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1 SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE NO. 1120

2 An Ordinance relating to taxicabs or for-hire vehicles
3 and repeal of Resolutions No. 12402, 27281 and 27434
4 and Ordinances No. 127 and 396.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS: For purposed of this Ordinance and un-
7 less the context plainly requires otherwise:

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9 (A) "DIRECTOR" shall mean the Director of the King County
10 Bureau of General Services and any of his duly authorized repre-
11 sentatives.

12 (B) "DIRECTOR OF THE KING COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT"
13 shall mean the Director and any of his duly authorized repre-
14 sentatives.

15 (C) "ENFORCEMENT OFFICER" shall mean the Director of the
16 King County Bureau of General Services and his duly authorized
17 representatives, or the Director of the King County Public Safety
18 Department and his duly authorized representatives.

19 (D) "FOR-HIRE DRIVER" means any person in charge of or
20 driving a taxicab or for-hire vehicle carrying passengers or bag-
21 gage for hire, as hereinafter further defined; provided, however,
22 that the provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to drivers
23 of motor vehicles operated by any municipal or privately owned,
24 licensed transit system.

25 (E) "PERSON" means wherever used in this Ordinance to in-
26 clude natural persons of either sex, firms, co-partnerships,
27 associations, and corporations, whether acting by themselves, by
28 servant, agent or employee. The singular number shall include
29 the plural and the masculine pronoun shall include the feminine
30 and the neuter.

31 (F) "FOR-HIRE VEHICLE" wherever used in this Ordinance
32 shall be held and construed to mean and include every motor
33 vehicle other than a "sightseeing car or charter bus" having a

1 seating capacity of seven (7) passengers or more, as per manufact-
2 urer's rating, used for the transportation of passengers for hire,
3 and not operated exclusively over a fixed and definite route.

4 (G) "TAXICAB" means every motor vehicle having a seating
5 capacity of six (6) passengers or less as per manufacturer's
6 rating, used for the transportation of passengers for hire, and
7 not operated over a fixed and definite route.

8 (H) "TAXIMETER" means any instrument or device by which
9 the charge for hire of a passenger carrying vehicle is mechanical-
10 ly measured or calculated either for the distance traveled by
11 such vehicle or for waiting time, or for both, and upon which
12 such calculated charges shall be indicated by means of figures.

13 (I) "MOTOR VEHICLE" means every self-propelled vehicle
14 by or upon which any person may be transported or carried upon a
15 public street, highway or alley; provided that vehicles used ex-
16 clusively upon stationary rail tracks or propelled by the use
17 of overhead electric wires, or for hotel or motel keepers con-
18 veying their guests to and from hotels or motels free of charge
19 or reward and used exclusively for that purpose only, shall not
20 come under the provisions of this Ordinance.

21 (J) "ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF OPERATING ANY TAXICAB OR
22 VEHICLE FOR-HIRE" means the pickup and transportation of any
23 fare-paying passenger from a point within the geographical con-
24 fines of unincorporated King County, whether or not the vehicle
25 is dispatched from a taxicab stand or office within any other
26 municipal corporation, and whether or not the ultimate destination
27 or route of travel is within the confines of unincorporated King
28 County; PROVIDED, that nothing in this Ordinance shall be con-
29 strued to apply to taxicabs or for-hire vehicles licensed by any
30 other municipal corporation and transporting passengers from a
31 point within the licensing municipality to a destination outside
32 thereof, whether or not the ultimate destination or route traveled
33 is within unincorporated King County.

1 SECTION 2: LICENSE - APPLICATIONS: It shall be unlawful to own,
2 operate, or engage in the business of operating a taxicab or for-
3 hire car in the unincorporated areas of King County without
4 first having obtained, for each and every vehicle so used, a
5 license from the Director, to be known as a FOR-HIRE or TAXICAB
6 LICENSE. Said license shall be obtained in the following manner:

7 (A) The applicant for such license, in a manner approved
8 by the Director shall show in his application: the true name and
9 address of the applicant, and if a corporation, the names and
10 addresses of the principal officers thereof; the classification
11 under which the vehicle will be operated, whether as taxicab or
12 other vehicle for hire; the year for which the license is sought;
13 and shall furnish full, true and accurate information concerning
14 the ownership, identification, company vehicle number, the name
15 of the business, fictitious or otherwise under which the vehicle
16 is to be operated, the distinguishing color scheme, design or
17 dress, including any monogram or insignia to be used on such
18 vehicle or vehicles, the number of days and the mileage for each
19 day of operation for any or all vehicles operated by the applicant
20 under any license issued under the provisions of this Ordinance
21 or any prior Ordinance of the County of King regulating taxicabs
22 and for-hire vehicles for the year preceding the yearly period
23 specified in the application; whether he has been convicted of any
24 violation within ten (10) years preceding the date of application
25 related to the sale or possession or intoxicating liquor, gambling
26 or any law or ordinance relating to public morality and decency,
27 or for violating any law or ordinance involving an intent to de-
28 fraud, or whether the applicant has ever been convicted of any
29 law or ordinance relating to the use, sale or possession of nar-
30 cotic drugs or barbituates, or any such other information the
31 Director of the King County Bureau of General Services may require,
32 which he deems reasonably necessary to aid in the enforcement of
33 this Ordinance.

