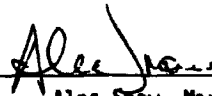


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ursuant to the power conferred by Section 201 of the Municipalities Act, the Town Council of Labrador City has made the following Regulations:


Alec Snow, Mayor

TAXI REGULATIONS

A. INTERPRETATION

1. For the purpose of these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires;
 - a) "Act" shall mean The Municipalities Act, 1979.
 - b) "Council" means the Town Council of the Town of Labrador City.
 - c) "Town" means the Town of Labrador City as defined by Order-in-Council dated the 27th day of June, 1961 or any amendments thereto.
 - d) "Inspector" shall mean any person appointed by Council to supervise all vehicles and persons licenced under these Regulations and to enforce compliance with these Regulations.
 - e) "Driver" shall be held to include every person in actual charge of the operation of a taxicab, whether as owner or agent, licensee servant or employee of the owner.
 - f) "Chauffeur's Licence" shall be licence granted by the Town to a person to drive a taxicab upon the streets of the Town of Labrador City.
 - g) "Taxi" or "Taxicab" shall mean any vehicles of any description whatever, conveying or for the conveyance of passengers for hire or compensation, and designed to carry not more than five seated passengers in addition to the driver.

- h) "Owner" shall be construed to include any person, firm or corporation who or which has the control, direction, maintenance and benefit of the collection of revenue derived from the operation of any taxicab or taxicabs whether as owner licensee or bailee, or in possession under any conditional sale or hire purchase agreement.
- i) "Hire" or "Compensation" shall mean and include any money, article of value, payment, consideration, reward, tip, profit, donation or gratuity paid to, accepted or received by the owner or driver of any taxi in exchange for the transportation of a person or persons, whether paid upon solicitation, demand, or contract, or voluntarily, or intended as gratuity or donation.
- j) "Meter" or "Taximeter" means and includes a mechanical instrument or device attached to a taxicab by which the charge for hire of the taxi is mechanically calculated, either for distance travelled or for waiting or for both, and upon which such charge is plainly registered by means of figures indicating dollars and cents.
- k) "Waiting Time" means the time consumed while the taxi is not in motion at the direction of a passenger and also the time consumed while waiting for a passenger after having responded to a call, but no charge shall be made for the time consumed by the premature response to a call or for the first three minutes following timely arrival at any locality in response to a call, or for time lost through traffic interruptions or for delays caused by the inefficiency of the taxicab or its driver.
- l) "Town Clerk" means the Town Clerk of the Town of Labrador City.

- 2. The provisions of these Regulations shall apply to all taxicabs plying for hire, used or operated within the Town, and to the owners and drivers of all such taxicabs.

B. LICENCES

- 3. The owner of any taxicab shall not ply for hire herewith, or use or operate the same, or cause to allow the same to

be used or operated within the Town without having obtained from the Council an operating licence in respect of same. Such licence shall be in the form determined from time to time by Council. The owner shall, prior to obtaining an operating licence, pay such fee therefore to the Town as may be prescribed by these Regulations.

4. It is a condition of each annual taxicab operating licence that the holder of the licence must be the legal or beneficial owner of each licensed vehicle. For the purpose of this provision, ownership includes possession of a vehicle under a conditional sale or hire purchase agreement.
5. Any person desiring a licence to operate a taxicab covered by these Regulations shall file an application therefore with the Council, and such application shall be verified by oath of the applicant if a natural person, or by oath of an officer or partner of the applicant if the applicant be a corporation, partnership association, or unincorporated company. The application shall be in such form and contain such information as the Council may from time to time require including full disclosure as to the extent and quality of such operation and the manner in which such proposed operation is to be conducted.
6. Every owner of more than one taxicab required to be licensed under these Regulations shall take out a separate licence for each taxicab.
7. No licence granted under the provisions of these Regulations shall be assigned, transferred, or alienated to any person, firm or corporation without the written consent of Council, provided, however, that if any holder of a licence dies or is declared insolvent or makes any assignment for the benefit of creditors or retires from business, a licence for the unexpired term of the original licence may be issued to the purchaser of his/her taxicab on payment of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) provided such purchaser is, in the opinion of the Council, a fit and proper person to receive such a licence.
8. No licence under these Regulations shall be granted to any person who is not, in the opinion of Council, a fit and proper

person to hold a licence for which application is made, and due inquiry as to the fitness of the applicant shall be made by or on behalf of the Council.

