

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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 4. Require taxicab companies to maintain insurance documentation/certification for all of its drivers/affiliates.
8. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES**
Staff update on the Old Town Area Parking Study (OTAPS) Workgroup.

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MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, James Lewis, Elizabeth Jones, Kevin Beekman, Randy Cole and Melissa McMahon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chair, William Schuyler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, and Cuong Nguyen, Intern II.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.
2. Approval of the February 23, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Cole made a motion seconded by Ms. Jones to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:** There were no staff reports or updates

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to add 2-hour parking 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday to the eastern block-face of 1100 North Fairfax Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. George Russell spoke in opposition to the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that the new building's owner requested adding parking spaces to the Eastern side of the street to accommodate customers. Mr. Russell opposed the request because there are too many parking problems in the area. He saw that commuters parked and blocked handicapped parking spaces, curb cuts and crosswalks.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to defer this item due to the lack of information.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to post two-hour parking restrictions, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday Through Friday in front of:
1. 1130 North Fairfax Street, three parking spaces
 2. 200 Third Street, two parking spaces

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. George Russell spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that the new design studio's owner, Mr. Dillon, would like to have the proposed parking restriction to create parking turn-over to allow customers to visit his and others businesses. Mr. Russell indicated that the parking spaces are taken by commuters all day long.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to add the proposed two-hour parking restrictions to the two requested locations. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Request to post three-hour, Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., residential District 4 parking restrictions on the south side of the 1200 block of Franklin Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Matt Vean, Mr. Jeffrey McCoy, Mr. Gabriel Sanchez, Mr. Jeremy West, Mr. Robert Wright, and Mr. Adam Pivetta from the public spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and recommended to add three-hour parking restrictions on the South side of 1200 block of Franklin Street. All of the speakers spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to recommend to the City Manager three-hour, residential District 4 parking restrictions on the South side of 1200 block of Franklin Street. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** The removal of 7 AM - 9AM parking restrictions on the north side of the 900 block of Franklin Street

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Andrew Holland spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that this section is dangerous since drivers have to cross three lanes to make left turns on S. Alfred St.; and proposed a curb extension at the corner of S. Alfred Street and Franklin Street.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve staff's recommendation and require that the design of the proposed bulb-out accommodate fire trucks and school buses. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- 8. ISSUE:** Old Town Business Parking Survey Results.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed the Old Town Business Parking Survey and found the following:

- The results of the survey attempted to make the case that the current parking policy has created a loss in revenue/business for the Old Town Merchants and other businesses. This is not based on factual data and should be based on quantitative data such as sales receipts or some other measurable metric.
- The survey questions related to Parking Enforcement were not specific enough to capture any meaningful results.
- Staff should have looked first for good sources of meaningful data, such as, sales receipts, parking revenue, number of tickets issued, etc. before developing the survey.
- There should have been more information relating to the use and need for bike corrals.

- 9. ISSUE:** Mr. Lewis provided the Board an update on the Parking Ratio Workgroup. The Workgroup will be advising Council to change the Zoning Ordinance to modify the required parking ratios to be more in line with the study/parking surveys that were done. Moving from unit based to bedroom based. There would be two categories, buildings within half a mile of metro and those further than half a mile from metro. Reductions would be based on several things like walkability and other factors. Affordable housing would also have a lower parking requirement.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
April 27, 2015

DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to add parking on the east side of the 500 block of Bellefonte Avenue between the alley and fire hydrant.

