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**24-O-08**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**Amending Various Sections of Title 3, Section 19 of the Evanston City Code, Entitled "Taxicabs; Vehicles for Hire"**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

**SECTION 1:** That Section 3-19-3-4 of the Evanston City Code of 1979, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**3-19-3-4: SCHEDULE OF FEES; LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE:**

Licenses issued pursuant to this Chapter shall expire on December 31st following the date of issuance.

(A) The license fees per vehicle shall be as follows:

Rent-a-car	\$38.00 per annum
Livery cabs (includes vehicle sticker)	\$250.00 per annum
Taxicabs	
Initial issuance	\$1,250.00
Renewal (includes vehicle sticker fee)	\$250.00
Transfer	\$2,500.00
Sightseeing vehicles, motor coaches or buses other than those operated by a duly licensed public utility	\$68.00 per annum

The initial license fees for taxicabs provided herein shall apply to licenses issued on or after April 1, 1978, The initial license shall be deemed to apply to each transaction whereby an authorized license is issued to a new applicant for such license. Initial license fees shall not apply to transfers of licenses authorized by the provisions of this Chapter.

(B) Addition to Other Fees: The vehicle license fees established by subsection (A) above shall be in addition to all other State and City vehicle fees and also to such compensation as may be required to be paid for the use of the public ways of the City by any ordinance granting authority to operate public passenger vehicles upon such public ways.

(C) Public passenger vehicle renewal license fees are due January 2 of each year. A one hundred and twenty five dollar (\$125.00) penalty will be imposed if payment is not received by February 15. If fees are not paid by April 1, the license will be declared abandoned and subject to re-issuance by lot as mandated by City Code.

(D) Advertising in or on Taxicabs. No licensee shall permit his or her taxicab to display any advertising sign or device without a permit issued by the City Collector. Application for a permit to display advertising in or on a taxicab shall be on a form provided by the City Collector's Office and shall contain the following information:

- a) the name and address of the licensee applying for the permit;
- b) the license number of the public passenger vehicle to which the advertising sign or device will be affixed;
- c) a physical description of the advertising sign or device, including but not limited to, specifications regarding the size, material composition, weight, and method of securing the advertising sign or device to be affixed to the taxicab;
- d) the location in or on the vehicle where the advertising sign or device will be displayed;
- e) a detailed explanation indicating how the applicant will ensure that the design, construction, placement, and/or method of affixing the advertising sign or device will not:
  - 1) create any risk of injury to the driver of passengers of the vehicle or any pedestrians or drivers or passengers of any other vehicles on the public way;
  - 2) cover, either wholly or in part, or interfere with the passenger's view of the taximeter, license card display, chauffeur's license display, required information and rate sheets, and Braille information card;
  - 3) cover, either wholly or in part, the windshield or any window of the vehicle;
  - 4) cover, either wholly or in part, any vehicle number markings or other ownership indicia required by ordinance or rule, or in any way reduce the conspicuousness of such number markings and/or other ownership indicia;
  - 5) cover, either wholly or in part, the dome light required by the ordinance or rule, or in any way reduce the conspicuousness of the dome light, or detract from the general public's ability to ascertain, from a distance of at least three hundred feet (300') feet, the availability of the taxicab for hire, and
- f) any contracts or other agreements between the licensee and those parties contracting for the placement of advertising on the vehicle;

g) proof, in a form acceptable to the City Collector, that the public liability and property damage insurance policy(s) for the vehicle(s) for whom the advertising permit is being applied specifically provide coverage for any injury or damage caused in whole, or in part, by the advertising display to be affixed to the taxicab.

The annual fee for the issuance of a permit shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), payable at the time of application. The fee shall not be prorated. An advertising display permit issued pursuant to these rules shall expire on the 31st day of December following the date of issue, unless sooner surrendered, revoked or terminated.

No more than one advertising display permit shall be issued for any taxicab at any one time.

No advertising display permit shall be transferred or assigned.

Any change of the licensed vehicle to which the advertising display is to be affixed, or to the size of the advertising display or the location in or on the vehicle of the advertising display shall require a new application for a permit for advertising display and the payment of a new permit fee.

No advertising display shall be used for any advertising that is fraudulent or otherwise in any way in violation of city, state or federal law or regulation. No public chauffeur shall solicit for or otherwise promote the product or service advertised.

**SECTION 2:** That Section 3-19-4-3 (I) of the Evanston City Code of 1979, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**3-19-4-3:**

(I) Applicants applying for a license for the first time after the effective date of this Section shall attend a driver's training course approved by the City, and pass any proficiency examinations related thereto, administered by the course instructor(s) and/or the City, as a condition precedent to obtaining a license. The fee for this training course shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Persons licensed by the City for the year 1988 or for prior years are exempt from the driver's training course and examination requirements. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, persons whose licenses have lapsed for a period of one year or more from the expiration date of their last valid City license are required to take the course and pass the examination(s) as a condition precedent to obtaining a license. Persons failing the examination will be allowed to repeat the examination within fifteen (15) days. Persons failing the second examination will be required to repeat the course before being allowed to take the examination again.

