

Chapter 240

TAXICABS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Genoa City as Title 7, Ch. 9 of the 1984 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Vehicles and traffic -- See Ch. 265.

§ 240-1. License required; application for license.

- A.** No taxicab shall be operated upon the streets of this Village until a license shall have been obtained from the Village therefor. Such license shall expire one year after the date of issuance and shall be effective for the period of one year from such date, unless sooner suspended, canceled or revoked as provided in this chapter.
- B.** "Taxicab" shall include all vehicles carrying passengers for hire for which public patronage is solicited, excepting the municipal bus system.
- C.** Applications for licenses for taxicabs shall be made by the owner to the Village Clerk-Treasurer. Any such application shall contain the full name and address of the owner and the make, model and year, engine number and the factory number of the motor vehicle.

§ 240-2. Insurance.

It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle for the conveyance of passengers for hire or permit the same to be operated, nor shall any license be issued hereunder, until and unless the applicant for a license deposits with the Village Clerk-Treasurer a certificate of liability insurance for the vehicles for which licenses are sought, said certificate of liability insurance to be acceptable and approved by the Village Clerk-Treasurer and issued by a company authorized to do business in the State of Wisconsin, indemnifying the applicant in the amount of \$50,000 for damage to property and \$100,000 for injury to one person and \$300,000 for injury to more than one person caused by the operation of said vehicles in the Village of Genoa City. Each taxicab insurance policy shall contain a provision that the same may not be canceled before the expiration of its term except upon 30 days' written notice to the Village of Genoa City. Every day upon which any vehicle is operated for the conveyance of passengers for hire or when taxicab or cab or similar transportation is offered to the public without an insurance policy as required herein being in effect and on file with the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall be deemed a separate violation.

§ 240-3. Inspection of vehicles.

No vehicle shall be licensed until it has been annually examined by the Chief of Police, or such person as he may designate, and found to be in a thoroughly satisfactory and safe condition for the transportation of passengers, clean, of good appearance and well painted, and that said vehicle complies with all the other provisions of this chapter. If such examination and inspection show that the vehicle does not comply with any of the provisions of this section, no license shall be issued. At the request of the Chief of Police, the taxicab owners shall take their vehicles to a reputable garage for an independent inspection at the owners' expense.

§ 240-4. Conditions of license.

- A. Licenses nontransferable.** Licenses issued or granted under this chapter shall be non-assignable and nontransferable.
- B. Information card to be displayed.** A card containing the name of the owner, license number, the number of the vehicle, and rates of fare printed thereon shall be placed and at all times kept in a conspicuous place inside such vehicle.
- C. Liability of licensee.** Any licensee shall be liable for any violations of ordinances or statutes by any and all persons operating taxicabs under its license.
- D. Village Board may impose further restrictions.** Any licensee hereunder shall be subject to such further regulations and restrictions as may be imposed at any time by the Village Board.

§ 240-5. Substitute vehicles.

Whenever a licensed taxicab shall for any cause become temporarily unfit for use in said business, another automobile may be temporarily used by the licensee as a substitute, but only upon the following conditions:

- A.** It shall not be so used unless the insurance policy required by this chapter for licensed taxicabs affords like coverage for such substitute automobile.
- B.** The substituted vehicle shall be in a satisfactory and safe condition for the transportation of passengers. If in use for more than 48 hours, the inspection requirements of § 240-3 shall apply.

§ 240-6. Taxicab license fee.

Upon the approval of the Village Board, the applicant shall pay a taxicab license fee as set by the Village Board.

§ 240-7. Revocation of license.

- A. Revocation.** Licenses granted under §§ 240-1 through 240-4 may be suspended or revoked at any time by the Chief of Police for any violation of this chapter. When a taxicab license is revoked or canceled as herein provided, the Chief of Police shall immediately notify the owner to cease at once to operate the vehicle for which the license has been revoked as a taxicab.
- B. Appeals.** Any person who receives a revocation of license and objects to all or part thereof may appeal to the Village Board within seven days of the receipt of the order, and the Village Board shall hear such appeal within 30 days of receipt of such written notice of the appeal. After such hearing, the Village Board may reverse, affirm or modify the order or determination.

§ 240-8. Taxicab operator's license.

- A. License required.** No person shall operate any vehicle for the transportation of passengers for hire in this Village until a license shall have been granted by the Village Board. Such license shall be issued as of July 1 of each year and shall be effective for the period of one year from such date, unless sooner suspended, canceled or revoked as provided in this chapter.
- B. Temporary licenses.** The Chief of Police may issue temporary drivers' licenses to applicants who, in his opinion, meet the qualifications set forth in this section. Such temporary drivers' licenses may be issued at any time by the Chief of Police after an applicant has filed an application and shall be in force and effect until the Board shall have approved or disapproved of the applicant's application for a permanent driver's license. The Chief of Police may revoke such temporary driver's license at any time¹.
- C. License not granted.** An operator's license shall not be granted to any person:
 - (1) Who is under the age of 18 years.
 - (2) Who does not have valid vehicle driver's license.
 - (3) Who has pending against him or her or who has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of any offense, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the nature of taxicab operation, including but not limited to driving a motor vehicle as a conveyance of persons or baggage for hire while under the influence of intoxicants or controlled substances, while said conviction remains on record and is not reversed; provided, however, that the Village Board may grant a license to such convicted person after the granting of any complete pardon and restoration of civil rights or provided that the applicant is not prohibited from holding an operator's license under § 343.06, Wis. Stats.

- D. Fees.** There shall be no fee for an operator's license.

§ 240-9. Restrictions on operators.

- A. Display of license.** Each licensee, upon receiving a license and photograph of driver, shall, under penalty of revocation of such license, constantly and conspicuously display such license inside the taxicab while the licensee is engaged in his employment. Any driver loaning his license or permitting another person to use the same shall be guilty of an offense.
- B.** It shall be unlawful for the operator of any public passenger vehicle for the conveyance of passengers for hire to operate said vehicle more than 12 hours out of 24. An operator shall be deemed to be operating a vehicle within the terms of this subsection whenever he is in charge of such vehicle and holding himself in readiness to convey passengers. Violation of this subsection shall be assessed to both the operator and the company.