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## ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Secs. 110.1-110.25. Reserved.

## ARTICLE II. TAXICABS"

## DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 110-26. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Driver* means any person who drives or is otherwise in actual physical control of a taxicab.

*Taxicab* means any motor vehicle operated on, over and upon the public streets and alleys of the city for hire, and not operated over a fixed route or on a fixed schedule.  
(Code 1974, § 30.11)

Cross reference-Definitions generally, § 1.2.

Sec. 110.27. Insurance or bond requirements.

(a) Before any taxicab is operated upon the city streets, avenues and alleys, the owner thereof shall file with the city clerk a policy of public liability and property damage insurance, issued by a good and solvent company authorized to do business in the state, which policy shall cover the taxicab with liability coverage of at least \$5,000.00 for the injury or death of one person, \$10,000.00 for the injury or death of more than one person and \$1,000.00 for property damage, all in any one accident, which may occur by reason of negligence and carelessness in the operation of the taxicab. Such insurance policy must be approved by the city manager in writing on the policy.

(b) In lieu of filing the public liability and property damage insurance policy, as provided for in subsection (a), the owner of a taxicab may deposit a liability bond in the sum of \$10,000.00 acceptable to and approved by the city manager, which bond shall indemnify the owner in the sum of not less than \$5,000.00 for the injury or death of one

State law reference-Authority to regulate taxicabs, II O.S. § 22-118.

person, \$10,000.00 for the injury or death of more than one person and \$1,000.00 for property damage, all in any one accident. Such bond must be secured by either stocks, bonds or cash of current market value, or a mortgage on unencumbered real estate, which shall not be scheduled for more than four times its assessed value, as shown by the roll in the county assessor's office, and shall, in addition, be approved as sufficient, in writing, by the city manager. Such mortgage shall be made payable to the city treasurer and his successors in office and shall be filed with the city clerk.

(c) If a real estate mortgage is offered as security for a bond under subsection (b), the taxicab owner shall furnish a current abstract of title. A written opinion shall be furnished by the city attorney, and a certified statement must be furnished by the owner as to the assessed valuation of the property offered, as shown by the assessment roll in the county assessor's office. The cost of the abstract and of the recordation of the mortgage shall be paid by the taxicab owner.

(d) A bond filed under this section shall cover each and every taxicab operated by the indemnified owner and shall waive the description of the vehicles indemnified thereunder. Should any claim become a charge or prospective charge under such bond, the city manager may, from time to time, require the owner to furnish additional bond or security in an amount not in excess of the sums required herein, and conditioned as hereinabove provided. Such bond shall also contain a clause obligating the surety thereon to give 30 days' written notice, to the city manager, before cancellation thereof by the surety, and the taxicab license shall expire upon the lapse or termination of the bond or security.

(e) The city treasurer may, with the consent of the city manager, release the security for any bond filed under this section, as to all liability thereafter to be incurred, and substitute therefor other security, provided that such security so substituted complies with all the requirements of this section.

(f) It shall be unlawful to operate a taxicab without depositing the insurance policy, bond or security provided for in this section, or to continue to operate a taxicab after the city manager

has required the furnishing of additional bond or security, without so doing.  
(Code 1974, § 30-12)

State Inw references-Authority to require bond, insur. ance or other indemnity for taxicabs, 11 O.S. § 22-118(1); taxicab financial responsibiJily, 47 O.S. § 8.104.

Sec. 110.28. Identification.

Each side of a taxicab shall have plainly printed thereon the name of the owner of the taxicab or of the business operating such taxicab, in letters four inches in height.  
(Code 1974, § 30-13)

Sec. 110.29. Driver's photograph, schedule of rates posted.

There shall be posted on the inside of each taxicab a photograph of the driver thereof, together with a schedule of rates charged for the use of the taxicab.  
(Code 1974, § 30-14)

Sec. 110-30. Limitation on number of passen. gers.

The number of passengers in a taxicab shall be limited to the seating capacity of such vehicle.  
(Code 1974, § 30-15)

Sec. 110.31. Suspension or revocation of li. censes issued under article.

All licenses issued under this article may be suspended or revoked for any of the following causes:

- (1) When any statement in the license application is found to be false.
- (2) Violation of federal or state laws by the licensee.
- (3) Driving a taxicab while under the influence of liquor.
- (4) Failure to report accidents.
- (5) Permitting other persons to use the license.
- (6) Obliterating or changing information on the license.