**SECTION 3:** That Section 3-19-6-3 of the Evanston City Code of 1979, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**3-19-6-3: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES:**

(A) Rates And Charges: The following schedule of rates and charges which is hereby declared to be just and reasonable, computed according to number of passengers, the distance traveled, and the time computed as indicated by the taximeter installed in each taxicab, shall be effective April 1, 2008:

- \$2.25 for the first 1/4 mile or fraction thereof;
- \$1.20 for each additional 1/2 mile (\$2.40 each mile);
- \$1.00 for the second and additional passenger, excepting children age 12 and under;
- \$0.25 for each 1/2 minute of waiting time (\$0.50 each minute);
- \$2.50 minimum fare.

The fixed rate for a ride for persons registered to participate in the senior citizen/ambulatory handicapped taxicab program shall be six dollars (\$6.00), based upon subsidies from the city and township, with a passenger share of three dollars (\$3.00). Eligible riders must be Evanston residents of sixty (60) years of age or older, or those who are ambulatory handicapped, but the availability of assistance shall be limited to those senior citizens who provide a written affidavit of need and meet income eligibility requirements. Eligible senior citizens will be those individuals whose annual income does not exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for a single person or fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for married persons filing a joint return. Information regarding income must be provided in order to qualify for the transportation program. Applicants must sign a form attesting that their income is less than the eligibility standard, or that although their income is greater than the standard, they need the program because of extraordinary expenses. Eligible senior citizens/ambulatory handicapped riders must purchase a coupon for service at designated locations for two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50). The city will contribute three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) through February 28, 2009 for each valid coupon retained. Beginning March 1, 2009, the purchase cost for senior citizens will be three dollars (\$3.00) for each valid coupon retained. Riders must be taken only within the corporate boundaries of the city, twenty four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

(B) Waiting Time: Waiting time shall include the time beginning five (5) minutes after call time at the place to which the taxicab has been called, when it is not in motion, and the time consumed while standing at the direction of a passenger. Waiting time shall also include any time during which a taxicab is traveling at a speed of less than ten (10) miles per hour so that the fare is being calculated at the established mileage rate or the waiting time rate, whichever is greater.

(C) Baggage: Passengers shall be entitled to conveyance of their ordinary hand baggage without charge. A fee of twenty five cents (\$0.25) may be charged for carrying items in or upon the taxi or other than within the passenger compartment.

**SECTION 4:** That Section 3-19-7 (C) of the Evanston City Code of 1979, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**3-19-7 (C): LEASED VEHICLES AND LEASE AGREEMENTS**

- (1) Agreements to be written.

All lease agreements between Public Passenger Vehicle, License/Medallion Holders or affiliations (Lessors) and the chauffeurs of Public Passenger Vehicles (Lessees) shall be in writing and shall include the following:

a. the name, address, Public Passenger Vehicle License number and 24-hour telephone number of the Lessor;

b. the name, address and Chicago Chauffeur's License number of the Lessee to whom the vehicle is assigned;

- (2) The term of the lease, including the beginning and expiration dates and times;

- (3) The obligations of the Lessor for maintaining the safety of vehicle; and

(4) A fully executed receipt indicating the amount paid by the lessee for the lease, including all incidental charges, as well as type of payment (payment can be made in form of cash, check or money order)

No Lessor may require any Lessee to lease any vehicle for more than a twenty-four (24) hour period at one time.

(5) All Public Passenger Vehicle License Holders or their affiliations (Lessors) shall keep accurate records of the lease agreements between them and each chauffeur (Lessee) assigned to their Public Passenger Vehicles, and the records shall indicate the beginning and expiration dates and time of each lease agreement. These records shall be made available to the City Collector for inspection upon demand.

- (6) Lease agreements to be in Lessee's possession.

It shall be the duty of the Lessor to ensure that any Lessee operating Lessor's Public Passenger Vehicle shall have been issued an executed lease. The Lessee shall keep his completely executed lease agreement in his possession whenever he is operating the leased Public Passenger Vehicle.

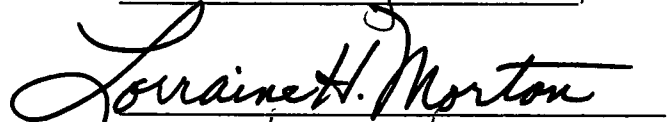
**SECTION 5:** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.


**SECTION 6:** That if any provision of this Ordinance 24-O-08 or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance 24-O-08 that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

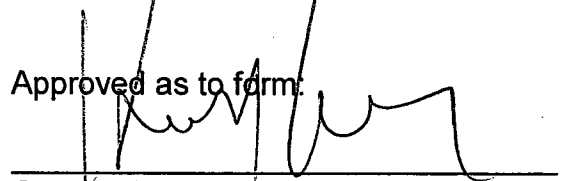
**SECTION 7:** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced: February 25, 2008  
Adopted: February 25, 2008

Approved:  
February 27, 2008

  
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Lorraine H. Morton, Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Mary P. Morris City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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Corporation Counsel