

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 37-9 of Division 2, to amend Chapter 37, Division 2, by adding thereto a new Section 37-9.1, to amend and reordain Section 37-23 of Division 3, to amend and reordain Section 37-65 of Division 4, to amend and reordain Sections 37-77 and 37-79, of Division 6, all of Article I, Chapter 37 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 37 relates to TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE, which Article I relates to TAXICABS AND FOR-HIRE VEHICLES, which Division 2 relates to CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, which Section 37-9 relates to APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE; which new Section 37-9.1 relates to CHARGES FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY; INFORMATION TO BE SHOWN; APPLICATION FEES; FINGERPRINTING OF APPLICANTS, which Division 3 relates to DRIVER'S PERMIT, which Section 37-23 relates to CHARGES FOR PERMIT, which Division 4 relates to EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF VEHICLES, which Section 37-65 relates to INFORMATION TO BE DISPLAYED ON OUTSIDE OF VEHICLE, which Division 6 relates to FARES, which Section 37-77 relates to TAXIMETERS, and which Section 37-79 relates to DISPLAY OF RATE OF FARE BY CARD.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 37-9, Division 2, Article I, Chapter 37 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 37-9. Application for certificate; information to be shown; application fee; fingerprinting of applicants.

An application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be made in writing by the owner upon forms provided by the city, and shall be addressed to the traffic and parking board or any other duly authorized agency and filed with the hack inspector. Such application shall furnish, under oath, the following information:

(a) The full name and the home and business address of the applicant, and a certified copy of the articles of incorporation, in the event that the owner is a corporation.

(b) The trade name under which the applicant proposes to do business.

(c) The name and address of any person lending money or furnishing capital to the applicant where the operation or proposed operation is to be financed wholly or in part by means of borrowed money or capital in any form by any person other than the applicant.

(d) The number, kind and class of vehicles, the seating capacity of each, the color scheme to be used, the equipment thereof and the lettering and marks to be used thereon.

(e) Each conviction, plea of nolo contendere or forfeiture on a charge of violating any law, whether the same is local, state or federal.

(f) The experience of the applicant in the business of transporting passengers.

(g) All facts or circumstances upon which the applicant bases his beliefs that the public convenience and necessity require the issuance of the certificate.

The application shall state thereon that "it is unlawful for any person to make a false statement on this application and discovery of a false statement shall constitute grounds for denial or revocation of any certificate."

Each applicant shall have his fingerprints taken, which fingerprints shall constitute part of the application.

The hack inspector shall become duly authorized notary public at the expense of the city and shall notarize applications without cost to the applicant.

Section 2. That Chapter 37 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto a new Section 37-9.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 37-9.1 Charges for certificate of public convenience and necessity.

The following charge shall be paid to the director of finance before any initial application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity under this article will be considered.

For any application, granted or not . . . . . \$10.00

The following charge shall be paid to the director of finance for the first certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to the owner of the vehicle. . . . . 50.00

For additional certificates of public convenience and necessity for the owner of a vehicle who has heretofore been charged for a first certificate, the following charge shall be paid to the director of finance for each additional certificate of public convenience and necessity required by that person . . . . . 30.00

The following charge shall be paid to the director of finance for the first renewal of a certificate of public convenience and necessity . . . . . 15.00

For additional renewals of certificates of public convenience and necessity for the owner of a vehicle who has heretofore renewed a first certificate, the following charge shall be paid to the director of finance for each additional renewal of a certificate of public convenience and necessity required by that person. . . . . 10.00

The following charge shall be paid to the director of finance for any duplicate certificate . . . . . 5.00

The following charge shall be paid to the director of finance before any change of color will be allowed . . . . . 25.00

The following charge shall be paid to the hack inspector for laminating each initial, renewal, or duplicate certificate of public convenience and necessity . . . . . 2.00

Section 3. That Section 37-23, Division 3, Article I, Chapter 37 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 37-23. Charges for permit.

