

## 1119. Taxicabs

1119.010 DEFINITIONS. Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, the following terms shall have the meanings given to them in this Section:

1. Taxicab. Any motor vehicle as defined in M.S. 169.01 engaged in carrying of persons for hire, whether over a fixed route or not, and whether the motor vehicle is operated from a street stand, or subject to calls from a garage, or otherwise operated for hire. The term shall not include motor vehicles subject to control and regulation by the State Public Service Commission, motor vehicles regularly used by undertakers in carrying on their business, or motor vehicles hired on an hourly basis.
2. Taxicab Driver. Any person who drives a taxicab.
3. Street. Any street, alley, avenue, court, bridge, lane or public place or highway in the City.

1119.020 Taxicab License Required. No person shall operate a taxicab within the City without displaying a valid taxicab license duly issued by the City of White Bear Lake or another political subdivision of the state, including the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

1119.030 Application for Taxicab License. Application for a taxicab driver's license shall be made in writing to the City Manager. The application shall state the full name and address of the owner or owners of the vehicles sought to be licensed, place of business, the type, make, body, style and year of each vehicle proposed to be operated as a taxicab, proof of insurance, a schedule of the rates proposed to be charged therefore, and a brief statement of the way the applicant intends to operate the business.

1119.040 Vehicles Inspection. Prior to use and operation of any vehicle under the provisions of this Section, the vehicle shall be thoroughly examined and inspected by a qualified employee of an authorized service station or garage. The owner of the vehicle shall be responsible for the cost of said inspection. Subsequent inspections will be not less than once every 365 days.

1119.050 Investigation of Applicant. The White Bear Lake Police Department is empowered to conduct any and all investigations to verify the information on the application, including ordering a computerized criminal history inquiry and/or a driver's license history inquiry on the applicant.

1119.060 License Fee. The fee for such license shall be fifty (\$50.00) dollars plus twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for each vehicle proposed to be operated under the license. (Ref. §503.030, Code 1966; Ord. Nos. 531, 6/13/73; 570, 2/11/75; 648, 1/31/81).

1119.070 Meter. Each taxicab licensed in the City shall be equipped with a taxi meter that can be adjusted and sealed after inspection as to its accuracy by the White Bear Lake Police Department or designated authority before being put into service. The Department may calibrate and inspect these meters at its discretion. (Ref. Ord. 531, 6/13/72).

1119.080 Display of License and Rates. Every driver licensed under this Section shall keep taxicab license and rate structure visible to passengers.

1119.090 Identification of Vehicle. A taxicab that solicits or accepts business or stands, or waits for hire, must have some suitable designation of the character of the vehicle painted in plain visible letters on each side thereof.

1119.100 Passenger Pick-up. A taxicab licensed to operate in another political subdivision of this state including the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport may carry passengers to any place or point, within the city and may solicit or pick up business within the city.

1119.110 Soliciting Passengers. A taxicab driver licensed to operate in another political subdivision in this state, including the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport may carry passengers from that political subdivision into the city and may freely enter and travel upon its streets and thoroughfares for that purpose, and it is not necessary for the driver to obtain a City of White Bear Lake taxicab license.

1119.120 Annual Review. The City Council prior to March thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) of each year shall review the number of taxicabs licensed to operate in the City and the rate structure for such service. (Ref. Ord. 1046, 11/27/07).