

Chapter 22

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ARTICLE 1. RESERVED

Secs. 22-1--22-15. Reserved.

ARTICLE 11. TAXICABS**

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 22-16. Defined.

The term "taxicab" as used in this Article shall mean and include any vehicle used to carry passengers for hire but not operating on a fixed route.

Sec. 22-17. State license required.

No taxicab shall be operated in the Village unless it bears a duly issued State license.

Sec. 22-18. Required equipment.

No taxicab shall be operated in the Village unless it is equipped with proper brakes, lights, tires, horn, muffler, rear vision mirror, and windshield wipers in good condition.

Sec. 22-19. Inspections.

It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to inspect every taxicab so often as may be necessary to

* Cross reference - Motor vehicles and traffic, Sec. 15-1 et seq.

** State law reference - Authority of city to license, tax and regulate taxicab drivers and similar occupations, 65 ILCS 5/11-24-6

see to the enforcement of the provisions of this Article.

Sec. 22-20. Name of owner and identification number to be affixed to taxicabs.

Each taxicab, while operated in the Village, shall have on each side, in letters readable from a distance of twenty (20) feet, the name of the licensee operating it. If more than one (1) taxicab is operated by a licensee, each taxicab shall be designated by a different number and such number also shall appear on each side of the taxicab, readable from a distance of twenty (20) feet.

Sec. 22-21. Bond or liability insurance required.

No taxicab shall be operated in the Village unless it is covered by a bond or public liability policy as required by State law.

Sec. 22-22. Unlawful use of taxicabs.

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly permit any taxicab to be used in the perpetration of a crime or misdemeanor.

Sec. 22-23. Revocation of licenses.

In addition to the penalty imposed by Section 1-8, the Village President and Board of Trustees may revoke any license issued under this Article for repeated violation of traffic laws or Ordinances or for violation of any of the provisions of this Article.

Sec. 22-24--22-29. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. BUSINESS LICENSE*

Sec. 22-30. Required.

It shall be unlawful to engage in the business of operating a taxicab in the Village without first having secured a license therefor.

Sec. 22-31. Application for license; contents.

Applications for a license required by this division shall be made in writing to the Village Clerk, and

* Cross reference - Licenses generally, Sec. 12-1 et seq.

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shall state thereon the name of the applicant, the intended place of business and the number of taxicabs to be operated.

Sec. 22-32. Persons ineligible for license.

No license required by this division shall be issued to or held by any person who is not a person of good character or who has been convicted of a felony, unless the Chief of Police shall determine, after investigation, that such person has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant public trust; nor shall such license be issued to or held by any corporation if any officer thereof would be ineligible for a license under the foregoing conditions.

Sec. 22-33. Reserved.

Editor's note--Section 22-33, specifying the fee for a license to engage in the business of operating a taxicab, was repealed by Ord. No. 82-15, Sec. 3, enacted Sept., 15, 1982.

Sec. 22-34. Disposition of license fees.

In the event that a license required by this division is applied for and denied, the fee shall be returned to the applicant. If the license is granted, then the fee shall be deposited in the General Corporate Fund or such other fund as shall have been designated by the Board of Trustees by proper action.

Sec. 22-35. Increase in fee when numbered taxicabs increased.

Whenever the number of taxicabs operated by a person licensed under this division shall be increased during the license year the licensee shall notify the Village Clerk of such change and shall pay the required fee for the additional taxicabs.

Sec. 22-36. License not transferable.

No license issued under this division shall be transferable or assignable.

Sec. 22-37. License year.

The annual license period for licenses issued pursuant to this division shall be the fiscal year of the Village.

Sec. 22-38. Tags or stickers to be issued, affixed to vehicle; replacements.

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The Village Clerk shall issue suitable tags or stickers for the number of taxicabs covered by each license issued pursuant to this division. The tag or sticker shall be displayed in a prominent place on each taxicab while it is in use. If a taxicab is withdrawn from service and another taxicab replaces the one withdrawn, the licensee shall notify the Village Clerk who shall issue a tag or sticker for such replacement taxicab without additional charge to the licensee. The licensee shall notify the Village Clerk of the motor number and of the license number of each taxicab operated and of the corresponding Village tag or sticker number.

Sec. 22-39. Payment of license fee establishes right to use taxicab stand; use.

The annual license fee established by this division shall include the right to use one (1) or more of the designated parking places for taxicabs in each of the various locations throughout the Village, known as "taxicab stands". Said parking places shall be assigned by the Chief of Police and no other licensee shall use that parking place or places. Each taxicab stand shall be appropriately marked by signs erected under the supervision of the Chief of Police. A licensed taxicab may be parked in any taxicab stand while such taxicab is in charge of its driver on duty awaiting a fare.

Sec. 22-40. Licensees to give Village Clerk information relative to drivers.

Semiannually each licensee under this division shall submit a list to the Village Clerk, giving thereon, the name, address and telephone number of all of its taxicab drivers.

Secs. 22-41--22-47. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. DRIVERS

Sec. 22-48. Chauffeur's license required.

No person shall operate a taxicab in the Village unless he shall have secured a chauffeur's license therefor.

Sec. 22-49. Qualifications for chauffeur's license; examination.

No such chauffeur's license shall be issued to any person who is not competent to operate a motor vehicle or who is not familiar with the traffic laws of the State and Ordinances of the Village relative to traffic. The Chief of Police shall examine each applicant for a chauffeur's driver's license to determine the competency of the applicant, and no such license shall be issued except upon issuance of a certificate by the Chief of Police that the applicant has demonstrated his ability to operate a motor vehicle as required herein. No license shall be issued to any person who has been convicted

of a felony.

Sec. 22-50. Revocation of chauffeur's license.

In addition to the penalty prescribed by Section 1-8, the Village President may revoke any chauffeur's license for repeated violations of traffic laws or Ordinances; or of any provision of this division regulating the conduct of taxicab drivers.

Sec. 22-51. State license required.

No person shall drive a taxicab in the Village unless he shall have secured a license therefor, as provided by State law. No person shall drive a taxicab until he has exhibited such license to the Chief of Police who will issue a certificate that the applicant has complied with the provisions of this Section.

Sec. 22-52. Prohibited conduct while operating taxicab.

It shall be unlawful for any driver of a taxicab while on duty to drink any intoxicating liquor, to be intoxicated or to use any profane or obscene language, to shout or call to prospective passengers, to disturb the peace in any way, to use drugs or to be under the influence of drugs.

Sec. 22-53. Duty to observe traffic rules.

It shall be the duty of every driver of a taxicab to obey all traffic rules established by Statute or Ordinance.

Sec. 22-54. Duty to accept passengers; acceptance of additional passengers.

It shall be the duty of the driver of any taxicab to accept as a passenger any person who seeks to so use the taxicab, provided such person is not intoxicated and conducts himself in an orderly manner. No person shall be admitted to a taxicab occupied by a passenger without the consent of the passenger.

Sec. 22-55. Duty to use shortest route.

The driver of any taxicab shall take his passenger to his destination by the most direct available route from the place where the passenger enters the taxicab.