1 (B) The Director of the King County Bureau of General
2 Services shall inquire into the correctness of the information
3 furnished, and if so satisfied, after due investigation, that the
4 applicant is the reliable and bona fide owner of the motor vehicle,
5 has met the various requirements of this Ordinance, that the name
6 under which the applicant is to operate and the color scheme used
7 upon the motor vehicle does not conflict with others so used, or
8 tend to deceive the public, that the motor vehicle is equipped
9 with proper State license and is properly insured for the pro-
10 tection of the public as required by law, and that there is a
11 bona fide need for taxicab or for-hire service in the unincor-
12 porated area of King County, a license may thereupon be issued
13 in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, authorizing
14 the operation of said motor vehicle under the classification
15 applied for. The license shall be effective for one year from
16 the date license is granted.

17 (C) A license may be denied to any person if the
18 Director, after due investigation, has reason to believe that the
19 applicant is dishonest or immoral, desires such license to enable
20 him to engage in a dishonest, unlawful, or immoral act, practice
21 or enterprise. Willful falsification or omission of any information
22 required in the application shall constitute grounds for denial
23 of the license.

24 (D) No license shall be transferable to any person except
25 in case of a bona fide sale of the business of the owner or
26 operator of the motor vehicle and no license shall be transferred
27 to any other motor vehicle without approval of the Director and
28 then only in cases where the motor vehicle for which the license
29 is issued shall be sold, become obsolete, unsafe or unfit for
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1 further use. Such determination shall be made by the Director
2 and his determination shall be conclusive. All County licensed
3 taxicabs shall be operated for at least ten (10) miles per day
4 for two hundred thirty (230) days of said licensed year, nor shall
5 any new taxicab license be issued to any person holding a license
6 which lapses because of failure to meet the foregoing requirement
7 in the next preceding licensed year; provided, however, that
8 the Director, upon good cause shown, may waive the foregoing
9 requirement.

10 SECTION 3: TAXICABS, MAXIMUM NUMBER: The maximum number of taxi-
11 cabs authorized to operate and for which licenses may be issued
12 shall be based upon the population of unincorporated King County
13 as determined by the last preceding United States census, at the
14 ratio of one (1) taxicab to each forty-four hundred (4,400) in-
15 habitants; provided that this limitation shall not affect taxi-
16 cabs in operation under license on the effective date of this
17 Ordinance, except as such vehicles are abandoned through inability
18 of operators to meet the requirements of this Ordinance.

19 SECTION 4: UNLAWFUL TO SUBLET: It shall be unlawful for the
20 holder of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license to directly or
21 indirectly lease or sublet his business and license to another
22 person or persons for use or operation and any such action shall
23 be grounds for revocation of said license; provided, however,
24 that nothing herein contained shall prevent the holder of a
25 valid taxicab or for-hire vehicle license from employing County
26 licensed drivers for his taxicabs; and provided further, that
27 the Director, upon a finding that the licensee is incapacitated
28 because of illness, may allow a licensee to lease his business
29 and license to another person or persons for a period not to
30 exceed one (1) year.

31 SECTION 5: COLOR SCHEME: The Director of the King County Bureau
32 of General Services shall, in the interest of protecting the
33 public from being deceived or confused, have the exclusive control

1 in the granting of permission to use any color scheme, design or
2 monogram by any taxicab or vehicle for-hire. It shall be unlaw-
3 ful to use or change any color, design, monogram or insignia on
4 any taxicab or vehicle for-hire, without the prior permission and
5 approval of the Director. Failure to comply with this provision
6 shall be grounds for revocation of any taxicab for for-hire
7 vehicle license.

8 SECTION 6: EXPIRATION OF LICENSES AND LICENSE FEES: All
9 licenses issued under this Ordinance shall expire one year from
10 the date the license was granted. Such licenses may be renewed
11 by the license holder for the succeeding year by making appli-
12 cation thereof with the Director at least ten (10) days prior to
13 the expiration date.

