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December 4, 1987

Dear Taxicab Operator:

The Ordinance Committee of the Cambridge City Council will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, December 17, 1987 at 5:30 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber, Second Floor, Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

Among the items to be discussed before the Committee are proposed regulations relative to the taxi industry, as offered by the License Commission.

You are invited to attend at this time.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton  
City Clerk.

JEC/mh



**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
**INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**To** James McDavitt, Chairman  
License Commission

**Date** December 1, 1987

**From** Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk

**Reference**

**Subject** Ordinance Committee hearing

*JEC*

Please be advised that Councillor William Walsh has agreed to holding an Ordinance Committee hearing on Thursday, December 17, 1987 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

I have reviewed your proposal with him and he has agreed to not only hear the proposed regulations relative to the taxi industry, but also the proposed regulations for the fees of gasoline and garage storage.

The notification to the taxi industry will be done by this office and I thank you for your labels.

You and your representative are invited to attend at this time.

JEC/mh

cc: Chief Anthony G. Paolillo  
Chief Thomas Scott  
Councillor William Walsh, Chairman



# City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED

That the City Manager's Office conduct a study on all factors and alternatives related to issuance of additional taxicab medallions;

That the City Manager's Office include in this study an assessment of the interrelationship between the number of issued taxicab medallions, the amount of the rate of fare allowed on the taximeter, and the market value of the taxicab medallion;

That the City Manager's study be submitted to the City Council as soon as practicable; and

That the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the City Manager.



# City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED

That the Director of Traffic and Parking be directed not to reduce the number of cab stands below the present level;

That the Director of Traffic and Parking, to the maximum extent possible, allow additional cab stands at the Marriott Hotel, the Sonesta Hotel, and in Harvard Square;

That additional space for cab stands be increased in Central Square as follows:

- (i) Increase from 6 to 10 the number of spaces at the present Massachusetts Avenue cab stand in Central Square;
- (ii) Create a 4 space cab stand on Magazine Street in Central Square; and
- (iii) Create a cab stand in front of Ken's Pub in Central Square, with at least 2 spaces, and with as many as 5 spaces if possible; and

That the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the City Manager and to the Director of Traffic and Parking.



# City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED

That the License Commission establish by regulation the fifty-two (52) recommendations of the Cambridge Taxicab Advisory Committee, which recommendations were submitted to the City Council for its meeting on June 29, 1987;

That the License Commission continue to amend its regulations from time to time to meet changing conditions; and

That the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the City Manager and the License Commission.



# City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

**ORDERED**

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Police Chief to enforce in the strongest possible fashion the laws prohibiting illegal parking in cab stands by non-cab vehicles; and

That the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the City Manager and the Police Chief.



# City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

## ORDERED

That the City Manager be requested to submit to the City Council a request for a \$9,500.00 Supplemental Appropriation to the FY'88 budget of the License Commission;

That, effective January 1, 1988, the taxicab related paperwork processed in the License Commission office be principally processed by civilians working in said office; and that such paperwork no longer be principally processed by the police officer attached to the License Commission;

That, effective January 1, 1988, the Police Chief be requested to attach one police officer to the License Commission staff which police officer would principally work outside on the street, enforcing cab related laws as to both Cambridge cabs and out-of-town cabs; and

That the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the City Manager, the Police Chief, and the License Commission.



# City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLVED**

That the City Council formally request the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority to allow Cambridge taxicabs to drop passengers off inside Lechmere Station; and

That the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this Resolution to said Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority.



# City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLVED**

That all city agencies give consideration to the cab industry when making decisions due to the fact that there are now fewer accessible visible cab stands than previously, especially in Central Square;

That all city agencies appreciate that the fairest and most effective way to motivate cab owners and cab drivers is with financial incentives subject to periodic review; and

That the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the City Manager and to all department heads.



# City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLVED**

That any cab related administrative fines and any cab related court fines be regarded as part of the License Commission's revenue receipts and be used to help reduce the amount of any future increases in cab-related license fees; and

That the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the City Manager and the License Commission.



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY- SEVEN

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO ADMINISTRATIVE FINES IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Board of License Commissioners in Cambridge may assess a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars against a person where said board following an evidentiary hearing finds that said person has violated a licensing statute, ordinance, or regulation enforced by said board and related to hackney carriages; jitneys; livery services; enterprises transmitting requests for transportation to operators of hackney carriages, jitneys, or livery services; or to enterprises which may have liens on licenses for hackney carriages, jitneys, or livery services. No fine may be assessed unless the respondent has been given seven days' written notice of a hearing, either in person, at the respondent's last known place of abode, or at the respondent's usual place of business. Nor may any fine be assessed unless the board finds that a violation of a licensing law enforced by said board, has been proved by a preponderance of the evidence. Any such fine levied pursuant to the provisions of this statute shall be regarded as civil, administrative, and judicially reviewable pursuant to section four of chapter two hundred forty nine of the general laws.

NOTE. — Use ONE side of paper ONLY. DOUBLE SPACE. Insert additional leaves, if necessary.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
in General Court assembled.*

*The undersigned, citizens of ..... Cambridge ..... respectfully  
petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve, and/or for legislation relative to  
administrative fines in the City of Cambridge.*

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**Petitioners are requested to sign names and addresses legibly.**



# City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED That this City Council go on record approving the filing of the attached legislation entitled "AN ACT RELATIVE TO ADMINISTRATIVE FINES IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE."

SECTION 2. This action shall take effect upon its passage.

**PETITION—HOUSE**

Rep. \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_

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[Accompanied by bill, House, No. \_\_\_\_\_ ]

HOUSE OF REPS., \_\_\_\_\_, 198 .

*Referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee on*

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*Sent to the Senate for concurrence.*

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

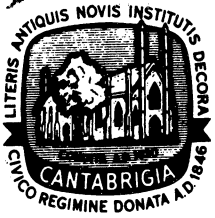
SENATE, \_\_\_\_\_, 198 .

*The Senate concurs.*

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

House, No. ....

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# CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: James T. McDavitt, Chairman of the Cambridge Taxicab  
Advisory Committee

DATE: June 25, 1987

RE: Committee Recommendations

*James T. McDavitt*

Pursuant to an outstanding order of the City Council, the Cambridge Taxicab Advisory Committee hereby submits its recommendations for improvements in the relationship between the City and the local taxicab industry. The goal of these recommendations is to improve the quality of service from the taxicab industry while simultaneously providing members of the local taxicab industry with reasonable compensation and profits.

Over the summer, individual members of the Committee will continue to confer with each other and with the Committee's consultants. The next formal meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 15th.

The Committee therefore would ask you to review these recommendations and then transmit them to the City Council.

Please advise if there are questions or comments.



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The Cambridge Taxicab Advisory Committee on June 10, 1987 and June 23, 1987 with a quorum present on each date voted as follows:

1. To recommend that the City Council
  - i. pass a Council order petitioning the MBTA to let Cambridge cabs drop off passengers inside Lechmere Station;
  - ii. pass a Council order or ordinance requiring all future developments expressly to provide for visible, accessible cab stands, even if the developer must allocate part of the developer's private property for the cab stand;
  - iii. enact an ordinance requiring the License Commission to license radio dispatch services, its dispatchers, and its telephone operators;
  - iv. pass a Council order or ordinance allowing more medallions to be issued above the current number of 248 if by December 1987 Cambridge's demand for cab service is not fulfilled by the License Commission's encouragements of cabs to work the rush hours and weekend days, and by the License Commission's encouragement to use the two-way radio dispatch system.
  - v. to pass a Council order or ordinance requiring the following factors and alternatives to be considered before any additional medallions are issued:

First Factor: How many new medallions should be issued?

Four Alternatives are offered to make this determination:

1. For every \$1,000 rise in the value of the medallion, issue a small number of additional medallions. (The rationale here is that part of the force raising medallion values is the cap on the total number of medallions operating in the face of rising demand for cab service);
2. For every (40) calls for cab service which in a day go unanswered or answered more than (15) minutes after the call, issue one additional medallion. (The rationale here is that one double-shift cab on average answers (40) calls a day. The drawback is that transportation planners estimate it would cost \$10,000 for one 24-hour survey of all cab stands, radio services, and way-bills, and such a survey would be the only reasonable way to determine a precise number of unanswered and late-answered calls. Also, a second drawback is that too many people would be able to mislead the people taking the survey away from an accurate picture);
3. Monitor and verify complaints about lack of cabs made to business organizations, hotels, the Council on Aging, the Handicapped Commission, and the License Commission, and then issue up to (10) medallions over a six month period until complaints verified to be true are reduced to an insignificant level. (The rationale here is that it's inexpensive, uncomplicated, and accurate simply to issue new medallions, one at a time, at designated intervals, until the complaints stop. If (10) medallions over a six month period do not reduce the number of complaints to an insignificant amount, another (10) new medallions could be issued over another six month period); and
4. Revise the formula for setting the maximum number of medallions by using weekday daytime population or total square footage of residential and commercial real estate.

Second Factor:

To whom should any new medallions be issued?

Two alternatives are offered to make this determination:

1. Issue new medallions by lottery to current owners and/or to current non-owner drivers; and

2. Issue new medallions to present or future companies owning ten or more cabs and also owning its own radio dispatch service. (The cab drivers prefer alternative number 1, although reports prepared by the U.S. Department of Transportation show that other cities which have lifted their caps on the total number of taxicab licenses have generally required that new medallions only be issued in blocks of ten or more to cab companies or to an entity willing to become a cab company.)

Third Factor:

At what price should new medallions be issued?

Two alternatives are offered:

1. Have the City sell each medallion at market value (presently \$60,000) and then transfer the sale proceeds to a trust fund to be established for cab drivers' and cab owners' health benefits, disability benefits, and/or retirement benefits;
2. Issue the medallion in exchange only for the annual medallion fee (presently \$50).

If the full market value is paid for a new medallion, that medallion would become a permanent addition to the number of medallions issued and would be transferable just as currently issued medallions are transferable. If a new medallion is issued for nothing except the annual medallion fee, that medallion should be non-transferable and would return to the License Commission for re-issuance whenever the medallion is no longer being exercised by the person to whom the new medallion was originally issued. Also, a new medallion issued for nothing except the annual medallion fee would be subject to cancellation if the demand for cabs should fall some time after this new medallion were issued.

Fourth Factor:

What would the effect of the new medallions be on existing medallions' values and annual income?

As to medallion values: Medallion values will stabilize at \$60,000 if unmet demand is addressed by issuing new medallions before the medallion values rise. If the method used for issuing any new medallions is a small number for every \$1,000 rise in medallion value, medallion values would rise above \$60,000 but this rise would be slowed down by the contemporaneous issuance of new medallions. Also, if the new medallions issued are non

transferrable, the number of available medallions for re-sale would not increase. In any event, the procedures outlined in this Recommendation protect values from falling below \$60,000 if new medallions are authorized.