(7) Two convictions of the licensee of a major traffic violation during the license year.  
(Code 1974, § 30-16)

Secs, 110-32-110.40. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. VEHICLE LICENSE

Sec. 110-41. Required.

Na person shall operate a taxicab unless a current license therefor has been issued in accord with this division.  
(Code 1974, § 30-23)

Sec. 110.42. Not issued to minors or felons.

No taxicab license shall be issued to any person under the age of 21 years, or to any person who has been convicted of a felony.  
(Code 1974, § 30-24)

Sec. 110.43. Filing and contents of applica. tion.

Application for a license under this division shall be made, in writing, by the owner of the taxicab. Such application shall be filed with the city treasurer and shall state the following:

- (1) The name of the applicant.
- (2) The address of the applicant.
- (3) The experience of the applicant in the taxicab business.
- (4) The number of La.xicabs the applicant de. sires to operate.
- (5) The following information concerning each taxicab to be licensed: mechanical and physical condition, seating capacity, state li- cense number, motor number and chassis number.  
(Code 1974, § 30-25)

Sec. 110.44. Applicant to present evidence of current inspection of vehicle.

Each applicant for a taxicab license shall, prior Loissuance or renewal of the license, present ev- idence to the city treasurer that the taxicab has

passed a current inspection, as required by state law.  
(Code 1974, § 30.26)

Sec. 110.45. Fee.

The annual fee for a license under this division shall be \$20.00 for each taxicab.  
(Code 1974, § 30.27)

Sec. 110.46. Investigation of application; issuance.

The city treasurer shall investigate the facts stated in an application for a license under this division. Upon approval of the application by the city treasurer, he may issue the license upon the payment of the prescribed fee. No license shall be issued unless the owner of the taxicab has complied with section 110-27.  
(Code 1974, § 30-28)

Sec. 110-47. Contents.

The serial number of the motor and the number of the chassis of each taxicab licensed under this division shall be listed upon the license. The license shall *also* contain a statement that it is not transferable.  
(Code 1974, § 30.29)

Sec. 110.48. Duplicates.

In case a license issued under this division is lost, a duplicate license may be issued by the city treasurer upon the payment of a fee of \$2.00.  
(Code 1974, § 30-30)

Sec. 110.49. Expiration.

All licenses issued under this division shall expire on *July* 1 next following the date of issuance.  
(Code 1974, § 30-31)

Secs. 110.50-110.60. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. DRIVER'S LICENSE

Sec. 110.61. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to act or work as a taxicab driver or drive a taxicab without

having a license so to do issued by the city treasurer in accordance with this division.  
(Code 1974, § 30.38)

Sec. 110.62. Filing and contents of application.

Application for a taxicab driver's license shall be in writing and filed with the city treasurer, and shall state the following:

- (1) The name, residence, age, sex, weight, color of hair and eyes, race, color and nationality of the applicant.
- (2) Whether the applicant has ever been licensed as a taxicab driver, and if so, where.
- (3) Whether the applicant's license has ever been suspended or revoked and the reason therefor.
- (4) The number of times the applicant has been convicted for the violation of traffic law.
- (5) The names of three reputable persons residing in the city who can vouch for the fact that the applicant is of good moral character and repute.

(Code 1974, § 30-39)

Sec. 110-63. Applicant's health permit and photograph.

Each application for a license under this division shall have attached thereto a health permit issued to the applicant and a recent photograph of the applicant, which photograph shall be two inches by two inches in size.  
(Code 1974, § 30-40)

Sec. 110.64. Investigation and approval of application.

Each application for a taxicab driver's license shall be referred to the chief of police for investigation and no such license shall be issued until the chief of police has approved the application.  
(Code 1974, § 30.41)

Sec. 110.65. Fee.

The annual fee for a taxicab driver's license shall be \$2.00.

(Code 1974, § 30.42)

Sec. 110.66. Issuance.

Upon approval by the chief of police of the application for a license under this division, and upon payment of the prescribed fee, the city treasurer shall issue the license.

(Code 1974, § 30-43)

Sec. 110.67. Posting.

A taxicab driver's license shall be posted on the inside of the taxicab at all times while such driver is operating the taxicab.

(Code 1974, § 30.44)

Sec. 110.68. Duplicates.

If a taxicab driver's license is destroyed or lost, a fee of \$2.00 shall be paid for issuing a duplicate license.

(Code 1974, § 30.45)

Sec. 110-69. Expiration.

Each license issued under this division shall expire on July 1 next following its issuance.

(Code 1974, § 30.46)