14 SECTION 7: UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE TAXICAB OR FOR-HIRE VEHICLES
15 WITHOUT LIABILITY INSURANCE: No such license shall be issued
16 unless the applicant therefore files with the Director satis-
17 factory evidence of a policy or policies of public liability in-
18 surance, issued by an insurance company or companies authorized
19 to do business in the State of Washington. Said policy or
20 policies shall be in the minimum sum of One Hundred Thousand
21 Dollars (\$100,000) for the injury or death of one person, in-
22 cluding the passenger, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000)
23 for the injury or death of more than one person, including the
24 passenger, in any one accident, and Fifty Thousand Dollars
25 (\$50,000) for property damage.

26 Said policy or policies shall, in addition, by endorsement or
27 otherwise, name King County as an additional insured and provide
28 that King County, its officers, agents, and employees, shall be
29 indemnified and held harmless from any loss, or claim or suit
30 for damages or injury from the use or operation of the vehicle
31 for which such permit is to be issued, and shall further provide
32 that not less than ten days written notice shall be given to the
33 Director in the event of any change or cancellation. Such in-

1 surance shall be maintained in full force and effect for the full
2 period to be covered by the permit applied for and failure to do
3 so shall result in the automatic suspension of such permit.

4 SECTION 8: KING COUNTY TAXICAB OR FOR-HIRE LICENSE PLATES:

5 The Director shall furnish with each Taxicab or For-Hire License
6 issued, one or more tags or plates or metal decals. All plates,
7 tags or metal decals shall bear a number and the year for which
8 said license was issued, together with the words "King County
9 Taxicab or For-Hire License". The form, material, and positioning
10 on the vehicle shall be as prescribed by the Director. It shall
11 be unlawful for any owner, operator or driver of a taxicab or
12 for-hire vehicle to operate such vehicle without having conspic-
13 uously displayed thereon such vehicle license plate, furnished
14 and authorized by the Director, or to operate such vehicle with
15 expired or illegible King County Taxicab or For-Hire License
16 plates thereon. All plates shall be and remain the property of
17 King County and upon the revocation, surrender, suspension or ex-
18 piration of a vehicle license, or if found in the possession of
19 any person other than to whom the license was issued, the plates
20 shall be picked up by any enforcement officer and returned to
21 the Director of the Bureau of General Services.

22 SECTION 9: DUPLICATE LICENSE PLATES: Whenever a King County
23 Taxicab or For-Hire License plate becomes lost, destroyed or
24 stolen, a duplicate may be issued by the Director at the expense
25 of the licensee. The request for a duplicate license plate shall
26 be accompanied by the licensee's sworn statement to the effect
27 that such license plate has become lost, destroyed or stolen.
28 Should the original of the ordered duplicate be later found, the
29 original plate shall be promptly returned to the Director. It
30 shall be unlawful to manufacture or produce any taxicab or for-
31 hire vehicle license plate or duplicates thereof herein provided
32 except by order of the Director.

33 SECTION 10: RATE SCHEDULE: Every licensee shall, before com-

1 mencing operation, file with the Director of the King County
 2 Bureau of General Services his proposed schedule of rates and
 3 charges. It shall be unlawful for any licensee to charge any
 4 greater or lesser sum than is specified by such filed Schedule of
 5 Rates, and it shall be unlawful to make any discriminatory charges
 6 to any person, or to make any rebate or in any manner reduce the
 7 charge to any person unless such reduction is in conformity with
 8 the Schedule of Rates and unless applied to all passengers of
 9 that class. Schedule of Rates and Charges shall be conspicuously
 10 displayed in the taxicab so as to be readily discernible to the
 11 passenger. Operation of any taxicab or for-hire vehicle with-
 12 out the filing and display of Rate Schedule shall be prima facie
 13 grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license.

14 (A) The Rate Schedule for taxicabs shall be as follows:

- 15 For one passenger for the first one-sixth
 16 mile, or fraction thereof \$.60
- 17 Thereafter for each additional one-sixth
 18 mile, or fraction thereof10
- 19 For every one minute of waiting time10
- 20 For each additional passenger20
 (No additional passenger shall be picked up with-
 out the express consent of the original passenger)

21 (B) The Rate Schedule for "for-hire vehicles" shall be
 22 determined for each licensee by the Director, who shall take
 23 into account, among other things, and with the objective or pre-
 24 scribing a just and reasonable rate, the following factors:

25 (1) The public need for adequate "for-hire vehicle"
 26 service at the lowest level of charges consistent with
 the provision, maintenance and renewal of such service;

27 (2) The rates of other licensees operating in the
 28 same or similar areas;

29 (3) The effect of such rates upon transportation of
 passengers by other modes of transportation;

30 (4) The licensee's need for revenue of a level which
 31 under, honest, efficient and economical management is suf-
 32 ficient to cover the cost (including all operating ex-
 33 penses, depreciation accruals, rents, license fees and taxes
 of every kind of providing adequate "for-hire vehicle"
 service, plus an amount equal to such percentage of said
 cost as shall be reasonably necessary for the replacement

1 of deteriorated for-hire vehicles and a reasonable profit
2 to the licensee. The relation of revenues to expenses
be deemed the proper test of a reasonable profit.

