

No. 362.

ABY-LAW

Regulating Hired and Other Vehicles.

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES FOR HIRE.

8th March, 1901.

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 City Collector, and obtain from the said Collector a metallic badge bearing the number under which such vehicle is registered, together with a certificate, in the form A hereto annexed, of such registration, for which certificate the said Collector shall be authorized to demand and receive, for the use of the Corporation, a fee of one dollar, 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 the metallic plate bearing the registered number aforesaid is affixed to some conspicuous part thereof.

Vehicles which may be hired for goods or passengers to be registered and badge carried

DRIVERS.

2. No person shall act as driver of any vehicle plying for hire, or hired as aforesaid, without first obtaining from the Council a licence in the Form B hereunto annexed, and a numbered badge, which license and badge shall be registered by the City Collector, and which badge shall be worn by such driver on his arm or some other conspicuous position; and a fee of one dollar shall be paid for such license and badge for the use of the Corporation; and every such

Drivers to be licensed

license shall be in force until the same is revoked, except during the time that the same may be suspended as hereinunder mentioned.

Unfit persons

3. No person under the age of eighteen years, or whose license has been revoked or is suspended as aforesaid, or who has been convicted of felony, or who is manifestly unfit, shall be entitled to be licensed as a driver under this By-law.

Preventing unauthorized persons driving

4. No person authorized by the owner of any vehicle registered under this By-law to act as driver of such vehicle shall suffer any other person to act as driver thereof without the consent of the owner thereof, and no person, whether licensed or not, shall act as driver of any such vehicle without the consent of the owner thereof.

Against drunkenness and furious driving

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

Suspension of license on conviction

6. The Council may, upon the conviction of the driver of any vehicle standing or plying for hire or hired as aforesaid, for any infraction of this or any other By-law respecting vehicles plying for hire, suspend or revoke his license as they deem right.

STANDS.

Stands, To apply for hire only on

7. No person shall stand for hire with any vehicle for the carriage of passengers or goods in any street except on a stand for the time being designated by the Council for that purpose. All such vehicles so standing shall be drawn up in single file, at least twenty feet apart and at least ten feet from any crossing.

8. Until otherwise designated, the following, and no other, shall be the stands referred to in the last preceding section, namely:—

HACK AND EXPRESS STANDS.

Stands designated

(a) Passenger vehicles may stand in the middle of any street in the City except Government Street, south of Johnson Street.

Fort Street between Government and Douglas Streets.

Fort Street west of Langley Street.

Yates Street, between Government and Douglas Streets.

Yates Street west of Langley Street.

Bastion Street, between Government and Bastion Square.

View Street, between Broad Street and Douglas Street.

Johnson Street, between Government Street and Store Street.

Broughton Street, west of Government Street.

Broad Street from Yates Street to Fort Street.

(b) Goods vehicles may stand upon the following streets and no others :

Centre of Yates east of Douglas.

Centre of Yates Street west of Langley Street.

Centre of Fort Street west of Langley Street.

Centre of Wharf Street.

Centre of Government Street north of Johnson Street.

LIGHTS.

9. Every vehicle, whether the same be used for hire or not, shall, at all times, between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, carry a good and sufficient light on each side of such vehicle. Bicycles shall during the same hours carry a light attached to the front portion of the machine of sufficient illuminating power to be readily seen at a distance of at least 30 yards.

Lights on
vehicles

10. No Driver of a vehicle (including bicycles) shall drive or propel such vehicle through the streets of the City of Victoria during the hours prohibited in the next preceding section without having attached to the vehicle or bicycle, such lights as are in the next preceding section made obligatory.

CHARGES.

11. 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.

Card of
charges to be
carried

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

(a.) Hacks, \$1.50 per hour, so long as required.

(b.) Driving one or two persons from any one place to another or other places within the City Limits, 50 cents; if the total distance does not exceed two miles, 50 cents. If the distance exceeds two miles, then for each mile, or fraction of a mile in excess thereof, 25 cents.

Scale of
charges

(c.) For every passenger over two, 25 cents each.

(d.) To and from balls, one person or two, \$2.00; three persons to and from, \$2.50; four persons to and from, \$3.00.

For weddings, to and from, each carriage, \$4.00.

For funerals, to and from cemetery, each carriage, \$3.00.

(f.) Trunks taken from any wharf, train, or house to any point within the City Limits, 25 cents each. Trunks taken on carriages, 25 cents each; baggage carried in the hand of a person being conveyed in a licensed vehicle, free.

Trunks

HIRING AND PAYMENT.

13. 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 on the card affixed thereto or any less number, if it be a vehicle for the carriage of passengers, or refuse or neglect, without reasonable excuse, to drive such vehicle to any place, within six miles of the boundary of the City, to which place he is directed to drive by the person hiring or wishing to hire such vehicle; 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 unless the hiring has extended to some place beyond the city limits and the hirer has specially agreed to pay therefor at the rate demanded.

Refusing to
drive
passenger

Overcharging

14. No owner or driver of any such vehicle which is hired shall permit or suffer any person to be carried in or upon or about the same, during such hire, without the express consent of the hirer thereof.

No stranger
to be allowed
to ride

15. 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.

No one to
refuse to pay
hire

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST INFECTION.

16. 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 the public health, shall forthwith notify the Medical Health Officer or Sanitary Inspector thereof, and the Medical Health Officer or Sanitary Inspector 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.

Disinfecting

PENALTIES.

17. Every person guilty of an infraction of any provisions of this By-law shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

Penalties

Short title

18. This By-Law may be cited as "The Hired Vehicles By-Law."

FORM A.

"THE HIRED VEHICLES BY-LAW."
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.

Registered No. Victoria, B.C. 19

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

City Collector.

Fee \$1.00.

FORM B.

DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Badge No. Victoria, B.C. 190

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 until this license is revoked or sus-
pended in accordance with the "Hired Vehicle By-Law."

City Collector.

Fee \$1.00.

I hereby certify that the within is a True Copy
of the "Hired Vehicles By-Law"
which was registered in the Office of the County
Court of Victoria at Victoria on the 18th day
of August 1902

Arthur Lewis
Deputy Registrar of the County Court of Victoria