9. The Council may from time to time fix and alter the total number of taxicabs which may be licenced under these Regulations and thereafter no licences in excess of the number so fixed shall be issued by the Council.
10. Before a licence is issued, the applicant must establish to the satisfaction of Council that he has Public Liability and recognized insurance coverage from a recognized insurance company doing business in Newfoundland, and such coverage shall be not less than the minimum limits established from time to time by the Public Utilities Board and the Highway Traffic Act for the Province of Newfoundland.
11. No taxicab shall operate in the Town without having public liability and passenger insurance and the Town Clerk shall have the power to rescind licences on which insurance has expired or has been cancelled.
12. No person shall drive or act as a driver of any taxicab plying for hire within the Town without first having obtained from Council a Chauffeur's Licence. Such licence shall be in the form determined by Council and shall contain such information as may be required to ensure compliance with the provisions of these Regulations.

All applications where there is evidence of a criminal record shall be referred to Council for approval prior to issuance of a licence.

13. The person shall, prior to obtaining a Chauffeur's Licence, pay such fee therefore to the Town as may be prescribed by these Regulations.
14. The prescribed fees for licence to be issued under these Regulations shall be as follows:
 1. Taxicab Operating Licence --- \$ 25.00 per taxicab
 2. Chauffeur's Licence ----- \$ 5.00 per driver

15. Every licence issued shall be an annual licence and shall run from the 1st day of January of one year and expire on the 31st day of December in the same year.

C. EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION

16. It shall be unlawful for any owner, licensee, lessee or driver to ply for hire with, use or operate or cause to be used or operated, any taxicab in the Town of Labrador City unless and until such taxicab shall be equipped with a taximeter of the type and design approved by Council or The Inspector, and adjusted in accordance with the tariff prescribed in Schedule "A" of this Regulations and it shall be the duty of every owner operating such taxicab, and also the driver thereof, to keep such meter operating at all times within such standard of accuracy as may be prescribed from time to time by the Council. On any trip to which the tariff of fares provides by this Regulation applies, no passenger shall be in any such taxicab unless the said taximeter shall be in operating condition at all times.

17. a) Every taxicab shall at all times be in good mechanical condition and have such components and accessories as required under the Highway Traffic Act.

- b) No owner or driver licenced under these Regulations shall exhibit on or about his/her taxicab any number, sign or card other than these approved by or obtained from the Council or the Inspector, except his/her motor vehicle plates.

- c) Taxis shall be equipped with an identity light attached to the top of the cab, which light shall be constructed in one unit consisting of an illuminated plate or cylinder upon which is printed "For Hire" or name under which the taxicab is operating. The identity light shall be connected to a manual switch within reach of the driver, and such identity light will be illuminated indicating the taxicab is vacant and for hire, and the said identity light shall be extinguished when the taxicab is occupied with passengers.

18. The owner or driver of every taxicab licenced under these

Regulations shall keep the interior and exterior of such taxicab clean, sanitary and dry, and in good repair, and whenever the owner of any such cab receives a notice either given to his or her driver and signed by the Inspector, that such taxicab is not in a fit or proper condition for use, stating briefly the items complained of, such owner shall within the time mentioned in such notice put the same in fit and proper condition. At least once every seven days, the interior finish, glass and doors shall be cleaned thoroughly with suitable antiseptic solutions.

