

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS  
RELATING TO TAXICAB LICENSES**

WHEREAS, persons who choose to utilize the service of taxicabs are entitled to clearly understand the name of the company that they are dealing with; and

WHEREAS, it is also to the best interests of the various taxicab companies that each of them be protected from the public being confused as to their identity,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Urbana City Council that:

Section 1. The following sections of the Urbana City Code are amended to read as indicated below:

"Sec. 26-18 Owner's name, identifying number on vehicle, imitation of colors, emblems and uniforms.

- (a) Each taxicab, while operated, shall have on each side the name as set forth on the taxicab license of the licensee operating it or the trade name painted in approved and visible lettering at least two (2) inches in height.
- (b) Each cab shall be designated by a different number and such number also shall appear on each side of such taxicab. The name of the licensee and such number shall also be painted on the rear of each taxicab in approved and visible letters.
- (c) No licensee, driver or other employee of a licensee shall imitate the taxicab name, colors, emblems, cap bands, caps or uniforms previously

adopted and in use by any other licensee or represent himself or herself as an employee of any other licensee.

Sec. 26-27. Required.

It shall be unlawful to engage in the business of operating a taxicab in the city without first having secured a license therefor. Licenses can be issued only to corporations currently authorized to do business within the State of Illinois by the Secretary of State's Office or entities who have a current certificate from the County Clerk of Champaign County that they have filed under the Assumed Name statute, or individual persons.

Sec. 26-28. Application.

(a) A verified application for a license under this division shall be made in writing by the owner of the taxicab legal entity seeking a license upon blanks furnished by the city, and shall state thereon:

- (1) The full name of the applicant entity seeking a license;
- (2) His or her residence address;
- (3) The intended place of business;
- (4) The number of cabs to be operated, the make and type of each motor vehicle to be used, the factory number thereon, the state license number thereof, the seating capacity thereof according to its trade rating; and
- (5) Whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime.

(b) If the applicant is a ~~firm~~ or corporation, the names and addresses of the president and secretary shall be given.

Sec. 26-30. Issuance; transferability.

(a) The comptroller is hereby authorized to issue a license to any qualified applicant for the operation of a taxicab, which license shall contain a distinguishing number, name of the ~~person owning such taxicab~~ legal entity licensed hereunder, residence address, business address, the number of taxicabs to be operated and an assigned number for each taxicab, the make and type of each motor vehicle to be used, the factory number thereof, and the state license number thereof. The serial number assigned hereunder shall in each case be the same as that assigned to the taxicab for the previous year.

(b) The taxicab license shall be nonassignable and nontransferable other than as provided for in this article."

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

This ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called of a majority of the members of the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a regular meeting of said Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000.

PASSED by the City Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May,  
2000 .

*Phyllis D. Clark*  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk  
by *Robert J. Robert*  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May,  
2000 .

*Tod Satterthwaite*  
Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor