

## AN ORDINANCE.

DEFINING A "TAXICAB": DEFINING THE TERM "TAXICAB BUSINESS": REGULATING TAXICAB BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF DELEON: REQUIRING ALL PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS BEFORE CONDUCTING A TAXICAB BUSINESS IN SAID CITY TO OBTAIN FROM THE CITY COMMISSIONERS OF SAID CITY A PERMIT THEREFOR: PROVIDING THE MODE AND MANNER OF OBTAINING SUCH PERMITS: PRESCRIBING THE CONTENTS OF SUCH PERMITS: REQUIRING EACH PERMITTEE TO PAY IN ADVANCE CERTAIN FEES FOR THE USE OF THE STREETS: AND THE AMOUNT THEREOF: REQUIRING EACH PERMITTEE TO FILE A STATEMENT WITH THE CITY SECRETARY SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES PROPOSED TO BE OPERATED BY HIM UNDER SUCH PERMIT, TOGETHER WITH THE MAKE, MOTOR NUMBER, STATE LICENSE NUMBER AND MODEL OF EACH: PROHIBITING THE HOLDER OF A PERMIT FROM OPERATING ANY TAXICAB NOT OWNED BY HIM: REQUIRING EACH PERMITTEE TO CARRY PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE AGAINST INJURY TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY AND REQUIRING SUCH POLICIES OF INSURANCE TO BE ~~#####~~ FILED WITH THE CITY SECRETARY: MAKING ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE A MISDEMEANOR AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF DELEON, TEXAS.

SECTION 1. By the term "Taxicab" as used in this ordinance is meant any and all vehicles carrying passengers for hire, except motor buses or motor coaches operated by Bus lines over a designated routes in and through said city.

SECTION 2. The term "Conduct a taxicab business" as used in this ordinance shall be held to mean the use of one or more taxicabs within the corporate limits of the City of DeLeon, Texas, by the owner thereof, for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire, either by driving the same himself or having the same driven by some other person, provided that this definition shall not apply to any licensed chauffeur hired as a driver by any person, firm, or corporation holding a permit to conduct a taxicab business in the City of DeLeon, Texas.

SECTION 3. Before any person, firm or corporation shall conduct a taxicab business in the City of DeLeon, he shall file with the City Secretary of said City an application to the Board of Commissioners of said City for a permit to conduct such business in said City. The application shall state the name and address of such applicant, whether the applicant is an individual firm or corporation, and if a firm the name and address of each member thereof and the number of vehicles proposed to be operated under such permit.

SECTION 4. If the applicant is an individual, before any permit is granted it shall be made to appear that he is a boni fide resident of the City of ~~Mineral Wells~~ <sup>DeLeon</sup> ~~Texas~~ <sup>Texas</sup>: if a partenship, then that the number of the firm who will be in active charge and control of the affairs of the partnership, is a bona fide resident of said City: and if a corporation, that the president or other executive officer, in active charge and control of the affairs of the corporation is a bona fide inhabitant or resident of the City of ~~M~~ DeLeon, Texas.



SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the City Secretary, when an application for a permit is filed with him, at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners following the filing of such application to call the attention of the Commissioners thereto; and upon consideration of such application the Board of Commissioners may grant or refuse such permit, as in their discretion may seem to the best interest of the citizenship of the City of DeLeon, and the public in general.

SECTION 6. All permits for the conduct of a taxicab business in the City of DeLeon, shall be issued and signed by the City Secretary of said City and sealed with the seal of his office; it shall be dated on the day of its issuance; shall bear a serial number; shall show the name and address of the permittee; and that the permittee has been authorized by the Board of Commissioners of the City of DeLeon, to conduct a taxicab business in said City until the expiration of the 31st day of December next following the date of issuance; and that said permit is subject to cancellation at any time by the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 7. At the time of issuance of a permit, the permittee shall pay to the City Secretary of said City the sum of \$25.00 for the first vehicle, and if more than one vehicle is proposed to be operated as a taxicab, then \$10.00 for each additional vehicle. At the time of the issuance of said permit, the permittee shall file with the City Secretary a statement in writing under oath signed by him, showing the number of vehicles proposed to be operated by him, the make, model, motor number and state license number of each. If at any time the holder of a taxicab permit shall desire to use any additional vehicles under the permit he may do so only after he has made application to the Board of Commissioners for, and been granted by said Board, a permit to use such additional vehicles, and he shall furnish to the City Secretary the same information regarding such additional vehicles as is required in this section regarding those covered by the original permit, and shall pay to the City Secretary the sum of \$10.00 for each additional vehicle.