As to annual income, this can only be considered if the owners are willing to provide financial data to the License Commission. An ordinary double-shift cab's ratio of operating expenses, including drivers' wages, over gross revenue can then be monitored with the aim of capping this ratio at 95/100 or at some other reasonable ratio.

vi. Effective October 1, 1987, to amend the ordinance creating a 25% discount program for the elderly through the use of discount coupons, and in place thereof to enact an ordinance, also effective October 1, 1987 creating a 25% discount program for elderly, low income, and handicapped Cantabrigians paying for a cab ride, as follows:

1. Each elderly, low income, and handicapped person with entitlement to a 25% discount off the meter amount shall receive a photo I.D. from either the License Commission or the Human Services Department. "Elderly" shall be certified by the Council on Aging, "handicapped" shall be certified by the Commission on Handicapped Persons, and "low income" shall be non-elderly, non-handicapped persons from families who receive food stamps and who advise the state welfare office in Cambridge that they wish to take part in this discount program.
2. The driver would turn into the owner an index-type card signed by the fare, and the owner would pay the driver the 25% difference each time. These cards go ultimately to the License Commission from the owners.
3. As an option, an owner splitting the cost of gas with a driver 50/50 may apply to the License Commission for permission to give the driver 52% off the waybill and keep 48%. The card is still filled out for each discount fare. The driver contributes to the extent the extra 2% does not fully compensate the driver. The owner therefore does not pay 25% difference for each card, but fixes his contribution based on a reasonable estimate of what the owner's contribution should be.

4. As an option, an owner leasing the cab may apply to the License Commission for permission to lease the cab for \$3.00 per shift less than the guideline amount established by the Commission and the C.T.A. The card is still filled out for each discount fare. The driver contributes to the extent the \$3.00 does not fully compensate the driver. The owner therefore does not pay the 25% difference for each card, but fixes his contribution based on a reasonable estimate of what the owner's contribution should be.
5. 15% discount off the meter would be available for those cab rides for elderly persons paid through Somerville/Cambridge Elder Services Home Care.
6. The discount cards received by the License Commission would be used for two purposes: (1) collection of data for decision making, and (2) the holding of raffles periodically to award prizes to cab drivers submitting the cards. The License Commission and Human Services Department will ask cab dependent businesses to provide prizes for raffle winners drawn from cards received.
7. That the index-type card used in the discount program be approximately 3" x 5" and be marked on each side essentially as indicated on the next two pages.

(IN LARGE PRINT ON FRONT OF CARD)

PASSENGER I.D. #: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
MEDALLION #: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
DRIVER #: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if passenger is a Somerville/Cambridge Home Care Client \_\_\_\_\_  
Somerville/Cambridge Home Care: 15% discount  
All other discount eligible: 25%

To be Filled out by Passenger

Meter Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Fare Amount \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Passenger's Signature

PAGE SEVEN

(IN LARGE PRINT ON REVERSE OF CARD)

THE CAMBRIDGE TAXICAB DISCOUNT PROGRAM  
IS MADE AVAILABLE TO  
ELDERLY, LOW-INCOME, AND HANDICAPPED CANTABRIGIANS  
BY THE OWNERS OF CAMBRIDGE TAXICABS

- vii. Amend the ordinance requiring partitions in all cabs except strictly owner-operated cabs such that no partition would be required if all drivers for a particular cab in writing waive their right to have a partition installed. This waiver would be written and signed on the driver's employment card filed with the License Commission.
  
- viii. Effective October 1, 1987, enact an ordinance effecting a 25% taximeter increase, as follows:
  - A. \$1.00 for first 1/7 mile (up from \$.95 for first 2/7 mile), and
  - B. \$.25 for each subsequent 1/7 mile (up from \$.20 for each subsequent 1/7 mile).
  - C. \$17.00 per hour of waiting time (up from \$14.00 per hour).
  
- ix. Enact ordinance confirming the power of the License Commission to establish group fares for two or more un-associated parties, to establish a flat rate to outlying suburbs, to establish a surcharge when a station wagon is specifically requested, to allow a discount fare when a Cambridge cab by pre-arrangement or by telephone call transports a passenger from Logan Airport to Cambridge, and to allow a flat hourly rate (of \$20.00 or so) for a "touring" cab certified by the License Commission.
  
- x. Enact an ordinance empowering the License Commission or clarifying the power of the License Commission:
  - A. to regulate livery services transporting people or packages by motor vehicle for hire pursuant to a pre-arranged contract;
  - B. to regulate radio services and radio dispatchers receiving requests for transportation for hire and transmitting such requests to taxicab and livery services; and
  - C. jitneys or special buses.

The statutory power of the License Commission under St. 1930 c.122 to license all establishments "for the letting out of motor vehicles for hire, however computed or determined" may be used as the basis for such an ordinance. Also, it should be noted that the License Commission has a policy of harmonizing its

licensing decisions with the policies of the Traffic and Parking Department.

xi. Enact an ordinance:

- A. to increase the fine from \$50 to \$300 for an out-of-town cab picking up a fare in Cambridge;
- B. to allow seizure of the taxicab and taximeter as evidence when an out-of-town cab is found picking up in Cambridge; and
- C. to empower Cambridge Police Officers, Cambridge Parking Control Officers, and Commission Staff Investigators to issue tickets or citations to out-of-town cabs picking up fares in Cambridge.
- D. To allow Cambridge Police Officers to arrest any driver of an out-of-town cab illegally picking up a fare in Cambridge.

xiii. Adopt a City Council Resolution that would regard cab-related administrative fines and cab-related court fines as License Commission revenue in determining how much License Commission revenue is needed to affect the cost of administering Cambridge cab-licensing programs and procedures.

xix. Adopt a City Council Resolution that would urge an additional \$19,000 per fiscal year to the License Commission's budget in order to reorganize the License Commission's Hackney Division, effective January 1, 1988, as follows:

PRESENT ORGANIZATION

- 1. (1) Police Officer working mainly in the License Commission Office.
- 2. (1) Part-time Taxicab Inspector on contract also working mainly in the License Commission Office.

PROPOSED REORGANIZATION

- 1. (1) Police Officer mainly on street duty, enforcing cab-related laws as to both Cambridge cabs and out-of-town cabs.
- 2. (2) Part-time Taxicab Inspectors on contract working mainly in the License Commission Office.

2. To recommend that the License Commission:

- i. ask the Charles Square Hotel to allow cabs to stand in the front part of the hotel on the hotel's private property.
- ii. delete its proposed amendments on fleets, with the expectation that the City Council will enact an ordinance requiring the License Commission to license radio dispatch services, its dispatchers, and its telephone operators.
- iii. allow Mr. Goldberg and all other medallion owners to sell off medallions individually, with the expectation that the City Council will enact an ordinance requiring the License Commission to license radio dispatch services, its dispatchers, and its telephone operators.
- iv. Deleted.
- v. not enact its May 1987 Proposed Amendments numbered 6, 8, and 9A, if at all, until December 1987 (said proposed amendments if promulgated would require all cabs to work certain days and times);
- vi. continue to regulate the medallion loan amount and the term of years to repay a medallion loan (whether to continue to approve only lien applications where the underlying loan is for \$52,000 or less is a matter left to the conscience of each License Commissioner.);
- vii. to work with the banking community and the cab industry to try to get Cambridge banks and other institutions to provide medallion loans with 10% down, at 3 or 4 points above the prime interest rate.
- viii. collect data from the insurance industry demonstrating what the added cost onto a cab's insurance premium would be if each Cambridge cab were required to be insured to some extent above the minimum amount for personal injury to others and for damage to others' property. (Data is to be collected for the September 1987 meeting of the Committee);

- ix. Monitor whether and to what extent, for the period July-December 1987, there is unmet demand for taxicabs in Cambridge;
- x. encourage all cab owners to operate their cabs on the street to the maximum possible extent during the period July-December 1987, especially during rush hours and during weekend days.
- xi. encourage all cab owners to subscribe to a two-way radio service in order to maximize accessibility of cabs by telephone;
- xii. to charge license fees as follows:
  - A. for a one-year medallion license fee, May 1, 1987 to April 30, 1988: \$75.00
  - B. for a one-year medallion license fee, charged May 1, 1988 or thereafter: \$100.00
  - C. for a one year taxi driver's license fee, charged May 1, 1987 or thereafter: \$25.00
  - D. for a three year taxi driver's license fee charged May 1, 1987 to April 30, 1988: \$50.00
  - E. for a three year taxi driver's license fee charged May 1, 1988 or thereafter: \$60.00
  - F. for a medallion transfer fee: \$250.00
- xiii. take steps to verify that cab owners are sharing the revenue and any meter rate increase with the drivers, to include conferring with the Cambridge Taxi Association and issuing guidelines concerning the financial aspects of the driver/owner contract.

NOTE TO (xiii): The Cambridge Taxi Association (CTA) has not yet made a recommendation in this matter; however, the Executive Board of the CTA has advised the License Commission Chair that it will propose the following recommendation to the full CTA:

- A. (To be in effect until the next meter rate increase): A leasing owner may not charge the leasing driver more than \$48.00 for a 12-hour shift commencing at or after 12 o'clock noon on a Friday or Saturday, more than \$68.00 for a 24-hour shift commencing on or after 12 o'clock noon on a

Friday or Saturday, more than \$40.00 for any other 12-hour shift, or more than \$60.00 for any other 24-hour shift. The leasing owner may also require the leasing driver to pay for all gas (but not oil) used during the lease term.

B. (To take effect on or about October 1, 1987, when the next meter rate increase is approved): A leasing owner may not charge the leasing driver more than \$52.00 for a 12-hour shift commencing on or after 12 o'clock noon on a Friday or Saturday, more than \$77.00 for a 24-hour shift commencing at or after 12 o'clock noon on a Friday or a Saturday, more than \$43.00 for any other 12-hour shift, or more than \$68.00 for any other 24-hour shift. The leasing owner may also require the leasing driver to pay for all gas (but not oil) used during the leasing term.

C. The percentage of gross receipts allocated to a driver on commission shall be at least 55% if the driver is made to pay for all gas (but not oil) used by the taxicab while operated by the driver. The terms "gross receipts" shall not include the percentage commission paid to a radio service in exchange for the taxicab's servicing of particular accounts managed by said radio service.

D. As an alternative to the immediately preceding paragraph, xiii (C), a taxicab owner may choose to allocate to the driver 50% of gross receipts, less 50% of the cost of gas, oil, and radio service. The term "gross receipts" shall not include the percentage commission paid to a radio service in exchange for the taxicab's servicing of particular accounts managed by said radio service.

xiv. Monitor and study whether and to what extent existing financial institutions connected to taxicab radio services and creating a significant potential for unfairness may be replaced by other financial institutions unconnected to radio services. (The "significant potential for unfairness" described includes the potential of the radio service feeding cabs making debt payments to the financial institution, the radio service feeding of cab drivers thinking about buying and financing a medallion, a financial institution requiring a borrower to go on its connected radio service, and cessation of "feeding" and calling in of overdue loans when another medallion buyer appears.

- xv. require any medallion approved for transfer to be exercised within (60) days of the approval, unless the License Commission in writing permits otherwise. (This prevents the unfair practice of holding onto a medallion for long periods without exercising it, in the face of rising demand for cab service).
- xvi. subject each applicant applying for a taxi driver's license after June 10, 1987 to an English Language test; the Commission must provide a list of all words that must be known for this test to the applicant at least (30) days before the test; anyone who, being required to take an English language test, fails said test, shall be given up to one year's time to prepare for, retake, and pass said test; the test shall test ability to speak and understand the English words that must be known for the test. (The actual content of the test and the passing grade for the test will be determined by the Commission after a public hearing).
- xvii. subject each applicant applying for a taxi driver's license or hackney medallion after June 10, 1987 to several hours of training and to a test concerning:
  - A. Knowledge of city streets and landmarks.
  - B. Knowledge of Commission Rules and Regulations.
  - C. Ability to read a street map of Cambridge and a road map of the Greater Boston Area.
  - D. Knowledge of M.G.L.c. 90 and basic rules of the road.
  - E. Knowledge of applicable rules of the Cambridge Director of Traffic and Parking.
- xviii. implement a more-specific dress code for drivers by specifically prohibiting the following:
  - A. T-Shirt, tank top or body shirt, short sleeve sweat shirt, short sleeve jogging shirt as an outer garment, or other shirt rolled up as a tank top.
  - B. Clothing containing a hole or holes.
  - C. Bathing trunks or other swim-wear, or jogging trunks.

