph AmorosoSgt. of PoliceSgt:

Since my transfer to the Hackney bureau on March
12, I have spent a lot of time checking the taxis
at the stands for violations, appearance, licenses
etc. I have investigated app. 20 complaints against
several drivers and am awaiting two hearings before
the license board on complaints from citizens.

Insp. F. Bombino and I have to date inspected 50
taxis for defective equipment and will be doing this
for app. one more month.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. MICELI
Det. Division



City of Cambridge
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Station No. _____

Cambridge, Mass., APRIL 17, 19 79

JOSEPH AMOROSO

SGT. OF POLICE

SGT:

From April 9th to April 13th inclusive Det. Frank
Bombino and myself have inspected 45 more taxis
and I have also investigated five complaints against
five drivers resulting in one citation given to the
driver, two complaints were unfounded and the other
two driven were given warnings as to their actions
and could result in having their hackney license
suspended.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Miceli

Det. C.I.D.

Inspection Certificate

Owner _____

Medallion No. _____

d/b/a _____

Registration _____

Yes

No

Current State Inspection Sticker

Legibility of Medallion and Registration Plate

Meter Seal and Light on Meter

Interior and Exterior Appearance

Medallion Attached to Right Rear of Vehicle

Two (2) Registration Plates

No Broken Glass, Doors or Windows

Doors in Good Working Condition with Working Locks

Automatic Lock on Trunk

Vehicles Clearly Marked with Word "Cambridge"

Company or Business Name Clearly Painted

Vehicle Must have Bumpers and Fenders

No Protruding Sheet Metal

General Cleanliness

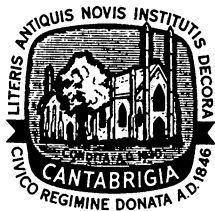
Rate Card and Hackney Carriage License
Conspicuously Displayed

Operator Must have valid Hackney Driver's
License on Person

Carriage License must Correspond to Mass.
Registration Certificate

By _____

No Hackney Medallion will be renewed without presenting One Copy of this
Certificate signed by The Inspector.



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LICENSE COMMISSION

April 17, 1979

To: Paul Healy
From: Frank Bombino, Inspector

Subj: Regulations of the License Commission re inspections,
cleanliness, etc. of taxicabs

At the request of Miss Calnan, Chairman of the License Commission, I submit the following report to you in connection with the order of the City Council dated April 9, 1979.

Annually, during the month of April, I inspect all taxicabs in Cambridge, approximately 248, usually with an employee of the Public Works Department and a representative of the Registry of Motor Vehicles. This year neither the Public Works Department nor the Registry could spare an employee to conduct this inspection with me. However, I have started these inspections with Joseph Miceli of the Cambridge Police Department who was recently appointed to Hackney Carriage duties on a part-time basis.

To date I have inspected 24 taxis of independent owners and 69 taxis of the Cambridge Taxi Company. In only one instance so far has a taxi been ordered off the road until repairs are made. I did find several taxis which badly needed a wash and a few which had faulty lighting. These matters were taken care of immediately.

Attached is a copy of the Inspection Certificate which we fill out on each taxicab. I make no representations as to the mechanical fitness of these taxicabs as I do not have the necessary background in mechanics to qualify me to properly evaluate mechanical defects.

The License Commission also has rules and regulations relating to the cleanliness of taxicabs, the responsibility of owners and drivers, and the maintenance of taxicabs. Violation of any of these rules and regulations results in a hearing before the Board and possible suspension or revocation of the license of an owner or driver.

April 16, 1979

- In connection with the cleanliness of taxicabs, the owners of taxicabs must see that the taxicabs are thoroughly cleaned and washed at least once a week. In this regard, the owners have a contract with car wash establishments and give the drivers tickets once a week so that the taxis may be washed.

A copy of the Rules and Regulations is attached.

Frank P. Bombino

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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting report from Frank Bombino, Inspector, License Commission, re: regulations of the License Commission re: inspections and cleaning of taxicabs.

In City Council,

April 23, 1979

4/23/79

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