

## HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE CONDITIONS

### MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLE

1. The vehicle and all its fittings and equipment including luggage areas shall at all times when the vehicle is in use or available for hire be kept in an efficient, safe, comfortable, tidy and clean condition and all relevant statutory requirements (including in particular those contained in the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations or any subsequent revision amendment or re-enactment thereof) shall be fully complied with. In particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:
  - 1.1 the seats of the vehicle shall be properly cushioned and covered
  - 1.2 the floor of the vehicle shall be provided with a properly fitted carpet, mat or other suitable covering
  - 1.3 all paintwork shall be maintained in a high gloss finish of a uniform colour free from dents, scratches or rust.
  - 1.4 there shall be provided the means of carrying and securing luggage in the boot
  - 1.5 the vehicle shall at all times carry a spare pneumatic tyre which shall comply with the provisions as to the mixing of and condition and maintenance of tyres contained in the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (or a subsequent revision amendment or re-enactment thereof) as if it were actually fitted as a tyre to the vehicle.
  - 1.6 the proprietor of the vehicle must at all times ensure the vehicle is regularly maintained to ensure compliance with these conditions. A policy statement relating to vehicle maintenance shall be devised. (A model policy will be devised by the Local Authority). This will need to include for example details of the frequency of maintenance inspections, maintenance procedures, frequency of servicing and location of servicing garage used etc.

The maintenance policy statement and other maintenance records shall be made available at any time without notice to an Authorised Officer of the Licensing Authority or a Police Constable who shall be empowered to take away the records if required.

### ALTERATION OF VEHICLE

2. No material alteration or change in the specification, design, condition or appearance of the vehicle shall be made without the approval of the Council at any time while the licence is in force.

## **IDENTIFICATION PLATE**

3. The plate identifying the vehicle as a Hackney Carriage and required to be exhibited on the vehicle pursuant to section 38 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 shall be securely fixed to the rear of the vehicle in a conspicuous position and in such manner as to be easily removable by an Authorised Officer of the Council or a constable. Such plate shall not be wholly or partially concealed from public view. The Council may also specify, from time to time as it sees fit, any other plate, sign or marking, together with the location or manner of fixing, designed to identify it as a Hackney Carriage.

## **INTERIOR MARKINGS**

4. The proprietor shall cause to be clearly marked and maintained inside the vehicle in such a position as to be visible at all times to persons conveyed therein the number of this licence and the number of passengers prescribed in this licence. Such plate shall not be wholly or partially concealed from public view.

## **SIGNS, NOTICES ETC**

5. No signs, notices, advertisements, plates, marks, numbers, letters, figures, symbols, emblems or devices whatsoever shall be displayed on, in or from the vehicle except as may be required by any statutory provision or required or permitted by these conditions, provided however that this condition shall not apply to any indication on a fare meter if fitted to the vehicle or to a sign which:-
  - 5.1.1 is displayed in, on or from the vehicle while it is stationary;
  - 5.1.2 contains no words or number other than the name and address of an operator of the vehicle or the name under which he carries on his business and its address and, in either case, the number of passengers to be carried in the vehicle; and
  - 5.1.3 is displayed in pursuance of a prior arrangement made for the carriage of a passenger or passengers named in the sign
6. The proprietor may cause to be displayed on the vehicle in accordance with the directions of the Council such advertisements as the Council may from time to time approve.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

7. The proprietor shall notify Licensing Services forthwith, in writing of any change of his/her address during the period of the licence.

## **CONVICTIONS**

8. The proprietor shall within fourteen days disclose to Licensing Services, in writing details of any conviction on him/her (or, if the proprietor is a company or partnership, on any of the directors or partners) during the period of the licence.

## **R.T.A LICENSING AND INSURANCE**

9. The vehicle shall be insured at all times. The policy force must permit the use of the vehicle as a hackney carriage for public hire use.
10. The proprietor acknowledges receipt of this Hackney Carriage Licence and plates.
11. The proprietor must conform to all the conditions of this licence.
12. Upon expiry of vehicle licence plates must be returned to the City of Wolverhampton Council within 7 days. Any existing licence plates must be surrendered to the Council before new licence plates for a vehicle will be issued.

**NB. Please note that should you feel aggrieved by any of the conditions in this Licence then you have the right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days from the date when this licence is issued.**

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