

A BY-LAW

REGULATING HIRED AND OTHER VEHICLES

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts as follows:

1. The owner of every vehicle used or standing or plying for hire for the carriage of passengers or goods, shall register and at all times keep registered the same in his own name in the Office of the Clerk of the Police Court, and obtain from the said Clerk a metallic badge bearing the number under which such vehicle is registered, together with a certificate in the form "A" hereto attached, of such registration, for which certificate the said Clerk shall be authorized to demand and receive, for the use of the Corporation, a fee of five dollars, and which certificate and registration shall expire on the thirty-first day of December, in the year of such registration; and no owner of any vehicle shall permit the same to be used, employed or let for hire for the carriage of passengers or goods, nor shall any person drive or stand or ply for hire with such vehicle unless it is so registered, and unless such vehicle shall have attached to and exposed on the back thereof securely fixed in a conspicuous place a white enamelled plate of a size not less than six by four inches, exhibiting said number in blue or black figures not less than three inches in height and the City Coat of Arms above said number:

2. No person shall act as driver for any such vehicle as aforesaid without first obtaining from the Chief of Police a license in the form "B" hereunto annexed, and a numbered badge, which license and badge shall be registered by the Chief of Police, and which badge shall be worn by such driver in a conspicuous position, and a fee shall be paid to the Clerk of the Police Court for such license as follows: Five dollars for a first license and two dollars for every renewal thereof. The badge shall be elliptical metal enamelled badge, 2 1-2 inches in diameter, and the letters shall be not less than 3-4 inches in height, and shall be blue or black on a light ground, and held by a small trap through the buttonhole. The badge shall be supplied by and continue to be the property of the Corporation, and shall be returned to the Chief of Police on expiry of revocation of license; said license shall expire on the thirty-first day of December in the year of such registration.

3. Every applicant for a license to act as a driver hereunder shall sign and forward to the Chief of Police an application containing the following particulars:—

- (a) Name of applicant in full;
- (b) Place of residence;
- (c) Nationality;
- (d) Age;
- (e) Previous occupation;

(f) Names and addresses of two reputable citizens to whom application may be made for particulars as to character and fitness of applicant;

Upon receipt of application the Chief of Police may, upon being satisfied of the truth of the facts stated in the application, and the fitness and capability of the applicant to act as a driver, and that the fee has been paid, issue the license in form as aforesaid. The Chief of Police shall have power in his absolute discretion at any time to revoke, suspend or mark any such license so issued as aforesaid, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing provisions, may do so in case of the driver being convicted of any criminal offence including any violation of this or any other by-law of the City of Victoria, or misconducting himself while in charge of any such vehicle by being intoxicated, using indecent or profane language, charging or attempting to charge prices in excess of those allowed by this by-law, or losing goods committed to his charge, or by causing unnecessary delay in carrying goods or persons.

4. No driver (other than the driver of an express wagon) shall solicit for fares except while in the vehicle which he is driving.

5. No driver or other person shall, while having or pretending to have the care or charge of any vehicle used or standing or plying for hire or hired as aforesaid, be intoxicated or use any obscene or impertinent language or insulting gesture, or by wanton and furious driving or any wilful misconduct injure or endanger any person in life, limb, or property.

6. Every driver immediately after any hiring must carefully search for any property accidentally left in the hired vehicle, and take the same within four hours, if not sooner claimed by the owner, to the City Police Station, and leave same.

7. The owner of every such vehicle as aforesaid who employs any driver to drive the same for him shall keep a proper register and cause such driver to fill up and sign therein a statement showing the time and date of taking out and return by him of each licensed vehicle, which he so drives each day and stating drivers' number and vehicle plate number.

Such owner shall permit inspection of said register whenever requested by any member of the police force.

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8. No person being the owner or person in charge of any vehicle for the carriage of passengers or goods shall permit or allow such vehicle to stand for hire on any streets except upon such streets as are in the next succeeding section provided. All vehicles standing upon any street in pursuance of the provisions of the said section shall be drawn up in single file not less than 20 feet apart from one another, and not less than ten feet from any crossing.

