

CHAPTER 5

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3-5-1: DEFINITION: As used in this Chapter the term taxicab means any motor vehicle carrying passengers for hire for which public patronage is solicited. Railroad cars, motor buses, operating under the authority and jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce Commission shall not be considered taxicabs. (1963 Code, 34.01)

3-5-2: LICENSE REQUIRED: No person, whether acting as owner, principal, agent, employee, lessee or licensee, shall operate or permit to be operated upon the streets of the Village any taxicab without a license thereof. (1963 Code, 34.02)

3-5-3: APPLICATION FOR LICENSE: A separate application shall be made for each vehicle to be used as a taxicab, which application shall be substantially as follows:

Application is hereby made for a taxicab license to be used in connection with the motor vehicle described herein:

Full name of owner

Applicant, if other than owner

Make of motor vehicle

Passenger capacity of the same

Motor number _____ Serial number

Number of taxicab license heretofore issued to the undersigned applicant now in force _____

The applicant hereby agrees that in consideration of the issuance of the license hereby applied for that the motor vehicle above described shall not at any time while it is operated as a

taxicab in the Village of East Alton, Illinois be driven or operated by other person than a person licensed as a chauffeur under the laws of the State of Illinois.

Date
Applicant

By

Application approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of East Alton, Illinois on
_day of _____ 19 ____.

Village Clerk
(1963 Code, 34.03)

3-5-4: ISSUANCE OF LICENSE: Upon the approval of an application by the Board of Trustees and by the President the applicant shall present the application to the Treasurer who shall ascertain the license fee required. Upon payment of the license fee, the Treasurer shall give the applicant a receipt therefore and indicate on the application the amount paid. The applicant shall present the application and the receipt issued by the Treasurer to the Clerk, who shall issue the taxicab license. The Clerk shall also furnish the applicant a sticker, circular in form and not less than six inches (6") in diameter, and which shall have printed thereon the words: "Taxicab-East Alton, Illinois-License". The sticker shall be placed on the windshield of the motor vehicle to be used as a taxicab. (1963 Code, 34.04)

3-5-5: ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT: The operator of a taxicab shall be a person of good moral character. The Board of Trustees shall not authorize the issuance of a taxicab license to any person it does not deem to be of good moral character. (1963 Code, 34.05)

3-5-6: LICENSED CHAUFFEURS: No person shall drive a taxicab unless he has a license issued by the State of Illinois of such class as prescribed by rules or regulations of the Secretary of State. (1963 Code, 34.06; Amd. 1975 Code)

3-5-7: MARKINGS: Every taxicab operated in the Village, in addition to the exhibition of the license sticker required under this Chapter, shall have printed or painted or attached in letters at least two inches (2") in height, the name of the taxicab operator. (1963 Code, 34.07)

3-5-8: LICENSE FEES: A license fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year shall be paid for each vehicle operated as a taxicab. License fees for the full year shall be due and payable on May 1, in a particular year. Where the licenses are issued subsequent to November 1, the license fee to be paid for the time between its issuance and the May 1, following shall be one-half (1/2) of the fee required for the entire year. (1963 Code, 34.08)

3-5-9: TRANSFER OF LICENSE: The license issued for any vehicle may be transferred to any other vehicle operated by the same person upon payment of a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) to the Village. (1963 Code, 34.09)

3-5-10: MONTHLY REPORTS: Each person to whom a taxicab license has been issued shall on or before the tenth of each month make a monthly report to the Clerk, giving the following information:

A. Name, address, Chauffeur's license number and its date of issue, of each driver.

B. A report of every accident in which a driver has been involved during the preceding month, giving the date and place of the accident and a digest of any court proceedings had in connection with the accident.

C. The names and addresses of each officer of any corporation operating taxicabs; or if a partnership, the names and addresses of each partner; or if a single person is the operator, his name and address.

D. The amount of public liability insurance carried on each taxicab, and the name and address of the company carrying the insurance. (1963 Code, 34.10)

3-5-11: INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION: Any person operating any taxicab in the Village, whether as owner, operator, driver, lessee or licensee, shall when requested, submit the taxicab to the Chief of Police or any other police officer of the Village for examination for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the taxicab is in good condition and complies with the laws of Illinois with reference to the condition of motor vehicles and operation thereof. (1963 Code, 34.11)

3-5-12: REVOCATION OF LICENSE: The President may revoke or suspend the license of any operator of a taxicab found to be unsafe or not in good driving condition. The President may revoke any license for failure on the part of any owner, operator, driver, lessee or licensee to comply with the provisions of this Chapter. If a taxicab license is suspended or revoked, no refund shall be made to the person to whom said license was issued for any portion of the license fee. (1963 Code, 34.12)

3-5-13: CRUISING BY FOREIGN CABS: This Chapter does not prohibit the operator of a taxicab licensed in another municipality from coming within the Village to convey a passenger from another location to a chosen destination within the Village or from coming within the Village to convey any passenger therefrom to a distant location outside the Village, upon bona fide calls made for such service to the stand or taxicab office of such operator in any such municipality. But a taxicab operator, not licensed by East Alton, shall not cruise about the Village or pick up a passenger or permit a passenger to enter his taxicab for the purpose of being conveyed to any point either within or without the limits of the Village. (1963 Code, 34.13)

3-5-14: INSURANCE: Each applicant for a license to operate a taxicab shall procure a suitable policy of insurance or indemnity in an approved insurance or indemnity company, which policy shall be issued in a coverage on one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for liability for death or personal injury suffered by any person or persons by reason of the

operation of such taxicab, and an additional sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) covering damage resulting from or due to the operation of any taxicab. All policies of insurance or indemnity shall be deposited with the Clerk for the use and benefit of any person interested therein. (1963 Code, 34.14)

3-5-15: PENALTIES: Any person who operates a taxicab in the Village without a license or who shall in making an application for a license, or in making any monthly report required by this Chapter, shall willfully make any misrepresentation therein or who shall violate any other provision of this Chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine as in this Code provided. (1963 Code, 34.15)