

ORDINANCE 79-59

To Repeal and Re-Enact Chapter 4.24 of the  
Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Taxicabs"

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

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Chapter 4.24  
TAXICABS

Sections:

- 4.24.010 Definition.
- 4.24.020 Operation generally.
- 4.24.030 Business license - Required.
- 4.24.040 Business license - Application.
- 4.24.050 Business license - Insurance required.
- 4.24.060 Business license - Facilities required.
- 4.24.070 Business license - Safety inspection required.
- 4.24.080 Business license - Issuance.
- 4.24.090 Business license - Information.
- 4.24.100 Business license - Term and fee.
- 4.24.110 Taxicabs - Fare card.
- 4.24.120 Taxicabs - Driver card.
- 4.24.130 Taxicabs - Signs.
- 4.24.140 Adequate Service.
- 4.24.150 Complaints.
- 4.24.160 Suspension and revocation of license.
- 4.24.170 Penalty.

4.24.010 Definition. "Taxicab" shall mean any motor vehicle designed and constructed to accomodate and transport passengers, not more than six (6) in number, not including the driver, which does not operate over any definite and designated routes within the city, and the destination of which is designated by the passenger or passengers at the time of such transportation.

4.24.020 Operations generally. It shall be unlawful to drive or operate a taxicab in the city except in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

4.24.030 Business license - Required. It shall be unlawful to drive or operate a taxicab in the city without first having secured a license to do so as provided by this chapter.

4.24.040 Business license - Application. Any person who intends to operate a new taxicab company, renew an existing taxicab license or expand existing service in the city shall file an application form with the city controller. Such application shall be in writing, signed and duly sworn by the applicant, and shall contain the following information:

- (a) The name and address of the person, partnership, firm or corporation requesting the license and, if the applicant is a firm or partnership, the name and address of each of the officers;
- (b) A list of the make, model, factory number and state license number of each motor vehicle to be used as a taxicab;
- (c) A statement that the applicant owns the vehicles described in subsection (b) above and that the applicant will operate these vehicles in providing taxicab service; and
- (d) A statement that the applicant is financially able to render taxicab service, has adequate resources and financial backing, and has insurance sufficient to meet the current requirements of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

4.24.050 Business license - Insurance required. No license to operate a taxicab shall be issued unless the applicant files with the city controller a written statement from the applicant's insurer stating that the applicant has a policy of public liability and property damage insurance in a sum sufficient to meet the requirements of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

4.24.060 Business license - Facilities required. No license to operate a taxicab shall be issued unless the applicant has an office in the city from which to control the operation of the taxicab company. Such office shall be equipped with a parking lot sufficient to accommodate all licensed taxicabs.

4.24.070 Business license - Safety inspection required. (a) No license shall be issued to operate a taxicab unless the chief of police or his designee has made a safety inspection of each vehicle designated in the application. The chief of police shall send a report of the inspection and his recommendation to the controller as soon as the inspection is completed.

(b) It shall be unlawful to operate a taxicab which has not been inspected by the chief of police or his designee and found to be safe to operate.

4.24.080 Business license - Issuance. (a) The controller shall within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the completed application issue the business license to the applicant provided there is compliance with all other provisions of this chapter.

(b) If the controller fails to issue the license within fourteen (14) days of completion of the application, the applicant may appeal the denial to the board of public works. The board shall at its next regularly scheduled meeting determine whether the applicant has complied with all provisions of this chapter and shall authorize the controller to issue the license if there is such compliance.

4.24.090 Business license - Information. (a) The following information shall be included on the business license and shall be kept current:

- (1) the name and address of the licensee;
- (2) the name and address of the taxicab company;
- (3) a list of the make, model, factory number, state license number and city license plate number of each motor vehicle to be used as a taxicab;
- (4) a statement that the licensee has sufficient insurance to meet state requirements;
- (5) a schedule of fares and rates; and
- (6) the date of issuance of the license with the signature of the controller.

(b) If a change is made in the information contained in the license, the old license shall be delivered to the controller, cancelled and destroyed and a new license issued in its place.