3 SECTION 11: DISPLAY OF TAXICAB OR FOR-HIRE VEHICLE NUMBER:

4 It shall be unlawful for any taxicab or for-hire vehicle to fail
5 to have conspicuously displayed, where it is readily discernible
6 by the passenger, the name and number of the taxicab or for-hire
7 vehicle contained in a plastic sealed card attached to a metal
8 holder, the size, location and form thereof to be determined by
9 the Director. It shall be unlawful during the hours of darkness
10 to fail to sufficiently illuminate such name and number.

11 SECTION 12: TAXIMETER: It shall be unlawful for any person to
12 drive, operate, or engage in the business of operating a taxicab
13 unless said vehicle is equipped with a taximeter which has been
14 inspected by the Director of the King County Bureau of General
15 Services.

16 It shall be the duty of the owner, driver, or any other person
17 having possession or control of a taxicab to keep such taximeter
18 accurate and in good working condition at all times. Prior to
19 the installation of such taximeter, same shall be approved for
20 operation by an official testing station so designated by the
21 Director and upon such approval, a written notice and lead wire
22 seal shall be plainly posted and attached to the taximeter for
23 the information of the public. Such taxicab meters shall be re-
24 checked and inspected at least semi-annually in the same manner
25 as the original inspection.

26 It shall be unlawful for any person to drive, operate or engage
27 in the business of operating a taxicab whenever the lead wire seal
28 of approval has been broken, cut, removed or is missing.

29 It shall be unlawful for any person to fail, resist or refuse
30 the Director or any duly authorized agent to test and re-inspect
31 the taximeter at any time.

32 SECTION 13: INSTALLATION OF TAXIMETERS: Every taximeter
33 be installed at the right side of the driver, either adjoining

1 the cowl or dashboard of the taxicab and at such height that the
2 flag thereof may be readily seen by observers on the street. The
3 reading face of the taximeter shall at all times be well lighted
4 and distinctly readable to the passengers within the vehicle.
5 It shall be unlawful to change the size of the wheels or tires
6 of any taxicab or the gears operating the taximeter or to change
7 the taximeter from one vehicle to another unless such taximeter
8 is re-inspected and approved by the Director; provided, however,
9 that a licensee may change from regular to snow or studded tires
10 without re-inspection of the taximeter, so long as the change
11 does not operate to increase the mileage registered by the taxi-
12 meter.

13 SECTION 14: FLAG TO BE PROPER POSITION: It shall be unlawful for
14 any driver of a taxicab while carrying passengers or under employ-
15 ment to display the flag attached to the taximeter at such a
16 position as to denote that such taxicab or for-hire vehicle is not
17 employed. The flag of such taximeter must be returned to a non-
18 recording position at the termination of each and every service.

19 SECTION 15: CLASSIFICATION AND CAPACITY: The Director shall by
20 inspection determine the classification and capacity of the
21 vehicle inspected.

22 SECTION 16: DRIVER'S LICENSE: It shall be unlawful for any
23 person owning, controlling, or engaged in the business of oper-
24 ating taxicabs or for-hire vehicles to employ as the driver of
25 any such vehicle, or permit any such vehicle to be operated by
26 a driver who does not have in his possession a valid For-Hire
27 Driver's License.

28 If any driver of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle shall be convicted
29 of driving such vehicle while under the influence of or affected
30 by liquor or drugs, the For-Hire Driver's License of such driver
31 shall be revoked and he shall not be granted a For-Hire Driver's
32 License for a period of at least one (1) year from the date of
33 such conviction.

1 SECTION 17: TRIP SHEETS: It shall be unlawful for any person
2 owning or operating any taxicab or for-hire vehicle, to fail to
3 keep an accurate daily record on a trip sheet, the form and size
4 to be determined and approved by the Director. All daily trip
5 sheets shall be kept on file for a period of five (5) years at
6 the address for which the vehicle for-hire license is issued.
7 All daily trip sheets shall be open for inspection by the Director
8 either while carried in the vehicle for-hire or at the address of
9 the licensee.

10 It shall be unlawful for any taxicab or for-hire driver to fail
11 or refuse to turn in his trip sheet or moneys collected from
12 taxi-trip fares to his employer or his duly authorized agent
13 at the end of each shift worked.

14 The following information shall be contained on each trip
15 sheet:

- 16 1. The driver's name as licensed and For-Hire Driver's
17 License number
- 18 2. The driver's residence address and telephone number.
- 19 3. The company name and vehicle number.
- 20 4. The date, time and place of origin and dismissal of
21 each trip. (Including trips where the passenger did
22 not complete an actual trip.)
- 23 5. The fare paid.
- 24 6. The number of passengers paying or not paying and any
25 other items for which a charge was or was not made.
- 26 7. The beginning and ending speedometer mileage of the
27 vehicle for each shift worked.
- 28 8. The beginning and ending time for each shift worked.
- 29 9. The beginning and ending meter readings for each shift
30 worked.

31 The driver of any taxicab or for-hire vehicle shall, on request
32 of any passenger paying him a fare for any trip, issue a receipt
33 showing such information for said trip.

Failure to keep an accurate daily trip sheet or the withholding
of a trip sheet or fare moneys collected by a for-hire driver
from his employer or his duly authorized agent, shall be grounds

1 for suspension or revocation of his For-Hire Driver's License.

2 SECTION 18: DISPLAY OF LICENSE: Every owner or operator of any
3 taxicab or for-hire vehicle shall at all times carry in such
4 vehicle permits issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles of
5 the State of Washington showing such vehicle to be properly in-
6 sured for the protection of the public, and also the licenses
7 and permits issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

8 SECTION 19: INSPECTION OF TAXICAB OR FOR-HIRE VEHICLES: All
9 vehicles operated under the authority of this ordinance shall
10 be made available for inspection at any time or any place by the
11 Director. The Director shall inspect the vehicle to determine
12 cleanliness, proper equipment, good appearance, safe operating
13 condition and shall in all cases be the sole judge in this de-
14 termination. A taxicab or for-hire vehicle shall be deemed to
15 be of safe condition for the transportation of passengers, when
16 the following minimum requirements have been compiled with:

- 17 (A) An efficient and operable windshield wiper mechanism;
- 18 (B) An adequate braking system including emergency or
19 auxiliary;
- 20 (C) A complete lighting system, exterior and interior,
21 and including signalling devices and emergency
22 flashers;
- 23 (D) Rear-View Mirrors;
- 24 (E) Glass (windshield and rear) free of breaks, cracks
25 or defects sufficient to mar vision;
- 26 (F) Tires with minimum tread depth of 2/32 inches as
27 determined by gauge and free of visible defects.
- 28 (G) Other safety equipment as may be determined from time
29 to time by the Director to be necessary for the safe
30 transportation of passengers for hire.

31 If the Director determines during his inspection that the con-
32 dition of any taxicab or vehicle for-hire needs correction he
33 shall issue to the operator or driver thereof a notice in writing
specifying such defects and same shall be remedied immediately or
at a later date to be fixed by the Director.

It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with any written notice

1 by the Director to make certain corrections on the taxicab or
2 for-hire vehicle.

3 SECTION 20: DIRECT ROUTE OF TRAVEL: Any driver of a taxicab
4 or for-hire vehicle employed to carry passengers to a definite
5 point shall take the most direct route possible that will carry
6 the passenger safely and expeditiously to his destination.

7 SECTION 21: UNLAWFUL NOT TO PAY FARE: It is unlawful for any
8 for-hire driver to refuse to accept as a passenger any person
9 of proper deportment who requests a ride when the taxicab or
10 for-hire vehicle is vacant or not employed, and it is unlawful
11 for any person to refuse to pay the regular fare for a taxicab
12 or for-hire vehicle after having hired the same.

13 SECTION 22: LEAVING TAXICABS OR FOR-HIRE VEHICLE UNATTENDED:
14 It shall be unlawful for any driver of a taxicab or for-hire
15 vehicle to leave the same unattended, or to make repairs thereto
16 or wash such vehicle while in a taxicab zone; except that a
17 period of not to exceed sixty (60) minutes is allowed such
18 for-hire driver for purposes of taking his meals or shopping
19 during which time such taxicab or for-hire vehicle may be left
20 unattended as long as the vehicle is locked and does not inter-
21 fere with other taxicabs or for-hire vehicles within such zone.

22 SECTION 23: BAGGAGE: Persons served with a taxicab or for-hire
23 vehicle hereunder shall be entitled to have with them their
24 valises or small hand baggage as can be conveniently carried
25 within the vehicle loaded, conveyed, and unloaded without
26 charge.

27 SECTION 24: TWO-WAY RADIO DISPATCH: It shall be unlawful for
28 any for-hire driver to fail to respond to a call from the dis-
29 patcher to pick up a passenger when so requested or to fail
30 to keep the radio in the taxicab or for-hire vehicle operating
31 at all times during the shift the taxicab or for-hire vehicle is
32 operated. All taxicabs or for-hire vehicles shall have con-
33 spicuously placed on the vehicle by the name of the cab, the

1 telephone number where the taxicab or for-hire vehicle may be
2 radio dispatched from. Persons cancelling calls for taxicabs
3 or for-hire vehicles after dispatch in answer thereto, may be
4 charged the same rate as if used.