- D. Bermuda shorts or other tailored shorts with a sewn cuff, unless socks or stockings which match each other are also worn.
  - E. Sandals or open-toed footwear, unless socks or stockings which match each other are also worn.
  - F. Any hat or headgear, except a baseball cap, chauffeur's cap, scally cap, or other such hat as may be individually approved by the Commission.
- xix. effect the following disciplinary procedure for violations of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, applicable to both drivers and owners:
- 1. For a first minor or major violation: warning.
  - 2. For a subsequent violation considered "minor": 10 day suspension or \$100 civil fine.
  - 3. For a subsequent violation considered "major": 30 day suspension or \$300 civil fine.
  - 4. For any violation considered "egregious": 5 year suspension of driver's license, medallion revocation, or an order directing a cab owner to sell the medallion without possibility of paying fine as an alternative.
- xx. That the following violations shall be considered "egregious":
- A. Using, possessing, transporting, or selling illegal contraband drugs while operating a taxicab.
  - B. Operating a taxicab while under the influence of alcoholic beverages.
  - C. Unlawfully picking up a passenger in Cambridge in a vehicle unregulated by the Commission, unless otherwise authorized by law.
  - D. Intentional misrepresentation made to the Commission or to one of its agents.
  - E. (To take effect July 1, 1990): Failure to speak English intelligibly or failure to understand intelligibly spoken English.

NOTE TO (xx) (E): This in effect would only apply to existing drivers, since new drivers will be tested for English Language proficiency. Since there will be mass testing of new drivers but not of existing drivers, the only way this requirement could be enforced against an existing driver is by an individual License Commission hearing preceded by adequate written notice summarizing all available evidence which justifies the hearing. It is anticipated that any existing driver found to be deficient in the English Language following such a hearing will be given one year's time or until July 1, 1990, whichever period is longer, to remedy the deficiency.

xxi. That the following violations shall be considered "major":

- A. Illegally refusing a fare.
- B. Charging a fare above what is lawfully allowed.
- C. Failure to take the most direct route.
- D. Intentionally taking a passenger who has called, and is waiting for, another cab or who has been designated by a radio service for another cab.
- E. Operating a cab for business with an unsealed taximeter.
- F. Operating a cab as to endanger a passenger, a pedestrian, or another motorist.
- G. Physically fighting another Cambridge cab driver over a fare.
- H. Physically fighting another Cambridge cab driver while at a cab stand.
- I. Speaking or writing derogatory epithets while operating a cab, if such derogatory epithets relate to age, race, skin color, ethnic origin, national origin, citizenship status, religion or handicapped status.

- J. (To take effect at the beginning of the Commission's annual cab inspection period in 1988): Failure to comply with the requirement that certain cabs have partitions.
- xxii. That any other violation not specified in Amendments 16 or 17 shall be considered a minor violation.
- xxiii. That, for every violation, a person shall accumulate disciplinary points as follows:
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| Minor Violation:     | 1 point   |
| Major Violation:     | 2 points  |
| Egregious Violation: | 15 points |
- Upon accumulating 15 disciplinary points within a period of any given 1726 days (approximately 5 years),
- A. A driver shall be subject to suspension for five years, and
- B. A medallion shall be subject to revocation or to a Commission order requiring the owner to transfer the medallion to another.
- xxiv. That the Commission Chairman or Executive Officer, following a recommendation of the Taxicab Inspector, may act as a hearing officer for the Commission in disciplinary matters, with power to recommend a penalty which is half as severe as usual.
- xxv. That taxicabs shall be subject to random spot checks by agents of the Commission; such spot checks may include verification of the taximeter's accuracy, of the cab's markings, of the cab's safety, and of the cab's compliance with all applicable rules, regulations, and laws. The same taxicab shall not be subjected to a second random spot check within the same twelve month period, unless the Commission's agents have randomly spot checked at least (200) other cabs since the time said taxicab was first subjected to a random spot check.
- xxvi. That each taxicab shall be washed once a week between March 15th and December 15th and each taxicab shall be washed every third operating day between December 15th and March 15th. The time and place of washing shall be recorded on the waybill and the waybill showing the most recent washing shall always be retained.

- xxvii. That no dents, rust, or scratches longer than twelve inches in length when all are added together, shall be visible on a taxicab, except that upon written application the Commission may grant a waiver from the requirements of this amendment for a period of (60) days. Such waiver may be renewed by the Commission for subsequent (60) day periods for good cause shown.
- xxviii. That a plastic numbered sticker containing the medallion number of the taxicab shall be provided by the Commission and internally affixed to the lower right hand corner of the taxicab's rear window.
- xxix. That a plastic sticker containing the following words shall be provided by the Commission and internally affixed on the right rear passenger's side of the plexiglass-type partition, or if there is no partition, to the lower left hand corner of the right rear passenger's window: THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THIS CAB IS \_\_\_\_\_. COMMENTS MAY BE REFERRED TO THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TAXICAB INSPECTOR, 498-9021.
- xxx. That each driver be required to carry a card supplied by the License Commission which, in braille, contains the same information as the sticker described in (xxix) above.
- xxxi. That a card approximately 2 1/2" by 15" shall be secured to a pulled down visor on the front seat passenger's side. Said card shall contain the following words: THE NAME OF THIS DRIVER IS \_\_\_\_\_. If a plexiglass-type partition separates the front and rear areas, said card shall be placed on the partition facing the right rear passenger's side of the card.
- xxxii. That no taxicab shall be allowed to operate without permanent decals or painted markings on the side of the cabs as to medallion number, business name, and the word "Cambridge". A taxicab which currently has removable decals or removable magnetic markings shall be allowed until July 1, 1987 to have the markings painted or stained on the sides of the taxicab. The minimum requirement for the size of each letter or number shall be 2 square inches.

However, upon written application, the License Commission may grant a special permit for a cab to have magnetic decals.

- xxxiii. That no cab driver shall use a taxicab, other than for personal use, if the seal on the taximeter is broken, unless the permission of the Commission has been secured. If such a seal is broken on a weekend or evening,
1. the cab may continue during the weekend or evening hours to transport passengers for hire if the cab driver, on his person, possesses a receipt from a business qualified to repair taximeters that the taximeter has been repaired and is working properly, and
  2. in order to get the taximeter resealed, the cab driver brings the cab to the office of the Cambridge Sealer of Weights and Measures at 8:00 a.m. on the next business day following the breaking of the seal.
- xxxiv. That no cab driver shall ask anyone if he or she wants a cab unless said driver is sitting in the driver's seat or is within one arm's length of the cab.
- xxxv. That no cab driver shall ask the destination of a passenger unless said driver is sitting in the driver's seat or is within one arm's length of the cab.
- xxxvi. That at the time a driver is originally licensed, said new driver, on request, may be given written permission to operate a taxicab with a teacher-driver riding "shotgun" for a period of one day; provided that a child who is twelve years old or younger may accompany a cab driver at anytime if said driver is the parent of said child.
- xxxvii. That a taxicab Driver's License shall be issued to expire on the birthday of the driver in the third year after issuance of said license. In 1987, to allow staggered renewal annually, the Chairman may issue 1/3 of all drivers for approximately one year, 1/3 of all licenses for approximately two years, and 1/3 of all licenses for approximately three years. The fee for a taxicab driver's license shall be pro-rated per month of validity if the license is issued for other than a three year period. As an option, a driver may still request a one-year license effective for 12 months starting May 1st of each year.
- xxxviii. That special rates be established in place of or in addition to the meter rate. For purposes of this amendment, "one party" is defined as a family, or as

two or more persons associated in a business or social sense who have pre-arranged between or among themselves to travel in a cab together. "Two or more parties" is defined as two or more persons unassociated in a family, business or social sense. Notwithstanding the provisions of this amendment, a cab shall only transport two or more parties if there is no other cab visible in the immediate area to accommodate the second party.

1. Cabs carrying one party to the airport shall do so on the meter, plus the cost for handling baggage and for the toll. As applicable, the driver will apply discounts for elderly residents, low income residents or handicapped residents.
- 2A. Cabs carrying two or more parties to Logan Airport from West Cambridge, North Cambridge, Harvard Square, the Charles Hotel, the Sheraton Hotel, the Quality Inn, the Harvard Motor House, the Susse Chalet, a dormitory, fraternity house, or sorority house connected to Lesley College, Radcliffe College or Harvard University, any location on Kirkland Street, Trowbridge Street, or Putnam Avenue, or any other location north or west of these streets shall charge a rate of \$9.00 per elderly Cambridge resident, \$9.00 per student and \$11.00 per any other person, which amount shall include the cost of any baggage and of the toll.
- B. Cabs carrying two or more parties to Logan Airport from Cambridgeport, Riverside, Mid-Cambridge east of Harvard Square, Central Square, Kendall Square, Inman Square, East Cambridge, the Royal Sonesta Hotel, the Howard Johnson Hotel, the Marriott Hotel, the Hyatt Hotel, a dormitory, fraternity or sorority house connected to M.I.T. or any other place not specified in "A" above, shall charge \$6.00 per student and \$6.00 per elderly Cambridge resident and \$9.00 per any other person which amount shall include the cost of any baggage and of the toll.
- C. Cabs carrying two or more parties from any hospital or supermarket in Cambridge to the respective Cambridge homes of the parties shall charge a rate of \$2.50 per person, to include any person otherwise entitled to a discount; provided that all of the shopping bags for the parties must fit into the trunk area of the cab.

- D. A cab transporting a passenger from Logan Airport to Cambridge by pre-arrangement or in response to a telephone call may, but is not required to, give said passenger up to a 25% discount off the total fare indicated on the taximeter.
  - E. A cab transporting two or more parties from Logan Airport to Cambridge by pre-arrangement or in response to a telephone call may, but is not required to, charge the rate per person stated in Paragraph 2A above, provided that the points of origin described in Paragraph 2 shall be considered points of destination for determining whether the rates in Paragraph 2A or 2B above shall apply.
  - F. Cabs carrying a passenger to an outlying suburb may charge a flat rate in accordance with a schedule established by the License Commission.
  - G. A passenger specifically requesting a station wagon cab in order to transport both passengers and goods may be surcharged \$6.00 to compensate for use of the station wagon; provided that no such surcharge may be charged a handicapped passenger requesting a station wagon cab in order to transport the passenger's wheelchair.
- xxxix. That, prior to approving the transfer of any taxicab license, the Commission shall require assurance that the transfer will not further a monopoly or near-monopoly in the field of taxicabs by a few concerns, unless it is shown that any monopoly or near-monopoly furthered by the transfer would be compatible with public convenience and necessity, and with other matters affecting the public interest.
- xl. That, unless otherwise approved by the Commission in writing, any medallion which goes unexercised for sixty consecutive calendar days will be subject to cancellation for lack of use, and any medallion so cancelled shall revert back to the City of Cambridge for re-issue without any compensation paid to the holder of the cancelled medallion.
- xli. That a lender seeking a lien on a medallion to secure a loan made to the medallion holder must first, in writing, disclose the amount of the loan, the Annual Percentage Rate on the loan, the initial monthly or weekly payment under the loan, and the loan's term in years.