SECTION 8. The holder of any permit to conduct a taxicab business in the City of DeLeon shall at all times during the life of such a permit keep each and every vehicle operated by him under his permit insured in a company authorized to do business in Texas, indemnifying the permittee in the sum of \$1,000.00 for injury or death or property damage resulting from any accident, through and by reason of the operation of his taxicabs; and such policies or certificates of insurance shall be approved by the City Attorney of said City, and filed and left with the City Secretary of the City of DeLeon. Said policies of insurance shall not be cancelled or surrendered except upon written notice to the City Secretary of said DeLeon, Texas. Failure of any permittee to procure and file the policies of insurance as required by this section shall immediately forfeit and make null and void such permit and all rights thereunder shall at once cease.

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SECTION 9. Every holder of a permit granted under the terms of this ordinance shall have and keep painted in fast colors, contrasting with color of vehicle, on each side of each and every vehicle used by him as a taxicab, the words "Taxi"---Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ filling the blank with figures denoting the serial number of his permit. The letters and figures shall be not less than five inches in height.

SECTION 10. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation holding a permit to conduct a taxicab business in the City of DeLeon, to permit any person who does not hold a valid permit from the City of DeLeon, as a taxicab driver, to drive or operate on the public streets of the City of DeLeon, any taxicab owned or used in connection with the business of the permittee.

SECTION # 11. Every holder of a permit to conduct a taxicab business in the City of DeLeon, shall have each and every taxicab ~~#####~~ used in his business inspected once each month, and shall file with the City Secretary on or before the first day of each and every month, a statement in writing signed by a competent resident mechanic showing that he has inspected such vehicle, the date of such inspection, the license of such vehicle or vehicles, the name of the permittee and the serial number of his permit; and that the lights, brakes and steering apparatus of all such vehicles so inspected by him are in good mechanical condition.

SECTION 12. Any permit issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall be nonassignable, and may be revoked by the Board of Commissioners at any time it shall appear to the Board of Commissioners that the permittee has violated any provision of this ordinance or failed to comply with any requirements hereof.

SECTION 13. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any driver of any taxicab to drive or cruise about on the streets of the City of DeLeon seeking passengers, who have not theretofore ordered or called for a taxicab.

SECTION 14. It shall hereinafter be unlawful for any person conducting a taxicab business in the City of DeLeon, to use or operate, or cause to be used or operated, as a taxicab, any vehicle not owned by him.

SECTION 15. The word "person" and all personal pronouns used herein shall be held to apply to and include partnerships, firms and corporations, as well as individuals.

SECTION 16. This ordinance shall not apply to passenger buses operating under the regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, and coming into or passing through the City of ~~Mineral~~ <sup>DeLeon</sup> ~~Wells~~, for the purpose of loading and unloading passengers.

Texas SECTION 17. Any person who shall conduct a taxicab ~~#####~~ business in the City of DeLeon, without a valid permit as required by this ordinance, or who shall fail to have all vehicles used by him as a taxicab lettered and painted as provided in Section 9 hereof, or who shall use or employ as a driver of any taxicab owned by him, any person who does not have a valid permit from the City of DeLeon to drive a taxicab, or any person who parks or stands a taxicab on the streets of the City of DeLeon, except



when loading or unloading passengers, or any person who violates any provision of this ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars, (\$100.00), and each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 18. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 19. If any section, or any part of any section of this ordinance shall be held invalid for any reason, such invalidity of any section hereof, or any part of any section hereof, shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of sections of this ordinance. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after final passage and legal publication as required by the Charter of the City of DeLeon, Texas

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 28th DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D.1950

(Signed) H. J. Danville

ATTEST:

Roxie Upshaw  
City Secretary.

This Ordinance shall become effective March 10th 1950 in accordance with the terms of Art. 7, Section 16, of the City Charter of the City of DeLeon, Texas

Roxie Upshaw  
Roxie Upshaw, City Secretary.