The following charges shall be paid to the director of finance before any initial application for a permit under this article will be considered:

For any application, granted or not . . . . .	\$10.00
For fingerprinting . . . . .	2.00
The following charge shall be paid to the director of finance before any initial permit is issued . . . . .	5.00
The following charge shall be paid to the director of finance before any renewal permit is issued . . . . .	5.00
The following charge shall be paid to the director of finance for any duplicate permit . . . . .	3.00
The following charges shall be paid to the hack inspector for laminating each initial, renewal, or duplicate permit . . . . .	2.00

Section 4. That Section 37-65, Division 4, Article I, Chapter 37 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 37-65. Information to be displayed on outside of vehicle.

Every taxicab operated pursuant to this article shall bear on the rear thereof and on each side thereof in lettering at least two and one-half inches high the word "taxicab" or "cab".

The certificate number of the owner, clearly visible, shall be placed on the rear and on each side of each taxicab.

There shall be printed or painted on each side of every taxicab or for-hire vehicle, in letters not less than two inches high, the name of the owner of such vehicle, as the same appears on the certificate and on the records of the state division of motor vehicles. In addition, the prevailing rates of fare for taxicabs shall be displayed on each side of taxicabs by means of cards or stickers, furnished by the director of finance at a cost of seventy-five cents per sticker, placed in the side rear window in such a manner as to be visible from the outside. The form, size and content of the said cards or stickers shall be as approved by the hack inspector.

For-hire vehicles other than taxicabs shall have the certificate number printed or painted under or near the name of the owner.

Section 5. That Section 37-77, Division 6, Article I, Chapter 37 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 37-77. Taximeters.

All taxicabs operated under the authority of this article shall, on or after March 15, 1955, be equipped with taximeters fastened in front of the passengers, visible to them at all times day and night; and, after sundown, the face of the taximeter shall be illuminated. Such taximeter shall be operated mechanically by a mechanism of standard design and construction, driven either from the

transmission or from one of the front wheels by a flexible and permanently attached driving mechanism. It shall be inspected and sealed by the hack inspector at an annual cost of five dollars for each meter, at all points and connections which, if manipulated, would affect its correct reading and recording. Each taximeter, shall have thereon a flag or other device to denote when the vehicle is employed and when it is not employed; and it shall be the duty of the driver to throw the flag or other device of such taximeter into a recording position at the commencement of each trip and into a nonrecording position at the termination of each trip. The taximeters shall be subject to inspection from time to time by the hack inspector or the department of police. Any inspector or other officer of the department of police is hereby authorized either on complaint of any person or without such complaint, to inspect any meter and, upon discovery of any inaccuracy therein, to notify the person operating such taxicab to cease operation. Thereupon such taxicab shall be kept off the highways until the taximeter is repaired and in the required working condition, and inspected and approved by the hack inspector or any other officer designated by the superintendent of police, and it shall be unlawful for any owner or driver to operate or allow to be operated any taxicab without a taximeter installed and used in the manner set forth in this section.

When any taxicab is operated pursuant to a contract provided for in section 37-78.1 of this chapter any provision of this section in conflict with the terms and conditions of such contract shall not apply.

Section 6. That Section 37-79, Division 6, Article I, Chapter 37 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 37-79. Display of rate of fare by card.

Every taxicab operated under this article shall have displayed in such a place within the vehicle as to be in view of passengers a rate card to be furnished by the hack inspector, at a cost of fifty cents, showing the rates prescribed by this article.

The said rates shall also be displayed so as to be visible from the outside of the vehicle as provided in section 37-65.

Section 7. That the title of and an informal memorandum explaining this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city not later than five days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The city clerk shall have the full text of this ordinance printed in sufficient numbers to supply copies to meet request. The city clerk shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

FRANK E. MANN  
Mayor

FINAL PASSAGE: January 24, 1978