4.24.100 Business license - Term and fee. The license shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance. The fee for a taxicab license shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) and shall be paid to the city controller in the form of either cash or certified check.

4.24.110 Taxicabs - Fare Card. (a) Every licensed taxicab shall be equipped with a card prominently displayed showing the fares and rates to be charged for the transportation of passengers and baggage.

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4.24.120 Taxicabs - Driver Card. Every licensed taxicab shall be equipped with a card prominently displayed showing the name and photograph of the driver operating the taxicab.

4.24.130 Taxicabs - Signs. Any motor vehicle licensed as a taxicab shall be designated by the name of the company as it appears on the business license and the name shall be printed in legible letters on each side of the vehicle that are readable at one hundred fifty feet (150 ft.) or more by the naked eye by a person with normal vision. Licensed taxicabs shall not be painted in any manner that tends to deceive the public.

4.24.140 Adequate Service. All licensed taxicab companies shall provide service to the public on a city-wide basis twenty-four (24) hours a day of the year. Service may be temporarily discontinued provided that adequate notice is given the press at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

4.24.150 Complaints. All complaints against licensed taxicab companies shall be referred to the board of public works. If a preliminary investigation determines that a violation of this chapter has occurred, the complaint may either be referred to the board of public works for a public hearing on the suspension or revocation of the license under section 4.24.160 of this chapter or to the legal department for action under section 4.24.170 of this chapter.

4.24.160 Suspension and revocation of license. Any license properly issued under the terms and conditions of this chapter may be revoked or suspended by the board of public works upon the failure of the owner or operator to operate any taxicab in compliance with the terms of this chapter. The owner or operator shall be given five (5) days written notice of such violation, and upon public hearing and adequate proof of noncompliance the license may be suspended or revoked.

4.24.170 Penalty. Any person violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with any of the mandatory requirements of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars or to suspension or revocation of the taxicab license. Each day that a violation of this chapter continues shall constitute a separate violation.

SECTION II. Severability. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other parts of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid part, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor and with publication and promulgation required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1979.

*Tomilea Allison*  
TOMILEA ALLISON, President  
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

*Karel Dolnick*  
KAREL DOLNICK, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 22 day of August, 1979.

*Karel Dolnick*  
KAREL DOLNICK, City Clerk

SIGNED and APPROVED by me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1979.

*Francis X. McCloskey*  
Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

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City of Bloomington

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(Governmental Unit)

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County, Indiana

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Penny Combs billing clerk

Title

NOTARY'S AFFIDAVIT

I, Notary Public in and for said county and state, Penny Combs billing clerk, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appeared before me, a notary public in and for said county and state, on this 8th day of September, 1979. Penny Combs billing clerk Herald-Telephone a daily general circulation printed and published in the English language in the Bloomington in state and county that the printed matter attached hereto is a true copy, which was duly filed in the office of the publisher of said paper for the time, the dates of publication being as follows: Sept. 8 & 15, 1979. Penny Combs sworn to before me this 15 day of Sept. 1979. Mary Buckner Notary Public expires 8/21/81

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**On Account Of Appropriation For**

Appropriation No. \_\_\_\_\_

Allowed \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_

In the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have examined the within claim and hereby certify as follows:

That it is in proper form.

That it is duly authenticated as required by law.

That it is based upon statutory authority.

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I certify that the within claim is true and correct; that the services therein itemized and for which charge is made were ordered by me and were necessary to the public business.

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**TABLE SHOWING PRICE PER LINE AND PER INSERTION**  
 (As Set by Chapter 89, Acts of 1967)

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7	.144	.216	.288	.360	.151	.227	.302	.378	.158	.237	.316	.395
7 1/2	.134	.201	.268	.335	.14	.21	.28	.35	.148	.222	.296	.37
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I HEREBY MOVE THAT  ORDINANCE  APPROPRIATION

ORDINANCE # 79-59, ENTITLED To Repeal and Re-enact  
Chapter 4.24 of the Blount County  
Municipal Code, Entitled "Taxis"

BE INTRODUCED AND READ FOR FOR FIRST READING BY TITLE

ONLY AT THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7-31-79

John F. Richardson  
(Signature)