- xlii. That the Commission shall not approve any lien on a medallion unless the loan provides for the borrower's right to pay off the principal amount of the loan without penalty prior to the end of the loan's term.
- xliii. That during April of odd numbered years, the License Commission shall ask each cab driver who does not own a cab to vote for a representative to the Taxicab Advisory Committee. The top seven vote-getters shall be named to the Committee.
- xliv. That during April of odd numbered years, the License Commission shall ask each cab owner to vote for a representative to the Taxicab Advisory Committee. The top three vote-getters shall be named to the Committee.
- xlv. That the Cambridge Taxicab Association shall be invited to send (2) representatives, and the Cambridge Haitian American Association will be invited to send (1) representative.
- xlvi. That the owner of each radio service servicing Cambridge taxicabs shall be named to the Taxicab Advisory Committee, and said owner or the designee of said owner may attend Committee meetings.
- xlvii. That the Chairman of the Cambridge License Commission, the Cambridge Police Chief, Fire Chief, and the Cambridge Director of Traffic and Parking shall be invited to attend or to send a representative to each meeting of the Taxicab Advisory Committee. Also invited to send a representative to each meeting will be the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, the Combined Cambridge Businesses, the Cambridge Consumers' Council, the Cambridge Council on Aging, the Cambridge Commission for Handicapped Persons, the Cambridge Office of the State Welfare Department, one Cambridge hotel, one academic institution of higher learning in Cambridge, and Somerville/Cambridge Elder Services.
- xlviii. That also invited to sit on the Committee will be one consumer of Cambridge taxicabs chosen by the Consumers' Council and one senior citizen who uses Cambridge taxicabs chosen by the Council on Aging.
- xlviix. That the Taxicab Advisory Committee shall meet at least quarterly with the License Commission Chairman and other city officials to discuss matters of mutual concern to the taxicab industry in the City of Cam

bridge. The number of advocates for workers in the cab industry should be exactly one-half the number of Committee members.

1. That the License Commission, on a quarterly basis, shall mail out to each cab driver and cab owner a summary of the most recent meeting of the Taxicab Advisory Committee.
  - li. That a taxicab owner annually may apply for Commission approval to lease out his taxicab and medallion generally, but such approval shall only be given on the following terms:
    - A. any given lease term during the year must be for one 12-hour shift or for one 24-hour day.
    - B. The leasing medallion owner must retain the right to control the leasing driver's operation of the taxicab.
    - C. The leasing owner must indicate whether the guidelines established for leasing costs to a driver will be followed.
  - lii. That a taxicab owner annually may apply for Commission approval to become temporary partners with drivers who would exercise the medallion and receive a percentage of gross receipts generated by the taxicab service. Such drivers shall be said to be working "on commission". Approval to taxicab owners to work with drivers "on commission" in a joint enterprise shall only be given on the following terms:
    - A. Distribution of the driver's compensation shall occur at least once a week;
    - B. The owner shall indicate whether the guidelines established for owner/driver contracts will be followed.
3. To recommend that the Cambridge Police Chief:
  - i. strongly enforce the laws prohibiting all vehicles excepts cabs from parking at cab stands.
  - ii. effective January 1, 1988, designate one Police Officer who would work full time with the License Commission and who would work principally on the street, enforcing cab related laws as to both Cambridge cabs and out-of-town cabs.

4. To recommend to the Director of Traffic and Parking:

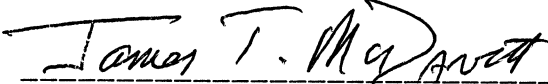
- i. that the number of cab stands not be reduced below the present level;
- ii. that additional cab stands at the Marriott Hotel, the Sonesta Hotel, and Harvard Square be increased to the maximum extent possible;
- iii. that additional space for cab stands be increased in Central Square as follows:

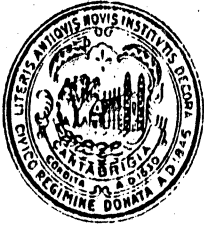
increase from 6 to 10 the number of spaces at the present Massachusetts Avenue cab stand in Central Square, create a 4-space cab stand on Magazine Street in Central Square, and create a 2-space to 5-space cab stand in front of Ken's Pub in Central Square, depending on how many cab spaces are compatible with the finished construction of that area.

5. To ask all city agencies:

- i. to give some consideration to the cab industry when making city decisions due to the fact that there are now fewer accessible, visible cab stands than previously, especially in Central Square; and
- ii. to appreciate that the fairest way to motivate cab drivers and cab owners is with financial incentives subject to biannual review.

Prepared June 25, 1987

  
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James T. McDavitt, Chairman  
Cambridge Taxicab Advisory Committee



# City of Cambridge

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In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven

## AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an Ordinance formerly entitled "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge", as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge".

*Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:*

Chapter 16 Entitled "Public Transportation" is hereby struck and in place thereof the following chapter is inserted to take effect upon passage of this ordinance:

## CHAPTER 16.

### ARTICLE I. HACKNEY CARRIAGES.

- s16-1. Definitions.
- s16-2. License Required.
- s16-3. Issuance of License.
- s16-4. Application and Renewal of Licenses.
- s16-5. Drivers to Know English Language.
- s16-6. Registration.
- s16-7. Licenses and Permits Not to be Sold or Assigned Without Authority.
- s16-8. Number of Licenses.
- s16-9. Change of Address.
- s16-10. Non motorized Carriages.
- s16-11. Police to Enforce Provisions.
- s16-12. Failure to Pay Fare.
- s16-13. Copy of License and Rates to be Carried; Overcharges; Refusing to Carry.
- s16-14. Certain Persons Not to be Carried; Disorderly Passengers.
- s16-15. License to be Carried.
- s16-16. Priority Rights of Passengers.
- s16-17. Property Found.
- s16-18. Soliciting Passengers; Riding in Front Seat.
- s16-19. Out of Town Hackney Carriages.
- s16-20. Obedience in Relation to Standing.
- s16-21. Conveyance of Persons with Contagious Disease.
- s16-22. Special Provisions.
- s16-23. Forms of License.
- s16-24. Rates.
- s16-25. Waiting Time.
- s16-26. Special Fares and Toll Charges.
- s16-27. Rate Reduction Plan.
- s16-28. Baggage.
- s16-29. Hiring by Hour or Trip or Mile.
- s16-30. Taximeter Attached to Taxicabs.
- s16-31. Inspection of Taximeter.
- s16-32. Taximeter to be Lighted at Night.
- s16-33. Hackney Carriage used for Funeral and Wedding.
- s16-34. Penalty.

### ARTICLE II. VEHICLES OPERATING ON FIXED ROUTES.

- s16-35. Rules and Regulations.
- s16-36. License Required.
- s16-37. Refusal to Carry Passengers.
- s16-38. Proper Service to be Maintained.
- s16-39. Manner of Solicitation.
- s16-40. Number of Passengers; Infants Riding on Fenders, etc.
- s16-41. Discharge of Passengers from Cars in Motion; Smoking; Intoxicating Liquors;
- s16-42. Finding Property.
- s16-43. Stopping at Railroad Tracks.
- s16-44. Suspension or Revocation of License.

ARTICLE III LIVERY VEHICLES.

- s16-45. License Required.
- s16-46. Number of Licenses.
- s16-47. Property Found.

ARTICLE IV. RADIO SERVICES AND SIMILAR SERVICES.

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ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- s16-50. Seizure.
- s16-51. Arrest.
- s16-52. General Penalties.
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- s16-55. Licensees to Answer Questions.
- s16-56. Certain Persons Not to be Carried.
- s16-57. Copy of License to be Carried.
- s16-58. Licensees to Obey Directions.
- s16-59. Added Conditions, Suspension, and Revocation.
- s16-60. "License Commission" Defined.

## Section 16-1. DEFINITIONS.

Every vehicle used or to be used for the conveyance of persons for hire from any point of origin within the City, to any other location shall be deemed to be a hackney carriage within the meaning of this Article except a street railway car or a trackless trolley vehicle within the meaning of 5 A.L.M. c.163 s.2, or a jitney or special bus, licensed pursuant to Article II of this chapter, or a livery service licensed under Article III of this Chapter. A "special stand" is defined as a location on private property where a vehicle required to be licensed as a "hackney carriage" is regularly allowed by the private property owner to await the arrival of either a passenger or of a message to pick up a passenger elsewhere.

## Section 16-2. LICENSE REQUIRED.

(A) No person shall drive or have charge of a hackney carriage, nor shall any person set up and use a hackney carriage unless licensed thereto by the License Commission.

(B) No owner or person having the care or ordering of a hackney carriage shall suffer or allow any person other than a driver licensed by the License Commission to drive such carriage.

## Section 16-3. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.

(A) The License Commission may grant licenses to suitable persons who are owners of such vehicles, to set up and use them as hackney carriages, and all persons who are qualified as drivers, and in other respects, to drive and have charge of hackney carriages,

(B) Such licenses will be given subject to such terms, conditions and regulations, and upon the payment of such fees, as the Commissioners shall, from time to time, prescribe in general orders or otherwise.

## Section 16-4. APPLICATION AND RENEWAL OF LICENSES.

New applications for hackney carriage licenses and for permits for special stands may be filed with the License Commission at any time, but applications for the renewal of such licenses and permits already in force shall be filed annually in April. They shall be made on official forms provided by the Commission and shall contain all the information therein

required. All such licenses and permits shall become void on May 1 annually, except such as are granted in April as valid for the year beginning on the next succeeding May 1.

Section 16-5. DRIVERS TO KNOW ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

No person shall be licensed to be a driver of a hackney carriage unless said driver can read, write, and speak the English language, and unless said driver can understand spoken English, sufficiently to discharge the duties of a hackney carriage driver. No person shall be licensed to be an owner of a hackney carriage unless said owner can (i) either read written English or understand spoken English, and (ii) either speak or write in English sufficiently, to discharge the duties of a hackney carriage owner.

Section 16-6. REGISTRATION.

Hackney carriages shall be registered at the place at which they are kept.

Section 16-7. LICENSES AND PERMITS NOT TO BE SOLD OR ASSIGNED.

No license or permit provided for in this Article shall be sold, assigned, or transferred without the consent of the License Commission in writing. Any licensee who shall cease to be the owner or the driver of a hackney carriage shall at once surrender the license to the License Commission.

Section 16-8. NUMBER OF LICENSES.

The total number of hackney carriage licenses authorized shall be such number as the City Council by ordinance shall direct.

Section 16-9. CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

When a licensed owner changes home address or the place at which a hackney carriage licensed to said owner is kept, or when a licensed driver changes home address, place of employment, or employer, said driver and said owner shall, within three (3) days of such change, notify the License Commission.

Section 16-10. NON-MOTORIZED CARRIAGES.

The License Commission may license a non-motorized vehicle as a hackney carriage, subject to reasonable conditions imposed by the Commission upon such a license.

Section 16-11. POLICE TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS.

Licensed drivers will answer fully any questions put to them by police officers or other agents of the License Commission in the performance of their duty.

Section 16-12. FAILURE TO PAY FARE.

Any person refusing to pay, or attempting to avoid payment of the lawful fare, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each offense.

Section 16-13. COPY OF RATES TO BE CARRIED; OVERCHARGES; REFUSING TO CARRY.

Every driver having charge of a hackney carriage shall at all times carry a copy of the rates of fare established and shall exhibit them to any passenger or police officer or agent of the License Commission on demand. Said driver shall not demand from any passenger more than the established rate of fare. When in a public place, said driver shall not refuse, unless previously engaged, or unless the conditions are such as those described in the next succeeding paragraph, to carry any passenger lawfully entitled to be carried in a hackney carriage.

Section 16-14. CERTAIN PERSONS NOT TO BE CARRIED; DISORDERLY PASSENGERS.

