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Introduced by DAVE MCONEY
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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to the operation of taxicabs and for-hire vehicles; amending Ordinance 1120, Section 2 and K.C.C. 6.64.020.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 1120, Section 2 and K.C.C. 6.64.020 are hereby amended as follows:

License-Applications. It is unlawful to own, operate or engage in the business of operating a taxicab or for-hire car in the unincorporated areas of King County without first having obtained, for each and every vehicle so used, a license from the director, to be known as a for-hire or taxicab license. Licenses shall be obtained in the following manner and under the following conditions:

(a) The applicant for such license, in a manner approved by the director shall show in his application: the true name and address of the applicant, and if a corporation, the names and addresses of the principal officers and shareholders thereof, the classification under which the vehicle will be operated, whether as taxicab or other vehicle for-hire; the year for which the license is sought and shall furnish full, true and accurate information concerning the ownership, identification, company vehicle number, the name of the business, fictitious or otherwise under which the vehicle is to be operated, the distinguishing color scheme, design or dress, including any monogram or insignia to be used on such vehicle or vehicles, the number of days and the mileage for each day of operation for any or all vehicles operated by the applicant under any license issued under the provisions of this chapter or any prior ordinance of King County regulating taxicabs and for-hire vehicles for the year preceding the yearly

1 period specified in the application; whether he has been convict-
2 ed of any violation within ten years preceding the date of appli-
3 cation relating to the sale or possession of intoxicating liquor,
4 gambling or any law or ordinance relating to public morality and
5 decency, or for violating any law or ordinance involving an
6 intent to defraud, or whether the applicant has ever been convict-
7 ed of any law or ordinance relating to the use, sale or possession
8 of narcotic drugs or barbituates, or any such other information
9 the director may require, which he deems reasonably necessary to
10 aid in the enforcement of this chapter.

11 (b) The director shall inquire into the correctness of
12 the information furnished, and if so satisfied, after due investi-
13 gation, that the applicant is the reliable and bona fide owner of
14 the motor vehicle, has met the various requirements of this chap-
15 ter that the name under which the applicant is to operate and the
16 color scheme used upon the motor vehicle does not conflict with
17 others so used, or tend to deceive the public, that the motor
18 vehicle is equipped with proper state license and City of Seattle
19 license, if applicable, and is properly insured for the protection
20 of the public as required by law, and that there is a bona fide
21 need for taxicab or for-hire service in the unincorporated area of
22 King County, a license may thereupon be issued in accordance with
23 the provisions of this chapter, authorizing the operation of the
24 motor vehicle under the classification applied for; Provided, how-
25 ever, that no new licenses to engage in the business of operating
26 a taxicab shall be issued after the effective date of this ordin-
27 ance for a period (~~of six months~~) ending December 31, 1977 or
28 until a form of joint or reciprocal licensing and enforcement is
29 adopted by King County and the City of Seattle, pursuant to and
30 including provisions 1 through 5 of King County Motion No. 2362

1 and City of Seattle Resolution No. 25223, whichever is sooner;
2 Provided further, that licenses may be issued during this period
3 to any person who holds a valid City of Seattle Taxicab license
4 on the effective date of this ordinance for a fee of \$25.00, said
5 license to be valid (~~((for-a-period-of-six-months))~~) until December
6 31, 1977 or until ((a)) the form of joint or reciprocal licensing
7 and enforcement is adopted by King County and the City of Seattle,
8 pursuant to their respective motion and resolution; and said
9 license will only be valid if the City of Seattle adopts a similar
10 restriction on new City of Seattle Taxicab licenses and allows a
11 person holding a valid King County Taxicab license to obtain a
12 City of Seattle Taxicab license in a manner identical with this
13 section.

14 (c) A license may be denied to any person if the direc-
15 tor, after due investigation, has reason to believe that the
16 applicant is dishonest or immoral, desires such license to enable
17 him to engage in a dishonest, unlawful, or immoral act, practice
18 or enterprise. Willful falsification or omission of any informa-
19 tion required in the application shall constitute grounds for
20 denial of the license.

21 (d) No license shall be transferable to any person
22 except in case of a bona fide sale of the business of the owner or
23 operator of the motor vehicle and no license shall be transferred
24 to any other motor vehicle without approval of the director and
25 then only in cases where the motor vehicle for which the license
26 is issued shall be sold, become obsolete, unsafe or unfit for
27 further use. Such determination shall be made by the director and
28 his determination shall be conclusive. All county licensed taxi-
29 cabs shall be operated for at least ten miles per day for two
30 hundred thirty days of the licensed year, nor shall any new
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taxicab license be issued to any person holding a license which lapses because of failure to meet the foregoing requirement in the next preceding licensed year; provided, however, that the director, upon good cause shown, may waiver the foregoing requirement.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 21st day of March, 1977.

PASSED this 11th day of April, 1977.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mike Lowry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Brown
Deputy Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 21st day of April, 1977.

Ph. Spellman
King County Executive