APPLICANT: Whitman Brown, resident of 516 East Bellefonte Avenue

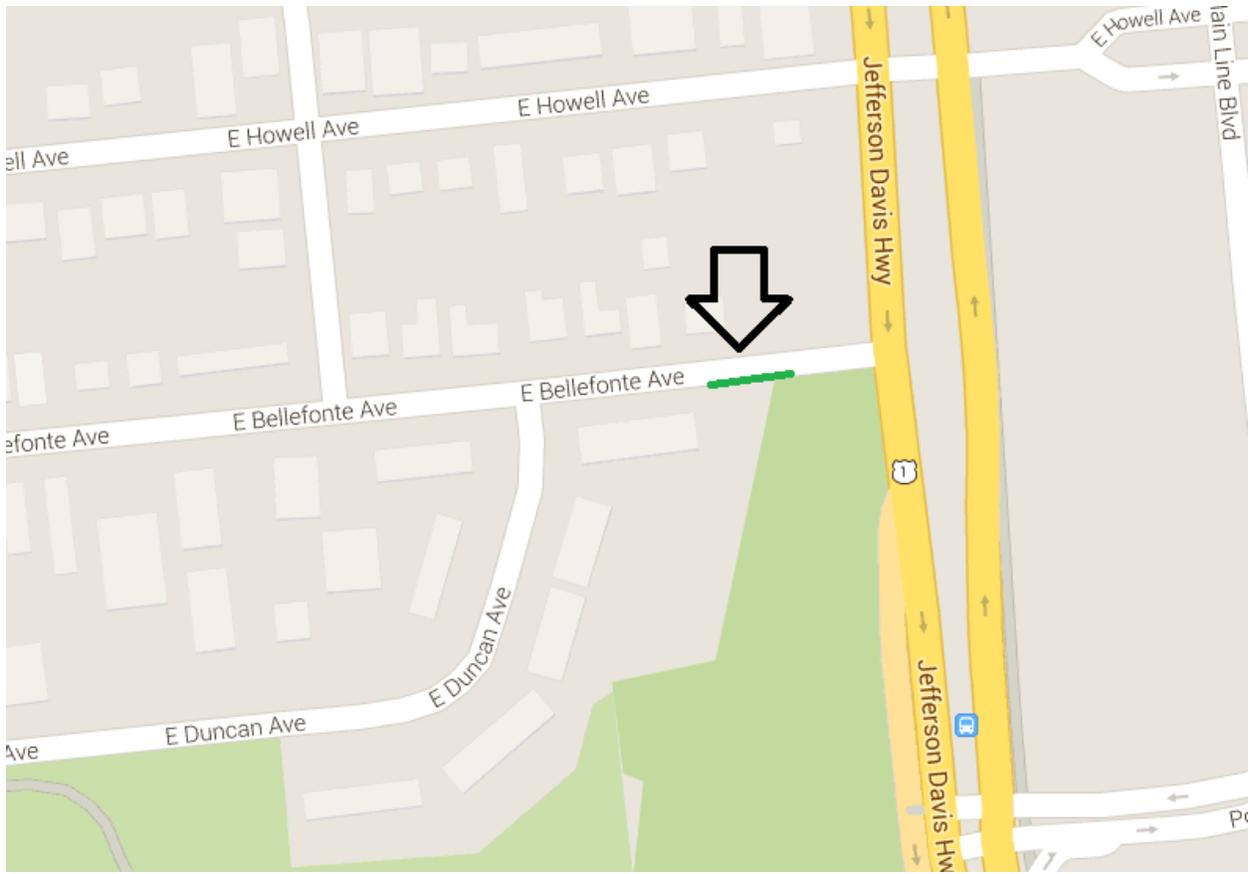
LOCATION: 500 blocks of Bellefonte Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Traffic and Parking Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to add parking on the east side of 500 block of East Bellefonte Avenue between the alley and fire hydrant.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Brown is requesting that the City add parking on the East side of East Bellefonte Avenue between the alley and fire hydrant. When Jefferson Davis Highway was realigned several years ago with the construction of the new Monroe Avenue Bridge, East Bellefonte Avenue was lengthened by about 200 feet. Parking is presently prohibited on both curb faces of this new section of East Bellefonte Avenue. The roadway is 30 feet wide which is wide enough to support parking on one side of the street. If approved, this proposal would provide an additional 35 feet of parking.



Proposed parking spaces

Cuong Nguyen

From: Whitman Brown <lwhitb@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 9:17 PM
To: Cuong Nguyen
Subject: Re: Request of adding parking on Bellefonte Ave.

Certainly. Please see below and thank you for the followup.

Dear Traffic and Parking Board Members,

I write to request you consider re-adding parking to a location on E Bellefonte Ave. After E Bellefonte Ave was extended with the Route 1 realignment about 6-7 years ago two-to-three parking spots were added between the alley and the fire hydrant near the intersection with route 1. With construction on the nearby park space the parking was removed. Since construction is complete, adding back these 2-3 spots would help alleviate parking woes on Bellefonte and Duncan Ave.

Thank you for your consideration.

Whitman Brown
532 E Duncan Ave

Location photo attached.

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DOCKET ITEM: 5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to prohibit parking on south side of 3900 block of Wheeler Avenue between the hours of 6:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

APPLICANT: Mr. Rob Tikoyan, owner of NT Auto Body

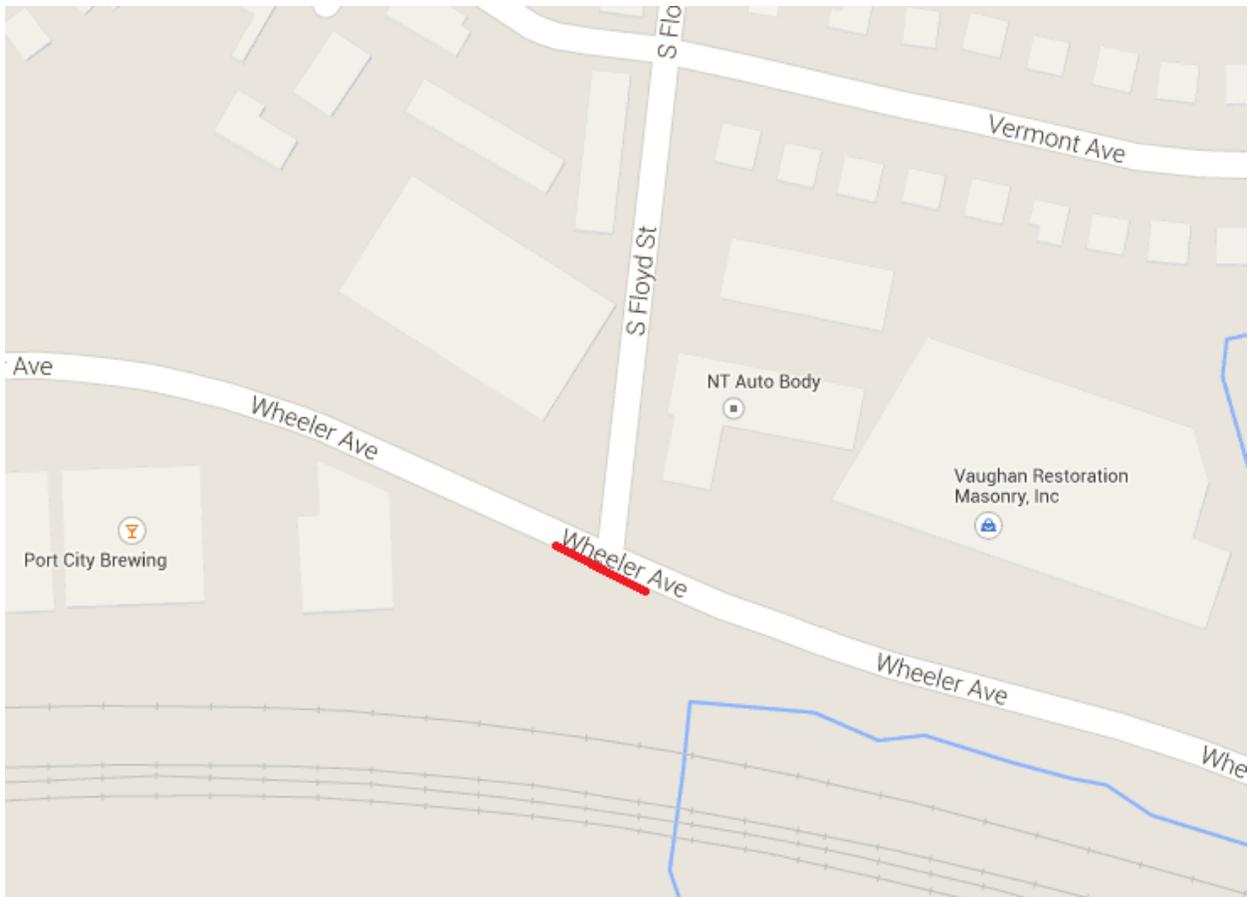
LOCATION: 3945 Wheeler Ave

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Traffic and Parking Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to restrict parking between the hours of 6:00 PM to 7:00 AM on the south side of the 3900 block of Wheeler Avenue.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Rob Tikoyan is requesting that overnight parking be restricted to prevent dump trucks and other commercial vehicles from being garaged on Wheeler Avenue. This has been an ongoing issue along Wheeler Avenue. These dump trucks are mostly from outside the City and when the driver comes in the morning he parks his car in the spot vacated by the dump truck monopolizing the space 24/7. In addition to tying up public parking, repair work is performed on these vehicles on the street which is against City code section 10-4-13(b). There is concern because of the environmental impacts from trucks potentially leaking hydraulic fluids. Parking is prohibited between the hours of 6:00 PM and 7:00 AM east of this location on both sides of the street and to the west across the street there are two-hour parking restrictions. Although Wheeler Avenue is a commercial street, staff believes that allowing commercial interest outside of the city to monopolize the street 24/7 is an in appropriate use of the street.



March 31, 2015

NT Auto Body
3945 Wheeler Ave
Alexandria, VA 22305

TO: City of Alexandria T&ES Traffic, Engineering Division
RE: Parking signs at the intersection of S. Floyd and 3945 Wheeler Ave
(NO Parking Except 7AM-6PM)
To whom it may concern;

We would like to request restricted parking signs showing (No Parking except 7AM-6PM) at the intersection of S. Floyd Street and 3945 Wheeler Ave Alexandria, VA 22304

The reason why we feel it's necessary to have these signs is because we feel it's a safety and hazardous issue for our community, customers and the businesses on Wheeler Ave.

There have been many dump trucks that park there throughout the day and leaving there personal vehicles parked to save their parking spots for their dump trucks. They have been doing mechanical work and leaving oil spills on the street. Many of their trucks leaks fluids, which is a fire hazard and safety concern for the community and surrounding businesses.

Enclosed I would like to submit pictures of the above concerns.

Thank for your time
NT Auto Body
Rob Tikoyan
Owner/ Manger

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DOCKET ITEM: 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to restrict parking on both sides of the garage driveway located at Bell Del Ray Apartments on Main Line Boulevard.

APPLICANT: Mr. Mickey Harnois, Community Manager of Bell Del Ray Apartment.

LOCATION: Main Line Boulevard.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Traffic and Parking Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to remove 10 feet of parking from both sides of the Bell Dell Ray Apartment garage on Main Line Boulevard.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Mickey Harnois requested the proposed parking restriction because residents are having a difficult time seeing traffic on main Line Boulevard when exiting the garage. Main Line Boulevard is not currently an accepted street by the City. However, the developer can't install the requested parking restrictions because they are not part of the Special Use Permit (SUP). Staff spoke to the T&ES inspector and agreed that the best approach is to take this matter before the Traffic and Parking Board so that when the City eventually takes ownership of the street, this matter will have been through a public hearing process.



Proposed parking restriction



BELL DEL RAY

Apartment Living At Its Best.

March 17, 2015

To The Alexandria Traffic and Parking Department,

On behalf of the residents at community of Bell Del Ray Apartments, we would like to request that street parking signage be added on Mainline Blvd in Alexandria, VA. There is currently no parking signage in place, and vehicles are parking so close to the curb of our garage entry and exit, that residents cannot see oncoming traffic when pulling out of the garage. We have had complaints from over 10 residents who have almost had a sever accident with oncoming traffic when trying to pull out of the garage due to vehicles being parked right in the line of sight. We greatly appreciate your consideration for our request and hope you will accept and implement parking signage.

Sincerely,

Mickey Harnois
Community Manager

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DOCKET ITEM: 7

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to:

1. Restructure the taxicab driver certification process;
2. Modernization of taximeter requirements;
3. Make minor editorial revisions to Title 9, Chapter 12 of The Code of the City of Alexandria; and,
4. Require taxicab companies to maintain insurance documentation/certification for all of its drivers/affiliates.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria

LOCATION: Citywide

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Traffic and Parking Board recommend to the City Council adoption of:

1. The proposed restructuring of driver certification process;
2. The proposed modernization of the taximeter requirements;
3. The proposed editorial revisions to Title 9, Chapter 12 of The Code of the City of Alexandria; and,
4. The proposal to require taxicab companies to maintain insurance documentation/certification for all of its drivers/affiliates.

DISCUSSION:

There are four components to the proposed ordinance: first, the restructuring of the driver certification process; second, updating the taximeter requirements; third minor editorial revisions to the code; and, fourth, requiring that taxicab companies maintain insurance documentation/certification for all of its drivers/affiliates.

The proposed restructuring of the driver certification process will more closely follow the requirements in the State code for Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) such as Uber and Lyft. The existing requirements for certifying new drivers are very old and obsolete creating a long and bureaucratic process. It can take months for a new driver to successfully work through the process. This process is not only taxing on limited city resources, but, makes it difficult for taxicab companies to fill driver vacancies. This problem is expected to proliferate because now companies must compete for drivers with TNCs which have a much more streamlined process for certifying drivers. Why would a potential driver wait months to be certified to drive in Alexandria when they can drive for a TNC in just a week or two?

The proposed change in the requirements for taximeters is being undertaken to allow the City's taxicab companies to use newer technology. The current code was written decades ago and still

requires a mechanical taximeter connected to the vehicles drivetrain. Changing the requirements will allow taxicabs to use modern computerized devices that can take advantage of GPS technology. This change will allow taxicab companies to start using apps for service and billing.

There are a number of editorial changes being proposed to clean-up the existing code. The proposed editorial changes do not change any of the requirements in the existing code.

The proposal to require taxicab companies to maintain insurance documentation/certification for all of its drivers/affiliates more closely aligns with the new State code than the present requirements. The existing City code requires drivers to provide this information to the Hack Office who then must maintain this information. This places the responsibility of ensuring that all the drivers and vehicles are insured under the Hack Office. In many ways this requirement would seem backwards. The taxicab companies have an obligation to their customers to ensure that all of their drivers and vehicles are properly insured. Staff believes that this section of code is a left over from the pre 1982 code which required taxicab medallions and the City had to manage all of the drivers.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION), Chapter 12(TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Title 9, Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained, to read as follows:

(New language is underscored; deleted material is ~~stricken~~)

ARTICLE A. 1 - TAXICABS

DIVISION 1 - Generally

Sec. 9-12-1 - Definitions.

Unless otherwise expressly stated or the context clearly indicates a different intention, the following terms shall, for the purpose of this article, have the meanings indicated in this section:

(Intervening sections remain unchanged.)

(7.2) ~~Driver transfer. When a driver moves from his existing company to another company through the biennial transfer process set forth in section 9 12 31(i). For each such driver transfer approved, the number of authorizations held under the original company's certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be reduced by one authorization and the number of authorizations held under the new company's certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be increased by one authorization. Reserved.~~ Reserved.

(Intervening sections remain unchanged.)

(14) *Taxicab*. Any motor vehicle having a seating capacity of not more than six passengers and not operating on a regular route or between fixed terminals, used in transportation of passengers for hire or compensation, and subject to regulation under this article and applicable law.

(15) *Taximeter*. A meter, instrument or device, approved by the hack inspector, attached to a taxicab which accurately and reliably measures ~~mechanically, and/or electronically~~ the distance driven and the waiting time upon which the fare is based.

(Intervening sections remain unchanged.)

(17) *Taxicab services*. The operation of a motor vehicle upon the streets, on call or on demand, accepting or soliciting passengers indiscriminately for transportation for hire between such

points along the streets as directed by the passenger or passengers being transported, except as excluded by applicable law.

(Subsequent sections remain unchanged.)

Sec. 9-12-6 - Insurance or bond required.

(a) Every taxicab owner for which a vehicle permit has been issued under this article shall ~~file with the hack inspector a certificate of insurance or binder evidencing,~~ and keep in full force and effect at all times either:

(1) A public liability and property damage insurance policy with a company authorized to do business within the state covering each driver authorized by the vehicle owner to operate the vehicle as a taxicab in at least the amount of \$450,000 combined single limit, with not less than \$300,000 coverage for death, not less than \$100,000 coverage for bodily injury, and not less than \$50,000 coverage for property damage, and every such policy shall contain a clause obligating the company issuing the same to give 15 days' notice in writing to the hack inspector and the company with which the owner is affiliated before any cancellation thereof.

(2) An indemnity bond of a surety company, authorized to do business within the state in the same amounts and for the same purposes as the insurance policy stated in subsection (1) of this section; provided, that the director of finance of the city, after investigation, shall be fully satisfied as to the financial responsibility of the surety company on such bond.

(3) Each certificate holder shall be responsible for maintaining records documenting compliance with the foregoing insurance requirements, including a certificate of insurance or insurance binder for all affiliated taxicabs and all authorized drivers. Such documents shall be available for inspection by the hack inspector during normal business hours. In addition, each certificate holder shall provide the hack inspector an annual report, at a time of the hack inspector's determination, setting forth:

- A. All affiliated taxicabs, including make, model, production year and VIN;
- B. All drivers authorized to drive each affiliated taxicab vehicle; and
- C. The manner in which each authorized driver and affiliated taxicab comply with the requirements of this section, including, without limitation, the name of the insurer and a certification that the policy complies the requirements of this section.

(4) In the event that the insurance provider or surety changes for one of its affiliated vehicles or authorized drivers, the certificate holder shall report such change to the hack office in writing within 48 hours of receiving notice of same.

Sec. 9-12-32 - Requirements for certificate holders.

Each certificate holder shall:

- (a) provide 24-hour service;
- (b) provide ~~a radio~~ two-way dispatch service located within the boundaries of the city that meets the following:

(Intervening sections remain unchanged.)

- (g) maintain a record of all taxicabs affiliated with the certificate holder, of the owners thereof and of all drivers thereof, including the current address and telephone number for each such owner and driver. This record shall be turned in not less than annually by a date to be determined by the director if T&ES and otherwise be available at all times for examination and inspection by the director, hack inspector or any police officer and shall be preserved for 12 months;

(Subsequent sections remain unchanged.)

DIVISION 3 - Driver's Permit

Sec. 9-12-42 - Application.

- (a) An application for a driver's permit under this division shall be made in writing under oath on forms provided for by the city manager, shall be filed with the hack inspector and shall provide the following:
- (1) pertinent personal data;
 - (2) physical condition of the applicant;
 - (3) traffic record for five years previous to the date of the application including what driver's licenses have previously been issued to the applicant, and whether such license has ever been revoked or suspended;
 - (4) criminal record including state and local records;
 - (5) prior driving experience; ~~and~~
 - (6) whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted, forfeited or entered a plea of nolo contendere on any traffic or criminal charge of any kind; and if so, the details thereof; and
 - (7) a written certification from a company certificate holder that the applicant has taken and passed a written examination pursuant to Section 9-12-46 herein in a form reviewed and approved by the hack inspector.
- (b) Each applicant shall apply for the permit in person and have his or her fingerprints taken, which fingerprints shall constitute a part of the application.
- (c) Each applicant shall file with the application three copies of a recent photograph, of a size designated by regulation, one of which shall be attached to and become a part of the application, another to be permanently attached to the permit, if issued.
- (d) The application shall state thereon that "It is unlawful for any person to make a false statement on this application and discovery of a false statement shall constitute grounds for prosecution and for denial or revocation of this driver's permit."
- (e) Each applicant shall be subject to a brief oral examination by the hack inspector as to the applicant's ability to operate a taxicab, knowledge of the traffic laws of the city and state, knowledge of the city's roads and the laws of this article applicable to drivers at the time the driver's permit application is submitted; the applicant must successfully pass the oral examination before the hack inspector will further process the application for a driver's permit.

(Subsequent sections remain unchanged.)

Sec. 9-12-46 - Examination of applicant as to driving ability, etc.

Each applicant for a driver's permit pursuant to this division shall be required to pass ~~an~~ a written examination in a form approved by the given under the direction of the hack inspector as to the applicant's ability to operate a taxicab, knowledge of the traffic laws of the city and state, knowledge of the city's roads and the laws of this article applicable to drivers. The content, nature and form of such examination shall be determined by the hack inspector and may be periodically changed by the hack inspector from time to time as may be deemed necessary for the public interest and safety. This examination may be offered and taken by a company certificate holder or a third party and must be successfully completed, with a passing score of 75% or higher prior to application for a driver's permit pursuant to Section 9-12-42. After submission of the information set forth in section 9-12-42, payment of the fees set forth in section 9-12-43 and completion of any investigation required under sections 9-12B44 and 9-12B45, the hack inspector shall administer the referenced examination to the applicant, pursuant to such schedule as the hack inspector may determine. In the event the applicant passes the examination, the hack inspector shall issue a driver's permit to the applicant. Within 90 days after the applicant's passage of the referenced examination, the successful applicant shall complete the training requirements set forth in section 9-12-47 and submit written documentation thereof to the hack inspector. In the event the successful applicant fails to timely complete the training and provide documentation thereof in the manner set forth herein, the hack inspector shall revoke the successful applicant's driver's permit. The hack inspector may reinstate any such revoked driver's permit upon satisfaction of the training and documentation requirements.

Sec. 9-12-47 - ~~Driver training.~~

~~After obtaining the driver's permit set forth in section 9-12-50(c), each successful applicant or holder of a driver's permit pursuant to this division shall attend a driver training course that has been approved by the city prior to receiving an annual driver's permit or any renewal thereof.~~

Reserved.

