

ORDINANCE No. 16

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A LICENSE FOR THE DRIVER OR OPERATOR OF TAXICABS; REGULATING AND PRESCRIBING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED OR COLLECTED FOR TAXI SERVICE; PRESCRIBING THE RATE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CONDUCTING A TAXICAB BUSINESS; DESIGNATING THE FARE TO BE CHARGED PASSENGERS AS THE SAME ACCRUES; REQUIRING THE DRIVERS OF TAXICABS TO DELIVER ARTICLES LEFT IN TAXICABS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; RECITING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS CUMULATIVE AND SHALL REPEAL ONLY SUCH PORTIONS OF SUCH ORDINANCES AS MAY BE IN DIRECT CONFLICT THEREWITH AND RECITING THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Section 1. For the purpose of this ordinance:

- (a) The term "taxicab" is hereby defined, and shall be construed to mean any automobile engaged in the transportation of persons, the distance or route of which is under the direction of the passenger or passengers, and which does not operate regularly, or at intervals over a designated route or routes, and which is fitted with a meter or device by which the charge for hire is mechanically calculated by measuring and recording the distance traveled, or the waiting time, or both.
- (b) The word "permit" as used in this ordinance shall mean the license granted by the City of Springfield, Bay County, Florida.
- (c) The word "person" as used in this ordinance shall include an individual, a firm, a co-partnership, a corporation, a company or an association or joint association.
- (d) The word "cruiser" is hereby defined, and shall be construed to mean the act of driving a taxi for hire back and forth, in search of passengers, upon thoroughfares designated as bus routes, but shall not include the parking of such vehicles near places of public entertainment where crowds are likely to congregate, nor shall it be defined so as to prohibit a taxicab from picking up passengers on a bus route by appointment or prior arrangement.
- (e) The term "driver" shall be held to mean the driver or operator of any taxicab or automobile for hire.

Section 2. Every prospective driver of a taxicab shall first make application to the City Commission, on forms to be supplied by the City Commission, which shall contain the information as desired and required by the City Commission. The application, in addition to any other information required by the City Commission, shall provide for an affidavit of the applicant that he is,

- (1) A citizen of the United States, stating the date and place of birth.
- (2) Able to speak, read and write the English language.
- (3) Free of defective vision, defective hearing, heart trouble, or any other infirmity which would render him unsafe for the proper operation of a public vehicle.
- (4) Not addicted to the use of alcoholic drinks or drugs.

In addition to the above application, applicants for licenses for driving taxicabs shall furnish photographs which shall have been taken not more than thirty (30) days prior to the application and shall be of the dimensions required by the City Commission. Applicants shall have affixed or attached this fingerprints, to be taken and affixed by the Police Department of the City of Springfield, Bay County, Florida. No driver or operator of any taxicab shall be required to pay a license fee, as such. When engaged in driving or operating a taxicab, all drivers shall have a card displayed within the taxicab so that the same may be seen by any occupant thereof, which card shall clearly state the following:

- (1) His name; (2) His age, height, and weight; (3) His color, and
(4) The color of his eyes and hair.

In addition to the above information, there shall be attached to such card a photograph and fingerprint of such driver. The City of Springfield, Bay County, Florida, shall designate any further or additional information which shall be appended to such card.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any taxicab, as herein defined, to charge or collect, or to attempt to charge or collect any rate or fare in excess of the following schedule of maximum rates, to-wit:

25¢ For the first one-quarter ($1/4$) mile, or fraction thereof, traveled;
plus

10¢ For each additional one-half ($1/2$) mile, or fraction thereof, traveled;
plus

5¢ For each three (3) minutes, or fraction of waiting time, requested
by passengers; plus

10¢ Per piece of hand luggage in excess of two (2), and which are not
carried in passenger's lap.

Said maximum fares shall be applicable to each trip made by such taxicab, irrespective of the number of passengers, and the point of origin or termination of such trip.

Section 4. The license tax for the occupation of operating a taxicab company shall be computed and calculated on the basis of the number of vehicles used by each taxicab company and shall be chargeable at the rate of \$55.00 per year per cab, beginning with the license year October 1, 1951, and annually thereafter.

Section 5. All drivers of taxicabs shall promptly deliver to the Police Department all property left in such vehicle by passengers, and all drivers failing so to do shall be deemed guilty of violating this ordinance. When articles left in such vehicles are delivered to the Police Department, the Police officer on duty shall make an entry of the fact in a book provided for that purpose, and shall keep all such articles until claimed by the owner, or disposed of pursuant to resolution of the City Commission.

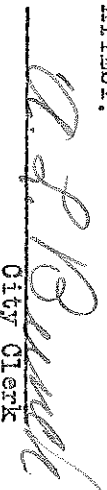
Section 6. Any person, firm or corporation found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$100.00 or imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition thereto, the Municipal Judge, in his discretion, may revoke or suspend the license of any driver or operator found guilty of violating any of the terms or provision, of this ordinance.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be cumulative and shall repeal only such portions of such ordinances as may be in direct conflict therewith and then only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. This ordinance to take effect as prescribed by law.

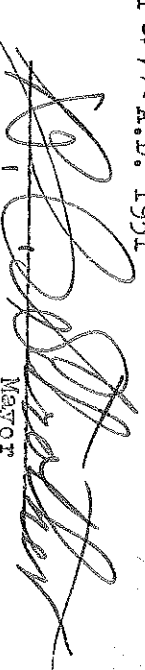
PASSED THIS 4 day of SEPT. A.D. 1951.

ATTEST:


City Clerk


Mayor

Examined and approved by me this 4 day of SEPT. A.D. 1951


Mayor