The License Commission will regard as unsuited to hold a license any driver who gives direction, information or service to a man or women seeking a place or a person for immoral purposes, or any driver who offers such direction, information or service. It will regard as unsuited to hold a license any driver who continues to convey 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 where the driver has reason to believe is the passenger's house, lodging or other abiding place. This provision shall not apply to cases in which persons are conveyed by direction of a police officer or other agent of the License Commission. 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 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.

**Section 16-15. LICENSE TO BE CARRIED.**

Every driver having charge of a hackney carriage shall at all times carry the license issued to said driver by the License Commission.

**Section 16-16. PRIORITY RIGHTS OF PASSENGERS.**

Unless otherwise authorized by the License Commission, no person having the charge care or ordering of any hackney carriage shall take up or carry any passenger after the carriage has been occupied or engaged by any prior passenger until such prior passenger shall have discharged said carriage, without the consent of such prior passenger. In such a case, any such prior passenger shall not be obliged or requested to pay any extra fare or fee for refusing such consent.

**Section 16-17. PROPERTY FOUND.**

Every person having charge of a hackney carriage shall immediately after delivering any passenger search said carriage for any property which may have been left therein; property found therein by any person having the care or ordering of any hackney carriage and not restored to the owner thereof within twenty-four (24) hours, shall be delivered by the finder thereof to the headquarters of the Cambridge Police Department.

**Section 16-18. SOLICITING PASSENGERS; RIDING ON FRONT SEAT.**

No person having charge of a hackney carriage shall solicit passengers except by a motion of the hand, nor in any public way except when such carriage is rightfully standing upon public stand nor shall he suffer or allow any person to ride upon the driver's seat except as expressly authorized by the License Commission in writing.

Section 16-19. OUT OF TOWN HACKNEY CARRIAGES.

(A) No person not having a license therefor issued by the License Commission shall drive or have charge of a hackney carriage nor shall any such person set up and use a hackney carriage, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting a driver of a taxicab licensed outside the City driving through the City, or from delivering in the City a passenger or passengers accepted outside the City or from accepting within the City a passenger or passengers for hire if licensed by the License Commission as a livery service and if summoned by or at the request of the passenger or passengers to do so by computer, by radio, by telephone, or by pre arranged contract.

(B) Whoever violates this Section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each violation.

Section 16-20. OBEDIENCE IN RELATION TO STANDING.

Every person having charge of a hackney carriage shall obey the directions of any police officer or of an agent of the License Commission or of an agent of the Director of Traffic and Parking respecting the standing of such carriages while waiting for passengers and the route to be taken in going to or from the place of standing.

Section 16-21. CONVEYANCE OF PERSONS WITH CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

No person having charge of any hackney carriage shall receive or permit to be placed therein, nor convey in or upon the same, any person sick or infected with any contagious disease, or the body of any person deceased from such disease.

Section 16-22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

The owners and drivers of hackney carriages which are also motor vehicles shall be subject to the following special provisions.

(1) An applicant for a license as owner of a hackney carriage shall present for examination in the case of each car a valid certificate of registration issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, the date of which together with the car number shall be entered on the application and also on the license of the License Commission, if granted.

(2) An applicant for a license to drive a motor hackney carriage shall present for examination a valid driver's license issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and the date and the number thereof shall be entered on the application, and also on the license of the License Commission, if granted.

(3) Notice in writing shall be given to the License Commission by licensed owners and drivers, as the case may be, immediately upon any change in residence or employment, or in the place in which a car is kept, or upon any change in the certificate of registration, the license to operate or the car number as issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

(4) Owners and drivers of motor hackney carriages shall be subject in their equipment and operation to all provisions of the statutes relating to automobiles now or thereafter in effect.

(5) A vehicle providing transportation for persons who are ill or are on a mobile stretcher or motorized chairs shall be licensed as a livery service and not as a hackney carriage: provided that no driver of a hackney carriage may refuse a passenger on a wheelchair which folds up. No extra charge may be made to transport the folded wheelchair.

(6) Each owner of a motor hackney carriage shall install a protective partition dividing the driver's and the passenger's seats for the safety of the driver, which partition shall meet the following specifications.

(a) it must be bullet resistant, extending from the top of the seat to the ceiling; it must be made of one-half inch plexiglas or its equal in strength, and the side must be sufficiently sealed so as to prevent a hand from sliding past the partition.

(b) It must have a change drawer set in the partition.

(c) The partition may provide for a sliding door on the passenger side so that the driver may put his hand through to open the rear (passenger) door in case of emergency. Otherwise it shall be secured at all times with the fastener located on the driver's side of the hackney carriage.

(d) Power-door locks, so called, are permitted to secure the rear passenger door of the hackney carriage, provided the passengers are able to unlock said doors from their area of the hackney carriage.

(e) This section shall not apply to hackney carriages presently equipped with protective partitions in accordance with any Ordinance heretofore in effect, but shall apply to all automobiles hereafter utilized as hackney carriages not presently so equipped.

(f) This section shall not apply where a hackney carriage is exclusively owner-operated or where all of the non-owner drivers for a particular hackney carriage in writing waive their right to the protective partition described in this paragraph.

(g) All licensed hackney carriages must be in compliance with this paragraph no later than July 1, 1988.

#### Section 16-23. FORM OF LICENSE.

The form of the driver's license issued by the License Commission shall be prescribed by said Commission.

#### Section 16-24. RATES.

The price of rates of fares which drivers of Motor Taxicabs shall charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows:

(A) The initial drop shall be one dollar (\$1.00) and shall cover the cost of the first one-seventh of a mile or fraction thereof, or the first two minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-seventh of a mile thereafter or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty-five cents (\$.25).

(B) Each hackney carriage shall be equipped with a meter which shall be of a size and design approved by the License Commission.

(C) All owners of hackney carriages shall be allowed sixty (60) days from the time a change in rates is mandated to change the taximeter to reflect the new rates.

#### Section 16-25. WAITING TIME.

Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and

the times for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a breakdown of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Seventeen Dollars (\$17.00) per hour.

#### Section 16-26. SPECIAL FARES.

(A) The License Commission may by regulation establish (i) group fares for two or more unassociated persons; (ii) flat rates to Logan Airport and outlying suburbs; (iii) a surcharge when a station wagon is specifically requested; (iv) a discounted fare when a Cambridge cab by pre-arrangement or by telephone call transports a passenger from Logan Airport to Cambridge; (v) a flat hourly rate above that set by Section 16-25 for a touring cab specifically certified as such by the License Commission.

(B) Drivers of Motor Taxicabs and using taximeters shall charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers to Logan Airport or to any point requiring the use of Callahan and Sumner Tunnels a fee equal to the toll chargeable to the driver for the use of either or both of said tunnels.

#### Section 16-27. RATE REDUCTION PLAN.

(A) The License Commission shall regulate the mechanism by which the following rate reduction plan shall be implemented; provided that both the Human Services Department and the License Commission may process any identification cards needed to implement the plan.

(B) Any person sixty-five years of age or over, possessing suitable proof of age, shall be entitled to a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in the rates established under Section 16-24 of this chapter; provided that any such person receiving a ride by a Cambridge cab and paid through Somerville/Cambridge Elder Services Home Care shall be entitled to receive a fifteen percent (15%) reduction in such rates.

(C) Any handicapped person, identified by the City's Commission on Handicapped Persons, shall be entitled to receive a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in the rates established under Section 16-24 of this chapter. Prior to processing an identification card for a handicapped person, the Human Services Department and the License Commission shall verify that such a person desires such an identification card.

(D) Any person of low income, identified by the Cambridge Office of the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare, shall be entitled to receive a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in the rates established under 16-24 of this chapter. Prior to processing an identification card for a person of low income, the Human Services Department and the License Commission shall verify that such person desires such an identification card.

(E) The Human Services Department and the License Commission may, in accordance with all applicable laws, cooperate actively with (i) the holding of periodic raffles to award prizes to cab drivers involved in the foregoing rate reduction plans and (ii) the voluntary giving of prizes by businesses, organizations, and other persons, which prizes are the ones to be awarded to the cab drivers winning the raffles.

#### Section 16-28. BAGGAGE.

Hand baggage may be carried by passengers without charge. The carriage of trunks shall be optional with the person in charge of the vehicles; but, if carried, the charge shall be Fifty Cents (\$.50) for each trunk.

#### Section 16-29. HIRING BY HOUR OR TRIP.

(A) When a motor taxicab is hired by the hour, the hourly rate shall be Seventeen Dollars (\$17.00) per hour. When a motor taxicab is hired for a trip wholly or in part outside the limits of the City, and when the destination is not listed in the flat rate book issued by the Commission, the person in charge may suspend, with the consent of the passenger, the use of the taximeter as a means of determining the price to be paid. In such cases the price shall be agreed upon between the persons in charge of the automobile and the passenger.

(B) A vehicle licensed under this Chapter for the transportation of those who are ill, or who are invalids, or who are elderly may be engaged by an arrangement between the person in charge of said vehicle and the passenger establishing a flat rate price per hour, per mile, or per trip for the use of the vehicle, and in such instance the use of the meter in said vehicle may be suspended.

#### Section 16-30. TAXIMETER ATTACHED TO TAXICABS.

Every motor vehicle licensed as a hackney carriage by the City

shall have affixed thereto a standard taximeter of a size and design approved by the License Commission. Every motor vehicle so licensed as a hackney carriage with a taximeter attached for measuring the distance travelled shall be known as a taxicab, and no taxicab shall operate without a taximeter available.

**Section 16-31. INSPECTION OF TAXIMETER.**

No taxicab shall be licensed as a hackney carriage until the taximeter attached thereto shall have been inspected by the proper authority and found to be accurate in accordance with the provisions of 1 A.L.M., c. 98, s.45 of the General Laws concerning the sealing of taximeters on vehicles used for hire.

**Section 16-32. TAXIMETER TO BE LIGHTED AT NIGHT.**

After sundown the face of every taximeter shall be illuminated by a suitable light so arranged as to throw a continuous steady light thereon. Where the fare is required to be determined by the taximeter, no fare for carriage of persons in such taxicab shall exceed the amount shown upon the fare of the taximeter thereon.

**Section 16-33. HACKNEY CARRIAGE USED FOR FUNERAL AND WEDDING.**

Every motor vehicle used for funeral and wedding purposes only, shall be licensed as a livery service and not as a hackney carriage.

**Section 16-34. PENALTY.**

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Article shall be subject to a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each offense; and any licensed owner or driver who violates any of the provisions of this Article shall, in addition to said penalty, thereupon become liable to forfeit his license and be disqualified to hold a license thereafter.

**ARTICLE II. VEHICLES OPERATING ON FIXED ROUTES.**

**Section 16-35. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

The License Commission, following consultation with the Director of Traffic and Parking, may establish rules and regulations governing persons operating motor vehicles upon the

public street and ways in the City for the carriage of passengers for hire, in such a manner as to afford a means of transportation similar to that afforded by public transportation authorities by indiscriminately receiving and discharging passengers along the route on which the vehicle is operated or may be running or by transporting passengers for hire as a business between fixed and regular termini. The number of licenses issued under this Article shall be that number determined by the License Commission to be required to meet the standard of public convenience and necessity, without harming the public welfare.

Section 16-36. LICENSE REQUIRED.

(A) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in the manner described in Section 16-35 of this Article without first obtaining a license therefor from the License Commission pursuant to Chapter 122 of the Acts of 1930. Within (45) days of receiving an application for a license to operate such a motor vehicle on a fixed route, the License Commission shall consult with the Director of Traffic and Parking, hold a public hearing on the application, and transmit its decision to the City Manager.

