

TOWN OF TRENTON

TAXIS

1. This by law may be cited as "The Town of Trenton Taxi By Law".
2. In this By Law unless the context otherwise required:
 - (a) "Town" means the Town of Trenton;
 - (b) "Council" means the Town Council of the Town of Trenton;
 - (c) "Committee" means the license committee of the Town;
 - (d) "Town Clerk" means the Town Clerk for the Town of Trenton;
 - (e) "Traffic Authority" means the Traffic Authority for the Town of Trenton;
 - (f) "Taxi Cab" has the meaning given to it by the Motor Vehicle Act;
 - (g) "Vehicle" has the meaning given to it by the Motor Vehicle Act;
 - (h) "Person" includes a body corporate.
3.
 - (1) No person shall engage in the business of transporting persons for compensation or operate a taxicab to transport persons for compensation unless he has a valid license in respect of such vehicle, issued to him under this by law hereinafter referred to as a "taxi license".
 - (2) No person shall drive a taxicab to transport persons for compensation unless he has a valid license issued to him under this by law hereinafter referred to as a "drivers license".
4. Every application for a license under this by law shall be made in writing, on a form provided therefor by the Town Clerk and signed by the person applying therefor.

5. (1) The application for a taxi license shall contain:
- (a) the full name and address of the applicant;
 - (b) a description of the vehicle to be used giving the registration or other number sufficient to identify it;
 - (c) the owner of the vehicle; and
 - (d) proof of or a copy of the insurance policy in force on the vehicle to be operated, with the amount of insurance, the name of the Company and the number of the policy.
- (2) The application for a driver's license shall contain:
- (a) the full name and address of the applicant;
 - (b) the person or company for which the applicant works;
 - (c) the owner of the vehicle;
 - (d) the number of the years during which the applicant has been driving;
 - (e) the number of the applicants chauffeur's license then if force; and
 - (f) a statement of any convictions against the applicant under the Criminal Code, Liquor Control Act, Narcotics Control Act and Motor Vehicles Act within five years from the date of application.
- (3) It shall be an offence under this by law for any person to make a false statement of fact in any application.
6. (1) Every person who holds a taxi license under this by law must at all times while engaging in the taxicab business:
- (a) have in force on the vehicle licensed and operated, public liability, property damage and cargo or passenger hazard insurance totalling \$100,000 without any limit on any particular claim up to that amount, regardless of the number of persons involved or the nature of the damage.
 - (b) keep the vehicle with respect to which the license is in force, in a clean condition and in good mechanical condition while in use as a taxicab.

(2) Every person who holds a taxi drivers license under this by law must at all times while engaging in the driving of a taxicab for compensation:

(a) hold a chauffeurs license under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act being Chapter 191 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1967, and

(b) keep the vehicle with respect to which the license is in force, in a clean condition and in good mechanical condition while in use as a taxicab;

(c) have a certificate signed by a practising Medical Doctor of the Province of Nova Scotia stating that he has had a complete medical examination within the past six months and is free from any communicable disease and a certificate stating that he has reacted to a form of tuberculin test approved by the Minister of Health in such manner as to indicate freedom from Tuberculosis infection, or has had a chest X ray indicating no active Tuberculosis;

(d) have an adequate knowledge of the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act and of this by law.

7. Every application shall be deposited with the Town Clerk and shall be accompanied by the license fee required by this by law.
8. The Clerk shall refer every taxi license application to the Chief of Police who shall inspect the vehicle and who shall endorse on the application his report on the condition of the vehicle, and his recommendation as to whether the license shall be issued.
9. (1) Licenses shall be granted by the Council.
(2) A taxi license shall not be granted if:
 - (a) the application has not been completed in full;
 - (b) the amount of the license fee has not been paid to the Town Clerk;
 - (c) the amount of insurance required by Section 6 is not in effect; and
 - (d) the vehicle is not in a clean condition or in good mechanical condition.

- (3) A taxi drivers license shall not be granted if:
 - (a) the application has not been completed in full;
 - (b) the amount of the license fee has not been paid to the Town Clerk;
 - (c) the applicant has been convicted within the preceding two years of any offence against the Criminal Code or against the Liquor Control Act, Narcotics Control Act or the Excise Act(Canada);
 - (d) the applicant is not in possession of a chauffeur's license or is not of the age required under the Motor Vehicle Act for a person operating a taxi;
 - (e) at the time of the application the number of taxi licenses issued by the Town is equal to the maximum permitted by subsection (4) of this Section.
- (4) The number of persons licensed to engage in the business of transporting persons for compensation or operate a taxicab to transport persons for compensation within the town shall not exceed seven at a time.
10. A license issued under this by law shall be valid until the first day of April next following its issue, unless sooner revoked or suspended.
11. (1) The Traffic Authority may suspend for such period not exceeding one year as he may determine, or may revoke a taxi license issued under this by law for any of the following reasons:
 - (a) that the insurance required by Section 6 hereof is no longer in effect; or
 - (b) that the vehicle operated under the license is not in clean condition or in good mechanical condition;
 - (c) that the licensee has since the date of issue of the license been convicted of an offence against the Criminal Code, the Liquor Control Act, the Narcotics Control Act, or the Excise Act. (Canada).

- (2) The traffic Authority may suspend for such period not exceeding one year as he may determine, or may revoke a taxi driver's license under this by law if the licensee has since the date of issue of the license been convicted of an offence against the Criminal Code, the Liquor Control Act, the Narcotics Control Act, or the Excise Act. (Canada).
 - (3) The person whose license has been suspended or revoked may appeal from the action of the Traffic Authority, to the Police Commission as he may determine, and the Commission may in accordance with this by law either:
 - (a) approve the action of the Traffic Authority, or
 - (b) vary the action of the Traffic Authority, or
 - (c) allow the appeal and set aside the action of the Traffic Authority.
12. If the license is not granted within thirty days after the application has been filed with the Clerk, the Clerk shall return to the applicant the amount of the license fee deposited with him.
 13. Every taxicab shall have prominently displayed on its exterior, a sign bearing the word "Taxi" which sign shall be lighted after dark and shall be clearly visible at all times from a distance of two hundred feet.
 14. The Traffic Authority may specify places within the town to be used as taxi stands. No owner or driver of any taxicab shall permit the same when not engaged to stand on any public highway except at specified stands, except that if no taxi stands have been provided, he may park his vehicle in the same manner and in the same places as the owner of any other vehicle.
 15. The amount of the license fee shall be as follows:
 - (a) for a taxi license for a vehicle \$25.00
 - (b) for a taxi license for each vehicle after the first..... \$15.00
 - (c) for a taxi driver's license \$ 5.00

16. (1) No license under this by law may be transferred from one person to another.
- (2) A taxi license shall be issued for one vehicle only, a description whereof shall be given on the license. If the owner wishes to discontinue the use of that vehicle and to substitute another, the Chief of Police shall, if the latter vehicle complies with Section 6, authorize the use of the license for such vehicle instead of for the one with respect to which it was originally issued, and endorse the license to that effect.
17. Nothing in this by law shall apply to a bus or a public utility as defined in the Public Utilities Act.
18. Any person who violates any of these provisions of this by law shall be liable on conviction to a penalty in accordance with Section 266 of the Motor Vehicle Act.
19. All former taxi by laws of the Town are hereby repealed.