5 SECTION 25: DISCONTINUED USE AS TAXICAB OR FOR-HIRE VEHICLE:

6 All taxicabs or for-hire vehicles licensed under this Ordinance
7 when discontinued for use as a taxicab or for-hire vehicle shall
8 be sufficiently repainted forthwith with a color that will not
9 tend to confuse or lead the public to believe the vehicle may
10 still be a taxicab or for-hire vehicle and may not be used on
11 the street for private transportation until the repainting has
12 been completed. Failure to comply with the provisions of this
13 section shall be grounds for revocation of such license.

14 SECTION 26: UNLAWFUL TO SOLICIT FARES: It shall be unlawful
15 for any for-hire driver to cruise, drive, or operate a taxicab
16 or for-hire vehicle repeatedly and persistently to and fro
17 upon a public street or to solicit thereon, or on private pro-
18 perty, or to haul any additional passengers when his taxicab
19 or for-hire vehicle has been engaged for-hire and is occupied
20 already by a passenger or passengers, except with the permission
21 of such occupying passenger or passengers.

22 SECTION 27: CONDITION OF DRIVER: It shall be unlawful for any
23 for-hire driver to consume any alcoholic beverage at any time
24 within eight (8) hours of reporting for duty, or while on duty
25 as a driver to operate any taxicab or for-hire vehicle while
26 under the influence of or affected by intoxicating liquors,
27 narcotics, barbituates, or any medicine that shall impair his
28 ability to drive.

29 It shall be unlawful for any for-hire driver to drive, operate,
30 or be in a taxicab or for-hire vehicle in a position to drive or
31 operate for longer than ten (10) hours in any one twenty-four
32 (24) hour period.

33 SECTION 28: SUSPENSION-REVOCATION OF FOR-HIRE DRIVER'S LICENSES:

1 Any driver of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle who shall charge
2 any passenger a rate or fare other than that provided for in
3 this Ordinance shall upon conviction, in addition to any other
4 penalties provided by law, have his For-Hire Driver's License
5 suspended for a period of not less than thirty (30) days nor
6 more than one (1) year.

7 SECTION 29: LICENSING FEES: It shall be unlawful to engage in
8 the business of operating a taxicab or for-hire vehicle as de-
9 fined in this Ordinance without first having obtained a valid
10 and subsisting license so to do. This license shall be known as
11 and the fee shall be as follows:

- 12 (A) TAXICAB LICENSE \$150.00 per 12 months
13 (For each such vehicle)
- 14 (B) FOR-HIRE VEHICLE LICENSE \$100.00 per 12 months
15 (For each vehicle)

16 SECTION 30: FOR-HIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED - APPLICATION

17 It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a taxi-
18 cab or for-hire vehicle in the unincorporated areas of King
19 County without first having obtained a valid and subsisting
20 license to do so, which license shall be known as a FOR-HIRE
21 DRIVER'S LICENSE. Said license shall be obtained in the following
22 manner:

23 The applicant shall file an application on a form furnished
24 by the Director, which shall be signed and sworn to by the ap-
25 plicant and shall contain: Name, height, weight, color of hair
26 and eyes, residence address, place and date of birth, length of
27 time a resident of the State of Washington, whether a citizen or
28 non-citizen, last place of employment, whether or not the license
29 was ever suspended or revoked and for what cause, and such other
30 information as may reasonably be required. The applicant shall
31 on the application give the names and mailing address of four
32 persons, not relatives, who have known the applicant for at least
33 two years past.

1 SECTION 31: QUALIFICATIONS FOR A FOR-HIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE:

2 No person shall be issued a For-Hire Driver's License unless he
3 possesses the following qualifications:

- 4 (A) Must be at least 21 years of age.
- 5 (B) Must be a bona fide resident of the State of
6 Washington for at least six months prior to filing
7 application.
- 8 (C) Must possess a valid State of Washington Motor
9 Vehicle Operator's License.
- 10 (D) Must be free from any infirmity of body or mind which
11 would render the applicant unfit for safe operation
12 of a motor vehicle and shall have submitted to a
13 medical examination by the Seattle King County Health
14 Department and have obtained a certificate from
15 said officer certifying his fitness as such for-hire
16 driver. Such examination certificate shall not be
17 required for renewals of such license, but the King
18 County Bureau of General Services may at any time at
19 their discretion require any licensee to be so ex-
20 amined and to secure such a certificate or renewal
21 thereof.
- 22 (E) Must not be addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor,
23 dangerous drugs or narcotics.