(B) The City Manager shall, following receipt of the License Commission's decision as described above, transmit said decision to the City Council, which pursuant to Chapter 159A of the General Laws shall vote whether or not to accept the decision of the License Commission; provided that the City Council shall be deemed to have accepted the decision of the License Commission if the Council does not act on the matter within (60) days of the date when the License Commission originally received the license application. In transmitting the License Commission's decision to the Council, the Manager shall indicate his own approval or disapproval of said decision.

(C) Any application for a license to operate a motor vehicle on a fixed route is to be submitted in the first instance to the License Commission. Any such application which is received by the City Clerk shall be immediately transmitted to the License Commission for attention in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Section 16-37. REFUSAL TO CARRY PASSENGERS.

No person operating any motor vehicle so licensed shall refuse to carry any person offering himself to be carried as a passenger therein, unless the seats of the same are fully occupied, and the number of passengers thereon is the number

allowed the operator to be carried at one (1) time, or unless such person be intoxicated or disorderly.

**Section 16-38. PROPER SERVICE TO BE MAINTAINED.**

The licensee shall maintain proper service over the route for which the license is issued.

**Section 16-39. MANNER OF SOLICITATION.**

No person operating any motor vehicle shall solicit passengers by outcry or make any noise for the purpose of soliciting passengers.

**Section 16-40. NUMBER OF PASSENGERS; INFANTS; RIDING ON FENDERS, ETC.**

No greater number of passengers shall be carried at any time in any such motor vehicle than there are seats to accommodate such passengers provided that in addition thereto children under seven (7) years of age may be carried therein in arms or seated in the laps of parents or adult person accompanying them. but no passenger with a child in arms or seated on the lap shall be permitted to sit with or immediately next to the driver of the vehicle. Nor shall any passenger be permitted to ride upon any fender, dash, top floor, steps, or running board of any such vehicle.

**Section 16-41. DISCHARGE OF PASSENGERS FROM CARS IN MOTION; DRIVERS SMOKING; INTOXICATING LIQUOR.**

No person operating any such motor vehicle shall collect fares, make change or discharge passengers while such vehicle is in motion nor shall such operator possess a lighted cigarette, lighted cigar or lighted pipe while any passenger is being carried therein, nor drink any intoxicating beverage of any kind, nor be under the influence thereof, while engaged in operating such vehicle.

**Section 16-42. FINDING PROPERTY.**

Every person operating any such motor vehicle shall deliver any article left therein by any passenger to the officer in charge of the lost and found department of the licensee not later than twenty four (24) hours after finding the same.

Section 16-43. STOPPING AT RAILROAD TRACKS.

Every such motor vehicle shall come to a full stop immediately before crossing the tracks of any railroad at grade.

Section 16-44. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

The City Council may pursuant to Chapter 159A of the General Laws suspend or revoke any license granted for the operation of any such motor vehicle for any reason deemed by the City Council in exercise of its discretion to be sufficient subject to any provisions of law relative to appeals or modifications thereof.

The License Commission may pursuant to Chapter 122 of the Acts of 1930 suspend or revoke any license granted for the operation of any such motor vehicle described in Section 16-35, for good cause shown, following proper notice and a hearing.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle described in Section 16-35 without express authority from both the City Council and the License Commission.

ARTICLE III LIVERY VEHICLES

Section 16-45. LICENSE REQUIRED.

The License Commission shall license any livery vehicle picking up any person or package in Cambridge for the purpose of transporting said person or package for hire. Each licensed livery vehicle which is not also a licensed hackney carriage must operate either based on a contract pre-arranged significantly prior to the time of the pick-up or based on a contract made pursuant to a prospective rider's telephone call to a company which receives requests for transportation for hire. No licensed livery vehicle which is not also a licensed hackney carriage may pick up a person in response to a street hail or may stand in a public cab stand, or in a special cab stand authorized for Cambridge hackney carriages only.

Section 16-46. NUMBER OF LICENSES.

The License Commission shall determine the number of licenses needed under Section 16-45 to provide for public convenience and necessity without harming the public welfare and that number shall be the maximum number of such licenses to be issued.

**Section 16-47. PROPERTY FOUND.**

Every licensee or agent of a licensee under this Article shall immediately after delivering any passenger in Cambridge search the livery vehicle for any property which may have been left therein, and any property so found therein and not restored to the owner shall within (24) hours be delivered by the finder to the headquarters of the Cambridge Police Department.

**ARTICLE IV. RADIO SERVICES AND SIMILAR SERVICES.****Section 16-48. LICENSE REQUIRED.**

(A) The License Commission shall license each enterprise which receives requests for transportation for hire and which by wire, cable, or radio dispatches any vehicle (i) which is required to be licensed by the License Commission, or (ii) which is being directed to pick up a person or package in Cambridge.

(B) The License Commission shall license the dispatchers and telephone operators employed by an enterprise described in (A) above.

**Section 16-49. NUMBER OF LICENSES.**

The License Commission shall determine the number of licenses needed under Section 16-48 to provide for public convenience and necessity without harming the public welfare, and that number shall be the maximum number of such licenses to be issued.

**ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS.****Section 16-50. SEIZURE.**

Where a vehicle operator required to be licensed by this chapter picks up a person or property in Cambridge without such a license, in the presence of a police officer, said police officer may impound the vehicle, and any taximeter within said vehicle, used by said operator in violating the provisions of this chapter.

**Section 16-51. ARREST.**

Where a vehicle operator required to be licensed by this chapter picks up a person or property in Cambridge without such a license in the presence of a police officer, said police officer may arrest said operator.

**Section 16-52. GENERAL PENALTIES.**

(A) Where a person is required to be licensed under this chapter and picks up a person or property in Cambridge without such a license, said person shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each violation.

(B) Where a person receiving requests for transportation for hire is required to be licensed under this chapter and operates without such a license, said person shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each violation.

(C) Any person operating in a joint enterprise with one who violates a provision of this chapter shall also be subject to a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each violation.

**Section 16-53. REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS.**

The License Commission may establish general regulations and individual conditions relative to any license issued under this chapter.

**Section 16-54. SALE, ASSIGNMENT, OR TRANSFER.**

No license or permit described in this Chapter shall be sold, assigned, or transferred without the consent of the License Commission in writing. Any licensee who shall cease to exercise the license shall at once surrender the license to the License Commission.

**Section 16-55. LICENSEES TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.**

Licensees under this Chapter will answer fully any question put to them by police officers or agents of the License Commission in the performance of their duty.

**Section 16-56. CERTAIN PERSONS NOT TO BE CARRIED,**

The License Commission will regard as unsuited to hold a license any licensee who directly or by an agent gives direction, information, or service to a man or woman seeking a place or a person for immoral purposes, or anyone who offers such direction, information, or service. It will regard as unsuited to hold a license any licensee who directly or by an agent continues to convey 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 where the driver has reason to believe is the passenger's house, lodging or other abiding place. This provision shall not apply to cases in which persons are conveyed by direction of a police officer or other agent of the License Commission. When a passenger becomes noisy or otherwise disorderly while in a carriage and persists in such conduct, after warning, the licensee or the licensee's agent may appeal to any policeman who shall assist in any lawful way and, if in the 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.

**Section 16-57. COPY OF LICENSE TO BE CARRIED.**

Every driver of a jitney or livery service licensed under this chapter shall at all times carry a copy of the license therefor issued by the License Commission.

**Section 16-58. LICENSEES TO OBEY DIRECTIONS.**

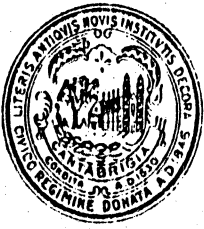
Every licensee and every agent of a licensee under this chapter shall while exercising the license obey the directions of a police officer, of an agent of the License Commission, and if the license is being exercised on the public way, of any agent of the Director of Traffic and Parking.

**Section 16-59. ADDED CONDITIONS, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION.**

The License Commission may add conditions to, suspend, or revoke any issued license described in this chapter, for good cause shown, following proper notice and a hearing; provided that the License Commission shall be authorized to offer a licensee whose license is about to be suspended the opportunity to pay a civil find not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) in place of having the license suspended.

**Section 16-60. "LICENSE COMMISSION" DEFINED**

Wherever the term "License Commission" or "Commission" is used in this chapter, that term shall mean the Board of License Commissioners granted power by Chapter 95 of the Acts of 1922 to grant licenses under authority of section 22 of chapter 40 of the General Laws and granted power by chapter 122 of the Acts of 1930 to grant licenses for the letting out of motor vehicles for hire, however computed or determined.



# City of Cambridge

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In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven

## AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an Ordinance formerly entitled "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge", as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge".

*Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:*

Chapter 16 Entitled "Public Transportation" is hereby struck and in place thereof the following chapter is inserted to take effect upon passage of this ordinance:

CHAPTER 16.

ARTICLE I. HACKNEY CARRIAGES.

- s16-1. Definitions.
- s16-2. License Required.
- s16-3. Issuance of License.
- s16-4. Application and Renewal of Licenses.
- s16-5. Drivers to Know English Language.
- s16-6. Registration.
- s16-7. Licenses and Permits Not to be Sold or Assigned Without Authority.
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- s16-13. Copy of License and Rates to be Carried; Overcharges; Refusing to Carry.
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- s16-23. Forms of License.
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- s16-30. Taximeter Attached to Taxicabs.
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- s16-37. Refusal to Carry Passengers.
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- s16-42. Finding Property.
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ARTICLE III LIVERY VEHICLES.

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- s16-55. Licensees to Answer Questions.
- s16-56. Certain Persons Not to be Carried.
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- s16-59. Added Conditions, Suspension, and Revocation.
- s16-60. "License Commission" Defined.

## Section 16-1. DEFINITIONS.

Every vehicle used or to be used for the conveyance of persons for hire from any point of origin within the City, to any other location shall be deemed to be a hackney carriage within the meaning of this Article except a street railway car or a trackless trolley vehicle within the meaning of 5 A.L.M. c.163 s2, or a jitney or special bus, licensed pursuant to Article II of this Chapter, or a livery service licensed under Article III of this Chapter. A "special stand" is defined as a location on private property where a vehicle required to be licensed as a "hackney carriage" is regularly allowed by the private property owner to await the arrival of either a passenger or of a message to pick up a passenger elsewhere.

## Section 16-2. LICENSE REQUIRED.

(A) No person shall drive or have charge of a hackney carriage, nor shall any person set up and use a hackney carriage unless licensed thereto by the License Commission.

(B) No owner or person having the care or ordering of a hackney carriage shall suffer or allow any person other than a driver licensed by the License Commission to drive such carriage.

## Section 16-3. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.

(A) The License Commission may grant licenses to suitable persons who are owners of such vehicles, to set up and use them as hackney carriages, and all persons who are qualified as drivers, and in other respects, to drive and have charge of hackney carriages,

(B) Such licenses will be given subject to such terms, conditions and regulations, and upon the payment of such fees, as the Commissioners shall, from time to time, prescribe in general orders or otherwise.

## Section 16-4. APPLICATION AND RENEWAL OF LICENSES.

New applications for hackney carriage licenses and for permits for special stands may be filed with the License Commission at any time, but applications for the renewal of such licenses and permits already in force shall be filed annually in April. They shall be made on official forms provided by the Commission and shall contain all the information therein

required. All such licenses and permits shall become void on May 1 annually, except such as are granted in April as valid for the year beginning on the next succeeding May 1.

#### Section 16-5. DRIVERS TO KNOW ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

No person shall be licensed to be a driver of a hackney carriage unless said driver can read, write, and speak the English language, and unless said driver can understand spoken English, sufficiently to discharge the duties of a hackney carriage driver. No person shall be licensed to be an owner of a hackney carriage unless said owner can (i) either read written English or understand spoken English, and (ii) either speak or write in English sufficiently, to discharge the duties of a hackney carriage owner.