(a) Passenger vehicles may stand upon the east of Blanchard Avenue to the south of Fort Street to Courtney Street, and upon the west of Blanchard Avenue between Yates Street and Johnson Street; and upon the north side of Fort Street, between Government Street and Langley Street, and middle of Yates Street from Government Street to Langly Street. Three hacks only may stand on the east side of Langley Street, between Yates and Bastion, and from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. of Yates Street from Langley Street west and of Cormorant Street from Government Street west; and east side of Wharf Street between Johnson Street and Yates Street.

(b) Goods vehicles may stand upon the middle of Fisguard Street, between Blanchard Avenue and Store Street, and middle of Yates Street from Waddington Alley west, and middle of Cormorant Street from Government Street west and east side of Wharf Street between Johnson Street and Yates Street.

(c) Passenger vehicles plying for hire may stand for half an hour and no longer before the schedule time for arrival or departure of passenger steamboats close to the sidewalk on that portion of the north side of Belleville Street which extends easterly from the northeast corner of Belleville Street and Menzies Street and also on the east side of Menzies Street north of Belleville Street.

(d) Hotel omnibuses may stand for half an hour before the scheduled arrival or departure of passenger steamboats on that portion of Belleville Street which extends westerly from the northwest corner of Belleville Street and Menzies Street.

(e) Autos for hire may stand upon the south side of Belleville Street east of Menzies Street.

(f) Express and other wagons may stand on the north side of Belleville Street west of all buses.

(g) Tally-hoes may stand on the east side of Menzies Street south of Belleville Street.

(h) While waiting for passengers in the vicinity of the Canadian Pacific Railway wharves, hacks may stand on the north side of Belleville Street, east of

Menzies Street, and three hacks may stand on the east side of Menzies Street north of Belleville Street, and all vehicles not for hire may stand on the west side of Menzies Street, south of Belleville Street.

9. All vehicles must stand at least ten feet from the corners of streets, and also close to the curb.

10. No two vehicles belonging to the same owner shall stand next one another, immediately behind or before a vehicle belonging to the same owner if there is another vehicle upon the stand.

11. When one vehicle drives away the vehicle immediately next behind shall take its place.

No unnecessary noise will be allowed, such as tooting of horns or shouting.

12. No driver or other person shall allow any person besides himself, not being the hirer or person employed by such hirer, to ride on the driving box or his hired vehicle whether hired or unhired, or shall permit or suffer any person to ride or be carried in upon or about a hired vehicle without the consent of the hirer, or shall leave his vehicle unattended in any street, or road, or any place of public resort, or entertainment, whether such vehicle be hired or not, and any officer of police, watchman or patrol may drive away such vehicle, and deposit it with the horse or horses belonging or harnessed thereto at some neighboring livery stable or other place of safe custody, the owner of such vehicle and horses being responsible for the cost.

13. No licensed vehicle shall stand upon any designated stand near a wharf, dock, or railway station, longer than a half hour before the scheduled time for arrival of any boat or train.

14. No owner of any vehicle for the carriage of passengers or goods shall permit the same to be used, employed or let for hire, nor shall any person stand or ply for hire with such vehicle, without having affixed thereto in a conspicuous place a card on which shall be printed in easily legible type the name of the owner of the vehicle and the number of passengers to be carried by it, if it be a vehicle for the carriage of passengers, and the scale of charges for the use thereof. Such card shall be supplied by the Chief of Police when demanded, and no other card can be used.

15. The following and no higher shall be the scale of charges for the carriage of passengers and baggage.

PASSENGER HACKS.

(a) From wharf or station, one-half of a mile or less, each person, 50c.

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(b) From wharf or station over half of a mile, and up to one mile, \$1.00 per one or two persons; 50c each additional person.

(c) From wharf or station to any place within the city limits at a greater distance than one mile, \$1.50 for one or two persons; each additional person, 50c.

(d) Ordinary driving rate, per hour, \$2.00.