24 SECTION 32: SEATTLE-KING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Any appli-
25 cant who fails to pass a satisfactory medical examination may
26 be re-examined after thirty (30) days from the original ex-
27 mination, and if following such re-examination the certificate
28 herein required from the Seattle-King County Health Department
29 is issued, the applicant may be licensed in accordance with the
30 provisions of this Ordinance.

31 SECTION 33: FINGERPRINTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION:

32 Each application for a For-Hire Driver's License shall be ac-
33 companied by a complete set of fingerprints of the applicant,
34 and also by three (3) recent duplicate photographs of the ap-
35 plicant of the size to be determined by the Director. One
36 photograph shall be retained in the records of the King County
37 Bureau of General Services and the second attached to the License
38 in such manner that it cannot be removed and another photograph

1 substituted therefor without detection; the third photograph,
2 together with the name, address and license number shall be
3 prominently displayed inside the taxicab so as to be readily
4 discernible to any passenger.

5 SECTION 34: INVESTIGATION OF APPLICANTS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES:

6 When an application for a For-Hire Driver's License, duly signed
7 and sworn to and accompanied by the required certificate of the
8 Seattle-King County Health Department has been received by the
9 Director of the King County Bureau of General Services, he shall
10 investigate the statements contained therein, and may obtain
11 such other information concerning the applicant's character,
12 integrity, personal habits, past conduct and general qualifications
13 as will show the applicant's ability and skill as a driver of a
14 motor vehicle for-hire, and his honesty, integrity and character
15 for the purpose of determining whether the applicant is a suitable
16 person to drive a motor vehicle for-hire. All application For-
17 Hire Driver's Licenses shall become null and void after sixty
18 (60) days from date of filing, if the applicant for any reason
19 fails or neglects to obtain a license.

20 SECTION 35: TEMPORARY PERMIT: Upon application for a For-Hire
21 Driver's License, the Director may issue a temporary For-Hire
22 Driver's Permit which shall entitle the applicant to operate
23 a taxicab or other for-hire vehicle pending final action upon
24 his application, for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days,
25 provided, that any such temporary permit may be revoked for falsi-
26 fication of information on the application. Such temporary per-
27 mit shall not be transferable or assignable and shall be valid
28 only with the taxicab or for-hire vehicle company to which it
29 was originally issued. Whenever the holder of such a temporary
30 permit leaves the original employment, the employer shall notify
31 the Director within five (5) days.

32 SECTION 36: ISSUANCE OF FOR-HIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE: If the
33 Director is satisfied that the applicant for a For-Hire Driver's

1 License possesses the qualifications and is a suitable person
2 to drive a motor vehicle for-hire under the provisions of this
3 Ordinance, he shall issue him a For-Hire Driver's License
4 which will entitle him to drive and operate a motor vehicle for-hire
5 within the County of King.

6 SECTION 37: EXPIRATION AND RENEWALS OF FOR-HIRE DRIVER'S
7 LICENSES: All For-Hire Driver's Licenses shall expire one year
8 from day license was granted and must be renewed within ten
9 days from the date of expiration, except as otherwise herein provided.
10 Applications for renewal shall be made to the Director and shall
11 contain such information as he may deem necessary, together with
12 renewal license fee, whereupon he may renew said license for a
13 period of one year, provided, however, that a person whose For-
14 Hire Driver's License has expired and who is not engaged in the
15 business or occupation of driving taxicabs in King County may
16 have his license renewed within six months from date of expiration
17 and provided further, that in the event it appears that the
18 licensee has become physically or mentally incapacitated to a
19 degree so as to make the driving of an automobile or other
20 motor vehicle by the licensee a danger to the public, that the
21 Director may require the licensee to be re-examined by the Seattle
22 King County Health Department and procure from that department,
23 a satisfactory certificate before such For-Hire Driver's License
24 may be renewed.

25 SECTION 38: FOR-HIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE FEE: The fees for a For-
26 Hire Driver's License shall be as follows: For each original
27 license, \$15.00, payable at the time of making application; for
28 each renewal thereof, \$5.00. There shall be no refund if for
29 any reason the license process is not completed, or the license
30 is not granted. No charge shall be made by the Seattle-King
31 County Health Department for examining applicants for For-Hire
32 Driver's Licenses.

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1 SECTION 39: DAMAGED OR WORN-OUT FOR-HIRE DRIVER'S LICENSES TO
2 BE REPLACED: When the license is worn-out, damaged or otherwise
3 unfit for use, the Director may require the license to be re-
4 placed in the same form as the original license, at the expense
5 of the licensee.

6 SECTION 40: IDENTIFICATION OF DRIVERS: Every for-hire driver
7 shall wear a badge of identification, the size, form and place-
8 ment to be determined and approved by the Director, and such
9 badge shall be worn by such for-hire driver at all times while
10 he is operating a taxicab or for-hire vehicle; such badge shall
11 show, among others, the name of the licensed for-hire driver,
12 and the name and telephone number of the company employing such
13 drivers.

