

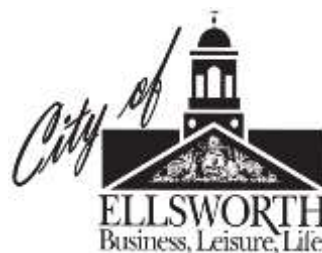
City of Ellsworth

Chapter 8

TAXICAB ORDINANCE

A true copy –

Attest: Heidi-Noel Grindle
City Clerk



Amended 05/16/2016

Amended 05/15/2017

Objective of the Ordinance is to protect the safety and welfare of persons hiring taxicabs within the City of Ellsworth in conjunction with compliance from taxicab owners to enhance the passenger experience.

Section 101. Definition. Every motor vehicle used or to be used for the conveyance of persons for hire from place to place within the City shall be deemed a taxicab within the meaning of this ordinance except a motor vehicle subject to regulation by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Maine, and motor vehicles collecting fares by tickets or coupons for interstate transportation.

Section 102. Owner's License. The owner of every such motor vehicle shall apply for an owner's license; application therefore shall set forth the name and address of applicant, trade name under which applicant does or proposes to do business, where proposed stands and garages are or are to be located, the number of vehicles the applicant desires to operate, a clear description of such vehicle and such other facts as the City Clerk may require.

Section 103. Taxicab Markings. Every vehicle thus licensed shall have the name of the company and the word "TAXI" plainly lettered not less than two inches in height on the main panel of each rear door, or other conspicuous place.

Section 104. Driver's License. No person shall drive or operate a taxicab unless duly licensed as a taxicab driver. No such license shall be issued to any person without a valid Maine State operator's license certified by the Police Chief or his designee. A valid license from another State can be certified by the Police Chief or his designee in cases where an employee is working in Maine on a temporary basis for example during the summer months only.

Section 105. Temporary Driver's License. A temporary driver's license will be issued when a taxicab owner desires to designate a new hire with a probation status. This driver's license will have a term to expire ten (10) calendar days from the date of issue. All the provisions described in Section 104, Driver's License must be complied with prior to a Temporary Driver's License being issued. The only advantage to the taxicab owner is the fee for the Driver's License will be waived until the ten (10) calendar days period has expired and/or the taxicab owner makes the decision to retain the employee.

Section 106. Driver's Identification. The City Clerk shall deliver to each licensed driver an identification card setting forth the date of issue, expiration date of each license, name, address, photo of driver, and physical description of the licensee including date of birth, sex, height, and weight. This card shall at all times be displayed prominently in the cab driven by the licensee or carried upon his/her person; if carried upon his/her person, the licensee shall exhibit the same to any passenger or officer of the law, who may so request.

Section 107. Vehicle Inspection. Every Taxi owner shall present each taxicab listed on the Owner's License issued by the City of Ellsworth to the Police Chief or his designee for inspection whenever the Police Chief or his designee so requires, during the 1st full week of January and the 3rd week of July of each calendar year, Monday thru Friday between 8 AM and 4 PM, and at the time of initial licensing or addition to an existing license. The inspection process will be conducted in compliance with the City of Ellsworth Vehicle Compliance Report (see Attachment A). This inspection process will be a general overview of the vehicle, not intended to be a State certified inspection, nor does this preclude the vehicle from having a State Certified Inspection. If a taxi is not inspected during the designated weeks for renewals, or on the day a new taxi is licensed or added to an existing license that specific taxi will be suspended from use. If the taxi fails the inspection outlined in Attachment A; it will be suspended immediately from use until such time it can be re-inspected and successfully pass the inspection outlined in Attachment A.

Section 108. Penalty. Unless otherwise specifically provided by law, the penalty for failure to obtain an Owner's License, Driver's License, or Temporary Driver's License as required by this ordinance is hereby determined to be twice the amount of the required license. The fee will be collected by the City Clerk at the time of issuing the license.

Any person who violates the provisions found in Section 107. "Vehicle Inspection" of the City of Ellsworth Chapter 8 Taxicab Ordinance commits a civil ordinance violation for which a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) may be imposed for each day such offense continues and the City's reasonable fees and expenses, including attorney's fees to prosecute such ordinance violation. Each infraction against Section 107 will constitute a separate offense for each day the violation occurs.

**CITY OF ELLSWORTH
TAXICAB
VEHICLE COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Please designate Pass with a "P" and Fail with an "X" in the space provided.

- _____ All lights in proper working order (head, tail, directional, flashers, dash, and top light)
- _____ Business Name and word "TAXI" plainly lettered not less than two inches in height on the main panel of each rear door, or other conspicuous place. **Name must match registration.**
- _____ Passenger Bill of Rights and "NO Smoking" signs are prominently displayed
- _____ No visible tears in carpeting or upholstery
- _____ No dents larger than six (6) inches in diameter
- _____ No exhaust leaks
- _____ No fluid leaks
- _____ No loose trash or large amounts of dirt or sand in the interior passenger area
- _____ No missing trim or body work
- _____ No cracks in windshield or windows
- _____ Seat belts for all passenger seats visible and in working order
- _____ Operational jack and inflated spare tire in vehicle
- _____ No bald spots on tires
- _____ No missing hubcaps
- _____ No visible primer paint
- _____ No rust greater than one (1) inch in diameter
- _____ Current State of Maine Inspection sticker # _____

Signature of Examiner

Date

Taxi Business Name

Last eight #'s of VIN

Hire Plate #

Fleet # (if applicable)