

CHAPTER 737
Taxicabs and Vehicles for Hire

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Power to regulate - see Ohio R.C. 715.22, 715.66

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Taxicab stands - see TRAF. 351.10

737.01 DEFINITIONS.

(a) "Taxicab", as used in this Chapter, means every motor vehicle, equipped with or without a taximeter, used for transportation for hire of passengers for which public patronage is solicited in whole or part upon the streets or quasi-public places of the City.

(b) "Motor vehicle for hire", as used in this Chapter, means every other motor vehicle used for transportation for hire of passengers other than a taxicab, which does not seek its business on public streets, and which may be hired or rented out to others for compensation, with or without a driver being furnished to operate the same. It shall not include motor vehicles used exclusively as hearses, ambulances or for services at weddings, christenings and funerals, nor motor vehicles of the City, of the Regional Transit Authority or buses operating under and by virtue of a certificate of convenience and necessity issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, over a regular route and between fixed termini.
(Ord. 1152. Passed 9-3-46.)

737.02 LICENSE REQUIRED; FEE.

No person shall operate or cause to be operated a taxicab or motor vehicle for hire without obtaining a license from the Safety-Service Director and complying with the provisions of this Chapter. No license shall be issued unless the applicant has paid an annual license fee in accordance with Section 1321.06 of the Codified Ordinances. All licenses shall expire on December 31 following the date of issuance. No license shall be issued except for the full license fee as provided in Section 1321.06.
(Ord. 38-76. Passed 6-14-76.)

737.03 CASUALTY INSURANCE REQUIRED.

(a) No owner or other person having the custody or control of a taxicab or other motor vehicle for hire shall operate or cause or permit such taxicab or other motor vehicle for hire to be operated on the streets of the City without first having filed with the Safety-Service Director a casualty insurance policy for such vehicle. Such policy shall indemnify the owner of such vehicle in the minimum amount prescribed by Ohio R.C. 4509.51 which is in the sum of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for injury or death to one (1) person, and three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for injury or death to more than one (1) person in the same accident, and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for property damage in any one (1) accident through the operation of such vehicle.

(b) The policy shall further contain a clause obligating the casualty company to give ten (10) days' written notice to the Safety-Service Director before cancellation or expiration of such policy.

(c) In lieu of the casualty insurance provided for herein, the owner of the taxicab or other motor vehicle for hire may submit to the Safety-Service Director a proposal for any other form of indemnity. The proposal, if acceptable to the Safety-Service Director, shall be submitted to the Director of Law for approval.

737.04 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

No person shall:

(a) Allow any taxicab or other motor vehicle for hire in his charge to be used for immoral purposes.

(b) Drive or operate any taxicab or other motor vehicle for hire upon any street in the City, unless the owner or other person having custody or control thereof shall have first complied with the provisions of this Chapter.

(c) Use any portion of the public streets or alleys as a taxcab stand or permit a taxicab or other motor vehicle for hire in his charge to stand upon any portion of the public streets or alleys, except for such time as is necessary to load or unload passengers, and except for such time as is necessary to make or receive a telephone call, provided, however, that another taxicab is not in close proximity, and except in such portions of the public streets or alleys as shall have been set apart by the Safety-Service Director as taxicab stands and allotted to the particular taxicab in question.

737.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor for the first offense. Whoever violates any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor for the second offense or subsequent offenses.

(Ord. 7-82. Passed 2-8-82.)