14 The For-Hire Driver's License shall at all times be carried on
15 the person of the licensee; and shall on request be exhibited by
16 the licensee to any passenger or to any police officer or other
17 enforcement officer.

18 SECTION 41: ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Director
19 of the King County Department of Public Safety is hereby author-
20 ized to make and enforce rules and regulations, not inconsistent
21 with the provisions of this Ordinance, and it shall be unlawful
22 to violate or not to comply with any of said rules and regulations.
23 All of such rules and regulations as promulgated by the Director
24 of the King County Department of Public Safety from time to time
25 shall be reduced to writing and mailed to each taxicab and for-
26 hire vehicle owner for his information and for distribution there-
27 of unto his employees.

28 SECTION 42: ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES:
29 The Director is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with
30 any or all other municipal corporations in King County for the
31 licensing and enforcement of local municipal ordinances relating
32 to taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, and for-hire drivers; provided,
33 that any municipal corporation entering into such an agreement

1 shall enact an ordinance substantially similar to this Ordinance.
2 SECTION 43: VIOLATIONS: The Director of the King County Bureau
3 of General Services and the King County Department of Public
4 Safety are hereby authorized and directed to enforce the terms
5 and provisions of this Ordinance. If it is determined that any
6 licensee has violated or failed to comply with any provision of
7 this Ordinance, then the enforcement officer shall make a written
8 record of such findings, specifying therein the particulars of
9 any such violation and thereupon the license of any such for-
10 hire driver and taxicab or for-hire vehicle may be suspended or
11 revoked for a period to be fixed by the Director, in which event
12 the license shall be surrendered unto the Director of the King
13 County Bureau of General Services. In case of revocation, such
14 license shall be cancelled, and in case of suspension, the
15 license shall be returned unto the licensee after expiration of
16 the period of suspension; provided however, such revocation for
17 violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall not
18 relieve the licensee of the penalties otherwise provided for in
19 this Ordinance.

20 SECTION 44: APPEAL OF ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR: The King County
21 Board of Appeals shall have jurisdiction to hear appeals from
22 the following orders of the Director:

- 23 (A) Denial of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license,
24 or a For-Hire Driver's License.
- 25 (B) Determinations of for-hire vehicle rates.
- 26 (C) Suspensions or revocations of licenses issued under
27 provisions of this Ordinance.

28 The aggrieved party shall have the right to appeal the aforemen-
29 tioned orders of the Director by giving a written notice thereof
30 within five (5) days after the entry of the order appealed from.
31 The notice of appeal shall specify an address at which the ap-
32 pellant may be given notice of hearing on the appeal. After
33 the filing of such appeal, the King County Board of Appeals

1 shall set a time and place, not more than thirty (30) days from
2 such notice of appeal for hearing thereon. At the hearing the
3 appellant shall be entitled to appear in person and be repre-
4 sented by counsel and offer such evidence pertinent and material
5 to the action of the Director. Upon filing of notice of such
6 appeal, the Director of the King County Bureau of General
7 Services and the King County Department of Public Safety shall
8 immediately submit unto the King County Board of Appeals, such
9 records, data, reports and information as they have in their
10 possession supporting his order. Immediately after such hearing,
11 the King County Board of Appeals shall determine whether the
12 order shall be sustained, and its action in that respect shall
13 be final and conclusive in all respects. From the time of
14 filing the written notice of appeal by the licensee and until
15 the hearing and action thereon by the King County Board of
16 Appeals, the order of the Director shall be stayed.

17 SECTION 45: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES: Any person violating or
18 failing to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance
19 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction
20 thereof shall be punished by a fine in any sum not exceeding
21 Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) or by imprisonment in the County
22 Jail for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days.

23 SECTION 46: PARTIAL INVALIDITY: If any section, subsection,
24 subdivision, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is
25 for any reason held to be unconstitutional or void, such de-
26 cision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions
27 of this Ordinance.

28 SECTION 47: REPEALER: Resolutions No. 12402, 27281 and 27434
29 and Ordinances No. 127 and 396 and all other ordinances and
30 resolutions in conflict with this ordinance and K.C.C. 6.64
31 are hereby repealed.
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1 SECTION 48: EMERGENCY CLAUSE: The County Council finds, as a
 2 fact, and declares that an emergency exists and this Ordinance is
 3 necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health
 4 and safety, and the support of County government and its existin^g
 5 institutions.

6 PASSED this 21th day of January, 1972.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mary J. Owen
 Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Lee Kraft
 Administrator-Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 1972

 County Executive