#### Section 16-6. REGISTRATION.

Hackney carriages shall be registered at the place at which they are kept.

#### Section 16-7. LICENSES AND PERMITS NOT TO BE SOLD OR ASSIGNED.

No license or permit provided for in this Article shall be sold, assigned, or transferred without the consent of the License Commission in writing. Any licensee who shall cease to be the owner or the driver of a hackney carriage shall at once surrender the license to the License Commission.

#### Section 16-8. NUMBER OF LICENSES.

The total number of hackney carriage licenses authorized shall be such number as the City Council by ordinance shall direct.

#### Section 16-9. CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

When a licensed owner changes home address or the place at which a hackney carriage licensed to said owner is kept, or when a licensed driver changes home address, place of employment, or employer, said driver and said owner shall, within three (3) days of such change, notify the License Commission.

Section 16-10. NON-MOTORIZED CARRIAGES.

The License Commission may license a non-motorized vehicle as a hackney carriage, subject to reasonable conditions imposed by the Commission upon such a license.

Section 16-11. POLICE TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS.

Licensed drivers will answer fully any questions put to them by police officers or other agents of the License Commission in the performance of their duty.

Section 16-12. FAILURE TO PAY FARE.

Any person refusing to pay, or attempting to avoid payment of the lawful fare, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each offense.

Section 16-13. COPY OF RATES TO BE CARRIED; OVERCHARGES; REFUSING TO CARRY.

Every driver having charge of a hackney carriage shall at all times carry a copy of the rates of fare established and shall exhibit them to any passenger or police officer or agent of the License Commission on demand. Said driver shall not demand from any passenger more than the established rate of fare. When in a public place, said driver shall not refuse, unless previously engaged, or unless the conditions are such as those described in the next succeeding paragraph, to carry any passenger lawfully entitled to be carried in a hackney carriage.

Section 16-14. CERTAIN PERSONS NOT TO BE CARRIED; DISORDERLY PASSENGERS.

The License Commission will regard as unsuited to hold a license any driver who gives direction, information or service to a man or women seeking a place or a person for immoral purposes, or any driver who offers such direction, information or service. It will regard as unsuited to hold a license any driver who continues to convey 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 where the driver has reason to believe is the passenger's house, lodging or other abiding place. This provision shall not apply to cases in which persons are conveyed by direction of a police officer or other agent of the License Commission. 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 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.

Section 16-15. LICENSE TO BE CARRIED.

Every driver having charge of a hackney carriage shall at all times carry the license issued to said driver by the License Commission.

Section 16-16. PRIORITY RIGHTS OF PASSENGERS.

Unless otherwise authorized by the License Commission, no person having the charge care or ordering of any hackney carriage shall take up or carry any passenger after the carriage has been occupied or engaged by any prior passenger until such prior passenger shall have discharged said carriage, without the consent of such prior passenger. In such a case, any such prior passenger shall not be obliged or requested to pay any extra fare or fee for refusing such consent.

Section 16-17. PROPERTY FOUND.

Every person having charge of a hackney carriage shall immediately after delivering any passenger search said carriage for any property which may have been left therein; property found therein by any person having the care or ordering of any hackney carriage and not restored to the owner thereof within twenty-four (24) hours, shall be delivered by the finder thereof to the headquarters of the Cambridge Police Department.

Section 16-18. SOLICITING PASSENGERS; RIDING ON FRONT SEAT.

No person having charge of a hackney carriage shall solicit passengers except by a motion of the hand, nor in any public way except when such carriage is rightfully standing upon public stand nor shall he suffer or allow any person to ride upon the driver's seat except as expressly authorized by the License Commission in writing.

Section 16-19. OUT OF TOWN HACKNEY CARRIAGES.

(A) No person not having a license therefor issued by the License Commission shall drive or have charge of a hackney carriage nor shall any such person set up and use a hackney carriage, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting a driver of a taxicab licensed outside the City driving through the City, or from delivering in the City a passenger or passengers accepted outside the City or from accepting within the City a passenger or passengers for hire if licensed by the License Commission as a livery service and if summoned by or at the request of the passenger or passengers to do so by computer, by radio, by telephone, or by pre arranged contract.

(B) Whoever violates this Section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each violation.

Section 16-20. OBEDIENCE IN RELATION TO STANDING.

Every person having charge of a hackney carriage shall obey the directions of any police officer or of an agent of the License Commission or of an agent of the Director of Traffic and Parking respecting the standing of such carriages while waiting for passengers and the route to be taken in going to or from the place of standing.

Section 16-21. CONVEYANCE OF PERSONS WITH CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

No person having charge of any hackney carriage shall receive or permit to be placed therein, nor convey in or upon the same, any person sick or infected with any contagious disease, or the body of any person deceased from such disease.

Section 16-22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

The owners and drivers of hackney carriages which are also motor vehicles shall be subject to the following special provisions.

(1) An applicant for a license as owner of a hackney carriage shall present for examination in the case of each car a valid certificate of registration issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, the date of which together with the car number shall be entered on the application and also on the license of the License Commission, if granted.

(2) An applicant for a license to drive a motor hackney carriage shall present for examination a valid driver's license issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and the date and the number thereof shall be entered on the application, and also on the license of the License Commission, if granted.

(3) Notice in writing shall be given to the License Commission by licensed owners and drivers, as the case may be, immediately upon any change in residence or employment, or in the place in which a car is kept, or upon any change in the certificate of registration, the license to operate or the car number as issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

(4) Owners and drivers of motor hackney carriages shall be subject in their equipment and operation to all provisions of the statutes relating to automobiles now or thereafter in effect.

(5) A vehicle providing transportation for persons who are ill or are on a mobile stretcher or motorized chairs shall be licensed as a livery service and not as a hackney carriage; provided that no driver of a hackney carriage may refuse a passenger on a wheelchair which folds up. No extra charge may be made to transport the folded wheelchair.

(6) Each owner of a motor hackney carriage shall install a protective partition dividing the driver's and the passenger's seats for the safety of the driver, which partition shall meet the following specifications.

(a) it must be bullet resistant, extending from the top of the seat to the ceiling; it must be made of one-half inch plexiglas or its equal in strength, and the side must be sufficiently sealed so as to prevent a hand from sliding past the partition.

(b) It must have a change drawer set in the partition.

(c) The partition may provide for a sliding door on the passenger side so that the driver may put his hand through to open the rear (passenger) door in case of emergency. Otherwise it shall be secured at all times with the fastener located on the driver's side of the hackney carriage.

(d) Power-door locks, so called, are permitted to secure the rear passenger door of the hackney carriage, provided the passengers are able to unlock said doors from their area of the hackney carriage.

(e) This section shall not apply to hackney carriages presently equipped with protective partitions in accordance with any Ordinance heretofore in effect, but shall apply to all automobiles hereafter utilized as hackney carriages not presently so equipped.

(f) This section shall not apply where a hackney carriage is exclusively owner-operated or where all of the non-owner drivers for a particular hackney carriage in writing waive their right to the protective partition described in this paragraph.

(g) All licensed hackney carriages must be in compliance with this paragraph no later than July 1, 1988.

#### Section 16-23. FORM OF LICENSE.

The form of the driver's license issued by the License Commission shall be prescribed by said Commission.

#### Section 16-24. RATES.

The price of rates of fares which drivers of Motor Taxicabs shall charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers are as follows:

(A) The initial drop shall be one dollar (\$1.00) and shall cover the cost of the first one-seventh of a mile or fraction thereof, or the first two minutes of waiting time or a combination of both. Each one-seventh of a mile thereafter or fraction thereof shall be at the rate of Twenty-five cents (\$.25).

(B) Each hackney carriage shall be equipped with a meter which shall be of a size and design approved by the License Commission.

(C) All owners of hackney carriages shall be allowed sixty (60) days from the time a change in rates is mandated to change the taximeter to reflect the new rates.

#### Section 16-25. WAITING TIME.

Waiting time shall include all time during which the vehicle is not in motion beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called. No charge shall be made for time between a premature arrival in response to a call and

the times for which the vehicle was ordered nor for time attributable to a breakdown of the vehicle. Waiting time charges shall be made for time lost through interruption of traffic, with the exception of such time lost through the operation of the opening and closing of drawbridges and the passage of railroad trains. Waiting time shall be at the rate of Seventeen Dollars (\$17.00) per hour.

#### Section 16-26. SPECIAL FARES.

(A) The License Commission may by regulation establish (i) group fares for two or more unassociated persons; (ii) flat rates to Logan Airport and outlying suburbs; (iii) a surcharge when a station wagon is specifically requested; (iv) a discounted fare when a Cambridge cab by pre-arrangement or by telephone call transports a passenger from Logan Airport to Cambridge; (v) a flat hourly rate above that set by Section 16-25 for a touring cab specifically certified as such by the License Commission.

(B) Drivers of Motor Taxicabs and using taximeters shall charge and demand for services rendered in conveying passengers to Logan Airport or to any point requiring the use of Callahan and Sumner Tunnels a fee equal to the toll chargeable to the driver for the use of either or both of said tunnels.

#### Section 16-27. RATE REDUCTION PLAN.

(A) The License Commission shall regulate the mechanism by which the following rate reduction plan shall be implemented; provided that both the Human Services Department and the License Commission may process any identification cards needed to implement the plan.

(B) Any person sixty-five years of age or over, possessing suitable proof of age, shall be entitled to a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in the rates established under Section 16-24 of this chapter; provided that any such person receiving a ride by a Cambridge cab and paid through Somerville/Cambridge Elder Services Home Care shall be entitled to receive a fifteen percent (15%) reduction in such rates.

(C) Any handicapped person, identified by the City's Commission on Handicapped Persons, shall be entitled to receive a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in the rates established under Section 16-24 of this chapter. Prior to processing an identification card for a handicapped person, the Human Services Department and the License Commission shall verify that such a person desires such an identification card.

(D) Any person of low income, identified by the Cambridge Office of the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare, shall be entitled to receive a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in the rates established under 16-24 of this chapter. Prior to processing an identification card for a person of low income, the Human Services Department and the License Commission shall verify that such person desires such an identification card.

(E) The Human Services Department and the License Commission may, in accordance with all applicable laws, cooperate actively with (i) the holding of periodic raffles to award prizes to cab drivers involved in the foregoing rate reduction plans and (ii) the voluntary giving of prizes by businesses, organizations, and other persons, which prizes are the ones to be awarded to the cab drivers winning the raffles.

#### Section 16-28. BAGGAGE.

Hand baggage may be carried by passengers without charge. The carriage of trunks shall be optional with the person in charge of the vehicles; but, if carried, the charge shall be Fifty Cents (\$.50) for each trunk.

#### Section 16-29. HIRING BY HOUR OR TRIP.

(A) When a motor taxicab is hired by the hour, the hourly rate shall be Seventeen Dollars (\$17.00) per hour. When a motor taxicab is hired for a trip wholly or in part outside the limits of the City, and when the destination is not listed in the flat rate book issued by the Commission, the person in charge may suspend, with the consent of the passenger, the use of the taximeter as a means of determining the price to be paid. In such cases the price shall be agreed upon between the persons in charge of the automobile and the passenger.

(B) A vehicle licensed under this Chapter for the transportation of those who are ill, or who are invalids, or who are elderly may be engaged by an arrangement between the person in charge of said vehicle and the passenger establishing a flat rate price per hour, per mile, or per trip for the use of the vehicle, and in such instance the use of the meter in said vehicle may be suspended.

