

## **Town of Hudson - Board of Selectmen License Regulations**

### **HACKNEY CARRIER / TAXICAB LICENSE**

Annual Fee for each Hackney Carrier License: \$15.00 plus \$5 per driver and \$5 per taxicab

All initial applicants must submit the following forms and information:

1. Town of Hudson, General License Application Form
2. CORI (Criminal Offender Records Information) – submit form for each driver
3. Safe Driver Review Form - submit separate form for each driver
4. Copy of current driver's license for each driver
5. 2 Passport sized photos for each driver

Taxicab requirements:

1. Vehicle safety inspection performed by the Hudson Police Department
2. Copy of vehicle registration

### **DEFINITIONS / RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. **Hackney Carrier**  
Any individual, corporation, or company which proposes to carry passengers for hire shall be deemed a "Hackney Carrier" within the meaning of these Rules and Regulations.
2. **Taxicabs**  
Any motor vehicle used to carry passengers for hire and registered for carrying passengers for hire with a seating capacity not in excess of eight (8) passengers, excluding the driver, operated for hire with the named licensee or an employee of the named licensee in attendance as driver but not used to pick up, transport, and discharge passengers along a route, shall be deemed a "TAXICAB" within the meaning of these Rules and Regulations.
3. **License Required**  
No person shall set up, use or drive in the Town of Hudson a Taxicab for the conveyance of persons for hire from place to place within the Town without first obtaining a hackney carrier license from the Board of Selectmen.
4. **Revocation:**  
The Board of Selectmen may from time to time grant licenses to such persons as they deem expedient to set up, use or drive hackney or taxi carriages for the conveyance of person for hire with the Town and may revoke such licenses at their discretion.
5. **Fee / Expiration:**  
Each Hackney Carrier company shall pay the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per year to the Town Clerk plus the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for each vehicle so licensed with an additional five dollars (\$5.00) for each licensed driver. All such licenses shall expire on December 31st, after

the date granted provided however, that license renewals may be granted in December to take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, then next ensuing. During the renewal process, the Board of Selectmen reserves the right to request updates of the data and materials submitted by the applicant at the time of initial license.

6. Inspection

No license shall be issued hereunder until a proper vehicle safety certificate has been received from the Police Department certifying thereon that each taxicab has been inspected and found to have proper safety features and equipment, and that all such features and equipment are in good order and meet all requirements of inspection as set forth in Chapter 90 Section 7A of the General Laws as required for periodic motor vehicle inspections and any and all other safety feature requirements established as a matter of policy by the Police Chief.

Additional inspections may, from time to time be further required by the Police Chief or someone delegated by him, or on written request of the Board of Selectmen addressed to the Police Chief when the safety features or equipment of any such conveyance for hire by the general public is in question. A license on any vehicle not meeting the requirements of public safety as herewith set forth shall be subject to immediate revocation or suspension. Reinstatement thereof to be by consent of the Board of Selectmen.

7. Transferability

A license shall apply only to the particular taxicab as designated in the license application materials and referenced therein by its number. Transfer of said license may not be made without the express written consent of the Board of Selectmen.

8. Identification of Vehicles; Display of Rates

Each Hackney Company licensed shall submit to the Board of Selectmen's Office on an annual basis, a list of all vehicles licensed, giving the registration numbers, the make, model, year, and color of each. All changes in vehicles shall be immediately reported to the Board of Selectmen's Office.

All licensed taxicabs shall be conspicuously marked along the exterior of the vehicle, with the license number displayed in characters not less than three (3) inches in size.

All taxicab vehicles shall have posted within, a description of the current rates charged.

9. Driver's License Required; Display of License

No person shall drive or operate a licensed taxicab unless he/she has a valid Massachusetts Driver's license and is also licensed to do so in accordance with the Hackney License provisions in these regulations. Drivers to be licensed in accordance with these regulations shall submit two passport sized photographs to the licensing authority at the time of application. All drivers shall post licenses in the carriage that they operate in a place clearly visible to the passengers.

10. Permission to Maintain Stand

No stand for any carriage or vehicle shall be allowed in front of any premises without consent of the Board of Selectmen. Taxi stands, if granted, shall be promulgated under the procedures set forth in the town's Traffic Rules and Orders.

11. Violation of Regulations

Each violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of at least Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).