

WANTAGE TOWNSHIP

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TAXICAB LICENSES

Ordinance # 2002-16

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The following new ordinance section is enacted:

§ 4-10 Taxicab License.

§4-10.1. Definitions.

Definitions provided for in N.J.S.A. 48:16-1 shall apply to this ordinance.

§4-10.2. License required; Exemptions

No person shall operate a taxicab business based in Wantage Township without obtaining a license as provided for in this Ordinance. In the event a taxicab owner or operator holds a valid license issued by another municipality or by the State of New Jersey the owner or operator shall be exempt from this Ordinance other than to furnish proof of such valid license if requested by the Township of Wantage or a law enforcement officer while performing their official duties.

§4-10.3. Contents of application for license.

Application for a license required by this chapter shall be made to the Township Clerk upon forms provided by the Township Clerk and shall contain the following information:

- A. The name and address of the applicant. If the applicant is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other business entity, the name and address of its registered agent.
- B. A description of the taxicab(s) sought to be licensed, including the type of motor vehicle, the name of the manufacturer, the serial number, license number and seating capacity.
- C. A copy of applicant's insurance certificate for all vehicles sought to be licensed shall be attached to the application and the certificate shall include, at a minimum, the policy number, the policy expiration date, the vehicle(s) make and models, vehicle identification numbers and insurance policy limit information.

§4-10.4. Duration and Contents of license; register.

- A. Taxicab licenses shall be numbered consecutively and shall expire annually on December 31 of the year of issuance or upon lapse of the insurance required in §4-10-8, whichever occurs first. Licenses not suspended or revoked may be renewed annually, subject to all of the same conditions, provisions and charges as required for the original license. Every license shall contain the following:
 - (1) The purpose of the license.
 - (2) The number of the license.
 - (3) The name and address of the licensee.
 - (4) The make, model, New Jersey Motor Vehicle registration number, as well as vehicle identification number for each vehicle.
 - (5) Insurance company name and policy number and date of expiration.

B. The Township Clerk shall keep a register of all licenses granted, which register shall contain the details required by this section.

§4-10.5. License fees and term of license.

License fees, to cover the administrative costs associated with processing the application, are nonrefundable. License fees are as set forth in Chapter XXI, Fees.

§4-10.6. Insurance required.

No license shall be issued by the Township Clerk unless the applicant has filed a copy of an insurance policy with the Clerk in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 48:16-3.

§4-10.7. Power of attorney.

The owner of the taxicab shall execute and deliver to the Township Clerk a power of attorney, wherein and whereby the owner shall appoint the chief fiscal officer of the municipality as his true and lawful attorney for the purpose of acknowledging service of any process, out of a court of competent jurisdiction, to be served against the insured by virtue of the indemnity granted under the insurance policy or bond filed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:16-3 and 48:16-4.

§4-10.8. License transfer.

A taxicab license cannot be transferred.

Section 2. Chapter XXI, Fees, is hereby amended.

Taxicab fees:

Taxicab License	\$50
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Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 5. When effective. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

Richard H. Sytsema, Mayor

James R. Doherty, Clerk

NOTICE is given that this ordinance amendment was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, held on the 11th day of April, 2002. It will be further considered for final passage with the proposed ordinance after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee to be held in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey 07461, on May 9, 2002, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., and copies of the ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building to members of the general public.

James R. Doherty, Clerk