#### Section 16-30. TAXIMETER ATTACHED TO TAXICABS.

Every motor vehicle licensed as a hackney carriage by the City

shall have affixed thereto a standard taximeter of a size and design approved by the License Commission. Every motor vehicle so licensed as a hackney carriage with a taximeter attached for measuring the distance travelled shall be known as a taxicab, and no taxicab shall operate without a taximeter available.

#### Section 16-31. INSPECTION OF TAXIMETER.

No taxicab shall be licensed as a hackney carriage until the taximeter attached thereto shall have been inspected by the proper authority and found to be accurate in accordance with the provisions of 1 A.L.M., c. 98, s.45 of the General Laws concerning the sealing of taximeters on vehicles used for hire.

#### Section 16-32. TAXIMETER TO BE LIGHTED AT NIGHT.

After sundown the face of every taximeter shall be illuminated by a suitable light so arranged as to throw a continuous steady light thereon. Where the fare is required to be determined by the taximeter, no fare for carriage of persons in such taxicab shall exceed the amount shown upon the fare of the taximeter thereon.

#### Section 16-33. HACKNEY CARRIAGE USED FOR FUNERAL AND WEDDING.

Every motor vehicle used for funeral and wedding purposes only, shall be licensed as a livery service and not as a hackney carriage.

#### Section 16-34. PENALTY.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Article shall be subject to a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each offense; and any licensed owner or driver who violates any of the provisions of this Article shall, in addition to said penalty, thereupon become liable to forfeit his license and be disqualified to hold a license thereafter.

### ARTICLE II. VEHICLES OPERATING ON FIXED ROUTES.

#### Section 16-35. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The License Commission, following consultation with the Director of Traffic and Parking, may establish rules and regulations governing persons operating motor vehicles upon the

public street and ways in the City for the carriage of passengers for hire, in such a manner as to afford a means of transportation similar to that afforded by public transportation authorities by indiscriminately receiving and discharging passengers along the route on which the vehicle is operated or may be running or by transporting passengers for hire as a business between fixed and regular termini. The number of licenses issued under this Article shall be that number determined by the License Commission to be required to meet the standard of public convenience and necessity, without harming the public welfare.

**Section 16-36. LICENSE REQUIRED.**

(A) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in the manner described in Section 16-35 of this Article without first obtaining a license therefor from the License Commission pursuant to Chapter 122 of the Acts of 1930. Within (45) days of receiving an application for a license to operate such a motor vehicle on a fixed route, the License Commission shall consult with the Director of Traffic and Parking, hold a public hearing on the application, and transmit its decision to the City Manager.

(B) The City Manager shall, following receipt of the License Commission's decision as described above, transmit said decision to the City Council, which pursuant to Chapter 159A of the General Laws shall vote whether or not to accept the decision of the License Commission; provided that the City Council shall be deemed to have accepted the decision of the License Commission if the Council does not act on the matter within (60) days of the date when the License Commission originally received the license application. In transmitting the License Commission's decision to the Council, the Manager shall indicate his own approval or disapproval of said decision.

(C) Any application for a license to operate a motor vehicle on a fixed route is to be submitted in the first instance to the License Commission. Any such application which is received by the City Clerk shall be immediately transmitted to the License Commission for attention in accordance with the provisions of this section.

**Section 16-37. REFUSAL TO CARRY PASSENGERS.**

No person operating any motor vehicle so licensed shall refuse to carry any person offering himself to be carried as a passenger therein, unless the seats of the same are fully occupied, and the number of passengers thereon is the number

allowed the operator to be carried at one (1) time, or unless such person be intoxicated or disorderly.

**Section 16-38. PROPER SERVICE TO BE MAINTAINED.**

The licensee shall maintain proper service over the route for which the license is issued.

**Section 16-39. MANNER OF SOLICITATION.**

No person operating any motor vehicle shall solicit passengers by outcry or make any noise for the purpose of soliciting passengers.

**Section 16-40. NUMBER OF PASSENGERS; INFANTS; RIDING ON FENDERS, ETC.**

No greater number of passengers shall be carried at any time in any such motor vehicle than there are seats to accommodate such passengers provided that in addition thereto children under seven (7) years of age may be carried therein in arms or seated in the laps of parents or adult person accompanying them. but no passenger with a child in arms or seated on the lap shall be permitted to sit with or immediately next to the driver of the vehicle. Nor shall any passenger be permitted to ride upon any fender, dash, top floor, steps, or running board of any such vehicle.

**Section 16-41. DISCHARGE OF PASSENGERS FROM CARS IN MOTION; DRIVERS SMOKING; INTOXICATING LIQUOR.**

No person operating any such motor vehicle shall collect fares, make change or discharge passengers while such vehicle is in motion nor shall such operator possess a lighted cigarette, lighted cigar or lighted pipe while any passenger is being carried therein, nor drink any intoxicating beverage of any kind, nor be under the influence thereof, while engaged in operating such vehicle.

**Section 16-42. FINDING PROPERTY.**

Every person operating any such motor vehicle shall deliver any article left therein by any passenger to the officer in charge of the lost and found department of the licensee not later than twenty four (24) hours after finding the same.

Section 16-43. STOPPING AT RAILROAD TRACKS.

Every such motor vehicle shall come to a full stop immediately before crossing the tracks of any railroad at grade.

Section 16-44. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

The City Council may pursuant to Chapter 159A of the General Laws suspend or revoke any license granted for the operation of any such motor vehicle for any reason deemed by the City Council in exercise of its discretion to be sufficient subject to any provisions of law relative to appeals or modifications thereof.

The License Commission may pursuant to Chapter 122 of the Acts of 1930 suspend or revoke any license granted for the operation of any such motor vehicle described in Section 16-35, for good cause shown, following proper notice and a hearing.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle described in Section 16-35 without express authority from both the City Council and the License Commission.

ARTICLE III LIVERY VEHICLES

Section 16-45. LICENSE REQUIRED.

The License Commission shall license any livery vehicle picking up any person or package in Cambridge for the purpose of transporting said person or package for hire. Each licensed livery vehicle which is not also a licensed hackney carriage must operate either based on a contract pre-arranged significantly prior to the time of the pick-up or based on a contract made pursuant to a prospective rider's telephone call to a company which receives requests for transportation for hire. No licensed livery vehicle which is not also a licensed hackney carriage may pick up a person in response to a street hail or may stand in a public cab stand, or in a special cab stand authorized for Cambridge hackney carriages only.

Section 16-46. NUMBER OF LICENSES.

The License Commission shall determine the number of licenses needed under Section 16-45 to provide for public convenience and necessity without harming the public welfare and that number shall be the maximum number of such licenses to be issued.

Section 16-47. PROPERTY FOUND.

Every licensee or agent of a licensee under this Article shall immediately after delivering any passenger in Cambridge search the livery vehicle for any property which may have been left therein, and any property so found therein and not restored to the owner shall within (24) hours be delivered by the finder to the headquarters of the Cambridge Police Department.

ARTICLE IV. RADIO SERVICES AND SIMILAR SERVICES.

Section 16-48. LICENSE REQUIRED.

(A) The License Commission shall license each enterprise which receives requests for transportation for hire and which by wire, cable, or radio dispatches any vehicle (i) which is required to be licensed by the License Commission, or (ii) which is being directed to pick up a person or package in Cambridge.

(B) The License Commission shall license the dispatchers and telephone operators employed by an enterprise described in (A) above.

Section 16-49. NUMBER OF LICENSES.

The License Commission shall determine the number of licenses needed under Section 16-48 to provide for public convenience and necessity without harming the public welfare, and that number shall be the maximum number of such licenses to be issued.

ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Section 16-50. SEIZURE.

Where a vehicle operator required to be licensed by this chapter picks up a person or property in Cambridge without such a license, in the presence of a police officer, said police officer may impound the vehicle, and any taximeter within said vehicle, used by said operator in violating the provisions of this chapter.

**Section 16-51. ARREST.**

Where a vehicle operator required to be licensed by this chapter picks up a person or property in Cambridge without such a license in the presence of a police officer, said police officer may arrest said operator.

**Section 16-52. GENERAL PENALTIES.**

(A) Where a person is required to be licensed under this chapter and picks up a person or property in Cambridge without such a license, said person shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each violation.

(B) Where a person receiving requests for transportation for hire is required to be licensed under this chapter and operates without such a license said person shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each violation.

(C) Any person operating in a joint enterprise with one who violates a provision of this chapter shall also be subject to a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each violation.

**Section 16-53. REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS.**

The License Commission may establish general regulations and individual conditions relative to any license issued under this chapter.

**Section 16-54. SALE, ASSIGNMENT, OR TRANSFER.**

No license or permit described in this Chapter shall be sold, assigned, or transferred without the consent of the License Commission in writing. Any licensee who shall cease to exercise the license shall at once surrender the license to the License Commission.

**Section 16-55. LICENSEES TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.**

Licensees under this Chapter will answer fully any question put to them by police officers or agents of the License Commission in the performance of their duty.

**Section 16-56. CERTAIN PERSONS NOT TO BE CARRIED.**

The License Commission will regard as unsuited to hold a license any licensee who directly or by an agent gives direction, information, or service to a man or woman seeking a place or a person for immoral purposes, or anyone who offers such direction, information, or service. It will regard as unsuited to hold a license any licensee who directly or by an agent continues to convey 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 where the driver has reason to believe is the passenger's house, lodging or other abiding place. This provision shall not apply to cases in which persons are conveyed by direction of a police officer or other agent of the License Commission. When a passenger becomes noisy or otherwise disorderly while in a carriage and persists in such conduct, after warning, the licensee or the licensee's agent may appeal to any policeman who shall assist in any lawful way and, if in the 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.

**Section 16-57. COPY OF LICENSE TO BE CARRIED.**

Every driver of a jitney or livery service licensed under this chapter shall at all times carry a copy of the license therefor issued by the License Commission.

**Section 16-58. LICENSEES TO OBEY DIRECTIONS.**

Every licensee and every agent of a licensee under this chapter shall while exercising the license obey the directions of a police officer, of an agent of the License Commission, and if the license is being exercised on the public way, of any agent of the Director of Traffic and Parking.

**Section 16-59. ADDED CONDITIONS, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION.**

The License Commission may add conditions to, suspend, or revoke any issued license described in this chapter, for good cause shown, following proper notice and a hearing; provided that the License Commission shall be authorized to offer a licensee whose license is about to be suspended the opportunity to pay a civil find not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) in place of having the license suspended.

Section 16-60. "LICENSE COMMISSION" DEFINED.

Wherever the term "License Commission" or "Commission" is used in this chapter, that term shall mean the Board of License Commissioners granted power by Chapter 95 of the Acts of 1922 to grant licenses under authority of section 22 of chapter 40 of the General Laws and granted power by chapter 122 of the Acts of 1930 to grant licenses for the letting out of motor vehicles for hire, however computed or determined.



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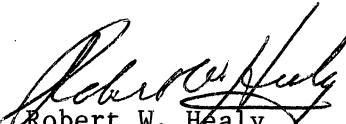
RICHARD C. ROSSI  
Deputy City Manager

June 29, 1987

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With reference to order of the City Council pertaining to the issue of taxicabs in Cambridge, I transmit herewith communication from the License Commission with the recommendations of the Cambridge Taxicab Advisory Committee. The response to Awaiting Report Item No. 11 is contained therein on Page 8.

Very truly yours,

  
Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

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RE: Recommendations from the Cambridge Taxi-cab Advisory Committee on the issue of taxi-cabs in the City & in response to Awaiting Report Item No. 11.

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In City Council,  
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*C. D. Mahoney*  
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