(e) Weddings, \$5.

(f) Balls, \$4.00; waiting, \$2.00 per hour.

(g) Theatres, \$3.00, waiting \$2.00 per hour.

(h) Dinner parties, \$3.00; waiting \$2.00 per hour.

(i) Funerals, 2 1-2 hours' duration, \$4.00, waiting, \$2.00 per hour.

(j) Trunks, 50c addition to above charges.

AUTOMOBILES.

Ordinary driving rate, \$4.00 per hour, for five persons or less; \$5.00 per hour if more than five persons carried.

Trip to city limits, \$2.50.

EXPRESS AND TRUCK TARIFF.

Shall be as follows:—

Charges by the hour to commence from time of leaving stand.

1 horse express wagon	\$1.00
2 horse express wagons	1.25
2 horse trucks	1.50

DISTRICT No. 1.

Comprising the area bounded on the north by Queen's Avenue; south by Simcoe Street; east by Cook Street and west by Victoria Harbour, charges will be:—

1 piece of baggage	50c
Each additional piece of baggage	25c

DISTRICT No. 2.

Comprising area bounded on the north by Hillside Avenue, south by Dallas Road east by Fernwood Road and Moss Street, and west by Victoria Harbour, and by District No. 1, charges will be:—

1 piece of baggage	75c
Each additional	25c

DISTRICT No. 3.

Comprising area bounded on the north, south and east by city limits, and west District No. 2, and Victoria Harbour, charges will be:—

1 piece of baggage	\$1.00
Each additional	25c

DISTRICT No. 4.

Comprising Victoria West, charges will be:—

1 piece of baggage	\$1.00
Each additional	25c

16. No driver of or person standing or plying for hire with any such vehicle as aforesaid shall refuse when required by the hirer thereof, to carry therein the number of persons mentioned in the card affixed thereto, or any less number, if it be a vehicle for the carriage of passengers, and no owner or driver of any such vehicle or any other person on his behalf shall exact or demand from any hirer thereof more than the charge allowed by this By-law.

17. No hirer of any vehicle shall neglect or refuse to pay on demand to the owner or driver thereof the charge allowed by this By-law, or such other charge as has been specially agreed upon between the hirer and the owner or driver.

18. The driver of every vehicle plying for hire who carries therein any passenger whom he knows or has reasonable cause to suspect to be suffering from cholera, smallpox or any other disease of a malignant character dangerous to public health, shall forthwith notify the Medical Health Officer or Sanitary Inspector, and he shall thereupon order such disinfection of the vehicle as he shall deem necessary; and the vehicle shall thenceforth not be used for the carriage of any passenger until the Medical Health Officer or Sanitary Inspector has given a certificate in writing that the vehicle has been disinfected to his satisfaction.

19. Every person guilty of an infraction of any provisions of this By-law shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

20. The Hired Vehicles By-law is hereby repealed.

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21. This By-law may for all purposes be cited as "Hired Vehicles Amendment By-law, 1912."

Passed the Municipal Council this 15th day of July, A.D., 1912.

Reconsidered, adopted, and finally passed the Council this 22nd day of July, A.D., 1912.

(L.S.)

J. L. BECKWITH,
Mayor.

E. W. BRADLEY,
Acting C. M. C.

SCHEDULE.

FORM A.

"THE HIRED VEHICLES AMENDMENT BY-LAW," 1912.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.

Registered No. Victoria, B.C., 191

This is to Certify that
has registered a certain vehicle, namely
to stand or ply for hire for the carriage of
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for the year ending the 31st day of December, 19
Fee \$5.00

Clerk of Police Court.

FORM B.

"THE HIRED VEHICLES AMENDMENT BY-LAW, 1912."

DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Badge No. Victoria, B. C., 191

This is to Certify that
is licensed to drive a vehicle for the carriage of passengers or goods for hire in
the City of Victoria for the year ending December 31st, 191

Fee \$5.00. First License.
\$2.00 Renewal.

Chief of Police.