19. The owner of every taxicab in respect of which a licence has been issued under these Regulations shall, when required, submit the taxicab for examination by the Inspector, or any person authorized by him/her, and no owner or driver shall at any time, when the taxicab is not employed, prevent or hinder the said Inspector or any person authorized by him/her, from entering the same or at any time prevent or hinder him/her from entering his/her garage or other building for the purpose of inspecting the same.
20. When any licenced owner disposes of their taxicab and acquires another taxicab in its place, he/she shall submit the latter taxicab to the Inspector for approval before using the same.
21. No licenced owner of any taxicab shall employ any person other than a licenced driver as the driver of their taxicab, or permit such taxicab to be driver by or placed upon any stand in charge of an unlicensed person.
22. Every owner and driver licenced under these Regulations shall be the full age of nineteen years and hold a valid chauffeur's licence from the Town.
23. No owner or driver licenced under these Regulations shall wash or make repairs to his/her taxicab while upon any public stand.
24. No licenced owner or driver shall take, consume, or have in their possession any liquor while they are in charge of a taxicab nor shall the use of liquor by them be apparent while they are in charge of the taxicab.

25. Every driver licenced under these Regulations shall be properly dressed, neat and clean in their person, and be civil and well behaved.
26. Each vehicle licenced under these Regulations shall be of a uniform color code approved by Council with the name of the company affixed to each vehicle such that it can be seen from a distance.
27. The level of dispatching service shall be approved by Council and shall be such as to provide adequate service to the public at all times.
28. ✓ Every person, firm or corporation operating any taxicab shall maintain a fixed place of business or location approved by the Council, and shall not stand or ply for hire or carry on his/her or its business from any other place except as approved by Council.
29. No person shall park and ply for hire with any taxicab at any place in the Town of Labrador City except such place is a private taxicab stand approved by the Council for use by such taxicab and/or public taxicab stand appointed and approved by the Council for use by such taxicab.
30. In the case of taxicabs not standing for hire on private premises, the Council may appoint a private stand for each licenced cab, and may from time to time change the same, and such cab shall stand and ply for hire at the place so appointed for it and no other, and no vehicle shall stand or be parked at any such public stand except the cab for which it is appointed as aforesaid.
31. Pursuant to Section 443 of the Municipalities Act, a person who violates any provision of this Regulation is guilty of an offense and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or in default of payment, to a period of imprisonment not exceeding ninety days, or to both such fine and period of imprisonment.
32. These Regulations were passed and adopted by Council on the 16th day of June , 1988, and will come into effect on the 16th day of June , 1988, and may be cited as The Town of Labrador City Taxi Regulations, 1988.

Amendments to Taxi Regulations

Approved in Council on February 19, 2002

Current Section 26 reads:

Each vehicle licensed under these Regulations shall be of a uniform colour code approved by Council with the name of the company affixed to each vehicle such that it can be seen from a distance.

Recommend change to:

Each vehicle licensed under these regulations shall be of an approved color by Council and any shade of that particular color with the name of the company affixed to each vehicle such that it can be seen from a distance.

Approved in Council May 28, 2002

Delete
Section 16

Replace with:

Section 16 (a) It shall be unlawful for any owner, licensee, lessee or driver to ply for hire with, use or operate or cause to be used or operated, any taxicab in the Town of Labrador City unless and until such taxicab shall be equipped with a taximeter of the type and design approved by Council or The Inspector, and adjusted in accordance with the tariff prescribed in Schedule "A" of this Regulation and it shall be the duty of every owner operating such taxicab, and also the driver thereof, to keep such meter operating at all times within such standard of accuracy as may be prescribed from time to time by the Council. On any trip to which the tariff of fares provided by this Regulation applies, no passenger shall be in any such taxicab unless the said taximeter shall be in operating condition at all times.

SCHEDULE OF TAXI RATES
TAX INCLUSIVE PRICING

<u>Components for Taxi Fare Rates</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 Meter Starting Rate	4.00	0.60	4.60
2 For each 16/100 of a km or part thereof	0.13	0.02	0.15
3 For waiting time at request of passenger while under engagement, for each minute	0.35	0.05	0.40
4 For each additional passenger in excess of four	0.26	0.04	0.30
5 For every trunk of fifty (50) pounds or over in weight	0.26	0.04	0.30