Sec. 9-12-48 - ~~Company endorsement of driver.~~

~~No person may apply for a driver's permit without the endorsement of a certificate holder. Such endorsement shall be on a form provided by the city, submitted with the application for a driver's permit, and shall indicate the certificate holder's company's consent to authorize the driver, if a driver's permit is issued by the city, to operate a taxicab under the certificate.~~

Reserved.

Sec. 9-12-49 - Requirements for driver's permit.

A driver's permit shall not be issued to any person who:

(Intervening sections remain unchanged.)

- (f) has not provided a written certification from a company certificate holder that the applicant has taken and passed a written examination pursuant to Section 9-12-46 herein in a form reviewed and approved by the hack inspector. ~~endorsement of a certificate holder;~~
- (g) has not held a valid motor vehicle operator's license for a period of at least six months;
- (h) has not passed the applicable examinations required by section 9-12-46 ~~and completed the driver training course required by section 9-12-47, or~~
- (i) does not have a valid work authorization the Immigration and Naturalization Service, if required.

Sec. 9-12-56 - Records and reporting requirements.

(Intervening sections remain unchanged)

- (d) *Drivers and company certificate holders to report changes of affiliation.* Every driver of a taxicab, as well as the company certificate holder to which the driver is changing affiliation, shall notify the hack inspector within five business days when he changes his affiliation to another taxicab company.

Sec. 9-12-75 - Information to be shown on permits.

Each vehicle permit issued pursuant to this division shall contain at minimum the following information:

- (1) vehicle permit number;
- (2) name of the certificate holder under whose certificate the vehicle will be operated;
- (3) name of the owner;
- (4) expiration date;
- (5) year, make, model and vehicle identification number (VIN);
- (6) make and serial number of ~~radio and~~ taximeter; and
- (7) the fact that the permit is issued subject to the provisions of this article and may be suspended or revoked if the provisions of this article are violated.

Sec. 9-12-76 - Expiration of permit.

All vehicle permits issued under this division shall expire one year from the date of issuance ~~of the permit on June 30 next after issuance,~~ unless sooner suspended or revoked. Vehicle permit issuance shall be coordinated with the vehicle and meter inspection schedule promulgated by the hack inspector.

Sec. 9-12-81 - Requirements for vehicles.

Every taxicab and the equipment used in connection therewith, subject to a vehicle permit pursuant to this division, shall at all times comply with the following minimum standards:

(Intervening sections remain unchanged.)

- (k) *Two-way communication radios.* Every taxicab shall be equipped with a means of wireless two-way communication radio, properly installed and kept in working order at all times.

Such means of communication ~~radios~~ shall be operated in compliance with ~~the~~ all applicable regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. Each ~~radio~~ unit will have the ability to conduct a two-way conversation with the taxicab dispatcher. ~~The hack inspector shall be provided with the serial number of each radio.~~

(Subsequent sections remain unchanged.)

DIVISION 6 - Fares

Sec. 9-12-131 - Taximeters.

- (a) All taxicabs shall be equipped with taximeters fastened in front of the passengers, visible to them at all times day and night; and, after sundown, the face of the taximeter shall be illuminated. Such taximeter shall be approved in advance by the hack inspector, operated mechanically or electronically and accurately track distance by a mechanism of standard design and construction, driven either from the transmission or from one of the front wheels by a flexible and permanently attached driving mechanism the movement of the vehicle via GPS or other commercially reliable means, as approved by the hack inspector in consultation with the director of T&ES. It shall be inspected and certified by the hack inspector at an annual cost determined by regulation for each meter, at all points and connections which, if manipulated, would affect its correct reading and recording. Each taximeter shall be equipped with a mechanism or display which indicates when the vehicle is engaged and when it is not engaged; and the driver shall actuate the taximeter at the commencement of each trip and stop the taximeter at the termination of each trip. Any taximeter shall be subject to inspection upon demand by the hack inspector, or any police officer, and if the taximeter is determined to be inoperative or inaccurate, the taxicab shall cease to be operated until the taximeter is repaired, inspected and certified by the hack inspector.

(Subsequent section remains unchanged.)

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor

Introduction:
First Reading:
Publication:
Public Hearing:
Second Reading:
Final Passage: