



**THE COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD VIRGINIA
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
10001 IRON BRIDGE ROAD, CHESTERFIELD VA 23832**

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (TAXI CAB PERMIT)
APPLICATION FEE: \$25.00 PER VEHICLE LISTED (NON-REFUNDABLE)
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TREASURER CHESTERFIELD COUNTY**

Name of Owner Applicant: _____
Last Name, First Name, Middle Name

Social Security Number: _____

Sex: Male Female Race: _____ Date Of Birth: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Trade Name: _____ Color Scheme: _____

Class: _____ Seating Capacity: _____

Lettering & Marks of Vehicle: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

Number of Vehicles to Operate: Taxi Cabs: _____ For Hire: _____

	<u>Vehicle Year and Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Identification Number</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
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List 3 references (local, if possible, non relative)

1. Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

2. Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

3. Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

I, the undersigned owner, do swear (or affirm) that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: _____ Signature of Owner _____

After having investigated the above application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Pursuant to Chapter 19, Section 1-37 of the code of the County of Chesterfield, Virginia, we recommend that the certificate be: Granted Denied .

Signature: Investigator

Signature: Chief of Police

Date: _____

Date: _____



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COLONEL JEFFREY S. KATZ
Chief of Police

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

I, _____, authorize a review of and full disclosure of all records, or any part thereof, concerning myself, by a duly authorized agent of the Chesterfield County Police Department whether the said records are of public, private or confidential nature.

The intent of this authorization is to provide full and free access to the background and history of my personal life, for the specific purpose of pursuing a background investigation, which may provide pertinent data for the Chesterfield County Police Department to consider in determining my suitability for this permit or license. It is my specific intent to provide access to personal information, however personal or confidential it may appear to be.

I understand that any information obtained by a personal history background investigation, which is developed directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, upon this release authorization will be considered in determining my suitability for this permit or license.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the person to whom this request is presented and his/her agents and employees, from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees arising out of or by reason of complying with this request.

I further understand that in the event my application is disapproved, the sources of confidential information cannot be revealed to me. A photocopy of this release form will be valid as an original hereof, even though the said photocopy does not contain an original writing of my signature.

Date

Signature (sign before a notary public)

Commonwealth of Virginia, County of Chesterfield.

Acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public Signature

Notary Number

Commission Expiration Date



**THE COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD VIRGINIA
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

CRIMINAL RECORD REQUEST

Unit Number _____

Employment

Permit

Print all the requested information CLEARLY.
If an item of information is not applicable, print "N/A" in the item space.

Last Name	First Name			Full Middle Name		
	Month	Day	Year			

Alias and/or Nickname	Date of Birth	Social Security Number
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Place of Birth (City/Town)	State of Birth	Country of Birth		

Current Driver's License Number	State of Issue	Race	Sex	Age
		Feet	Inches	

Previous Driver's License Number	State of Issue	Height	Weight
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Hair Color	Eye Color	Complexion (Light, Med, Dark or Olive)
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Current Home Address	City	State/Country Zip Code
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Previous Home Address	City	State/Country Zip Code
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Home Phone Number	Business Phone Number	Cell Phone Number
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Email Address _____

Do Not Write or Mark In The Area Below

Search Type	Search Date				
NCIC/VCIN	Status Clear	YES		NO	
DMV	Report Attached	NR	YES	NO	
VEC	Report Attached	NR	YES	NO	
RMS (CCPD)	Report Attached	NR	YES	NO	
Linx	Report Attached	NR	YES	NO	

ARTICLE IX. - TAXICABS^[9]

Footnotes:

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Editor's note— The county adopted this ordinance as part of a regional effort through the Richmond Region Planning District Commission to regulate taxicabs.

Cross reference— Motor vehicles and traffic, ch. 13.

State Law reference— Authority of county to license taxicab drivers, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-2016 et seq.

DIVISION 1. - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 15-171. - Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

Certificate: The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the county to owners of taxicabs to authorize them to engage in the business of providing taxicab service in the county.

Certificate holder: The owner of one or more taxicabs who holds a valid unexpired and unrevoked certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate one or more taxicabs.

Chief of police: The Chesterfield County Police Chief or his designee.

Driver: Any person operating a taxicab while it is available for public hire in the county or is being used by the public in the county.

Owner: Any person in the business of providing taxicab service and having control of the operation or maintenance of taxicabs and including the purchaser of any taxicab under a conditional sales contract or other title-reserving agreement, and persons controlling the operation of independently owned vehicles through methods such as, but not limited to, radio-dispatched systems and name licensing agreements.

Person: Any individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation and every owner, certificate holder and driver.

Regular service: The provision of a minimum of two trips per week, for at least two consecutive months, for the same individual.

Taxicab: A passenger-carrying, self-propelled motor vehicle maintained for hire by the public and operated upon the streets of the county in the transportation of passengers for compensation, not operating on a regular route or between fixed terminals, but excluding common carriers of persons or property operating as public carriers under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the state corporation commission or under a franchise granted by the county.

Taxicab stand: A stand designated for the sole use of taxicabs in accordance with this article.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-1; Ord. of 10-28-98, § 1; Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Cross reference— Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 15-172. - Applicability of article.

In the exercise of the police power granted to the county by Charter and general law the operation of taxicabs within the county shall be subject to the regulations set forth in this article.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-2)

Sec. 15-173. - Inspection of vehicles.

All taxicabs for which a certificate has been granted by the county shall be inspected by the chief of police, or some member of the division of police designated by him or such other reputable agency as the chief of police may prescribe, at regular intervals of at least every 12 months, and at such other times as the chief of police may prescribe. If a taxicab is found to be in violation of the requirements of this article, to have inoperable air conditioning or heating equipment, or to be unsafe, the chief of police shall notify the owner at once of such defect and the owner shall not operate the vehicle thereafter until he remedies such defect. If the odometer of a vehicle has been unlawfully tampered with, the vehicle shall be permanently rejected for use as a taxicab.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-4; Ord. of 10-28-98, § 1; Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Sec. 15-174. - Compliance with article requisite to use of terms "taxi," "taxicab," etc., in advertising.

No person shall use the term "public vehicle," "taxi," "taxicab," "cab," "for-hire car" or any term of similar meaning in advertising, nor shall any person, by any means, claim to be the operator or driver of a taxicab unless the person has complied with the provisions of this article.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-44)

Sec. 15-175. - Penalties.

Any person violating the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$100.00 for the first offense and not more than \$500.00 for each subsequent offense.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-46)

Sec. 15-176. - Exemptions from article; applicability of rules of Capital Region Airport Commission.

The provisions of this article shall not apply to vehicles listed in Code of Virginia, § 46.2-2000.1, as amended, with the exception of those vehicles listed in subsection (2) of such section, or regulated by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to Code of Virginia, § 46.2-2099.46, as amended, or to funeral vehicles, or to common carriers of persons or property operating as

public carriers by authority of the state corporation commission or under a franchise granted by the county. This article shall not be construed to conflict with or be in derogation of any additional rules and regulations adopted by the Capital Region Airport Commission pursuant to its enabling authority for the operation of taxicabs on its property located in the county.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-48; Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Editor's note— Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1, amended § 15-176 to read as set out herein. Former § 15-176 was titled "Exceptions." Sec. 15-177. - Reciprocity.

Upon a finding by the chief of police that the City of Richmond, Henrico County, Hanover County, or any county or city contiguous to Richmond, Henrico or Hanover has adopted an ordinance containing provisions comparable to this article and providing for reciprocity with the county, then vehicles for which a person holds a valid certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by that jurisdiction, and drivers who hold a valid permit issued by that jurisdiction will be deemed to have complied with the certificate and permit requirements of this article unless the holder of such certificate or permit has applied for and been refused a permit or certificate by the county, or has had such permit or certificate revoked by the county under the provisions of this article.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-49)

Sec. 15-178. - Authority of chief of police to make rules and regulations.

The chief of police is authorized to make such rules and regulations concerning the operation of taxicabs as are necessary and are not in conflict with this article for the purpose of administering the provisions of this article.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-50)

DIVISION 2. - CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Sec. 15-179. - Certificate of public convenience and necessity.

- (a) No person shall operate or cause to be operated within the county any taxicab without a certificate of public convenience and necessity for such vehicle and unless the person complies with the provisions of this article. An owner shall operate under only one certificate, and operate only the number of taxicabs specified in the certificate. Additional taxicabs may be added to a certificate only upon written application and approval by the chief of police, payment of fees provided in this article and compliance with all other provisions of this article.
- (b) A certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be effective until January 31 following its issuance and must be renewed annually. The chief of police shall provide a form for applications and renewals which includes authorization to conduct a background check and certification by the applicant that the information contained in the application is true and correct. Written authorization to conduct a background investigation will include fingerprints and personal descriptive information for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information, the costs of which shall be borne by the applicant. The fingerprints shall be forwarded to Virginia State Police for processing through the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as authorized by Code of Virginia, § 15.2-1503.1.
- (c) A certificate of public convenience and necessity shall lapse with respect to any vehicle that has not been used to provide taxicab service for 60 or more consecutive days.
- (d) A certificate of public convenience and necessity shall not be transferable.
- (e) In addition to any other fees in this Code, each applicant for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall pay an initial application fee of \$25.00 per vehicle listed in the certificate, and upon each request for renewal of such certificate shall pay the same fee.
- (f) The board of supervisors may, after a public hearing, prescribe the maximum number of vehicles for which certificates are to be issued when it appears that it is in the public interest to do so. Thereafter, the chief of police shall not approve any new certificates until the total number of certified vehicles outstanding is less than the prescribed number; provided, that renewal of an existing certificate shall not be regarded as a new certificate.
- (g) A certificate holder shall not place into service a taxicab unless it is a hard-top vehicle with a minimum of four doors and wheel size of at least 14 inches.
- (h) It shall be unlawful for a certificate holder to place into service a taxicab which either is more than 12 model years old or which is more than eight model years old and has more than 300,000 miles at the time it is placed into service. It shall be unlawful to operate any taxicab which either is more than 12 model years old or which is more than eight model years old and has more than 300,000 miles.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-3; Ord. of 10-28-98, § 1; Ord. of 6-23-99, § 1; Ord. of 7-25-12, § (2); Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Sec. 15-180. - Refusal of certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Subject to the provisions of section 15-183, the chief of police shall refuse to issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity if the chief of police finds any of the following:

- (1) The applicant's vehicles do not meet the standards set forth in sections 15-173, 15-193, 15-194, 15-197 or 15-198.
- (2) The application fails to meet the requirements of section 15-214, 15-217 or 15-218.
- (3) The applicant has, within the past 12 months, been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to three or more violations of this article or of any other local law in the commonwealth governing the operation of taxicabs or other for-hire cars or vehicles.
- (4) The applicant knowingly makes, or causes to be made, either directly or indirectly, any false statement on the application.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-39)

Sec. 15-181. - Revocation of certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Subject to the provisions of section 15-183, the certificate of public convenience and necessity shall immediately become void and shall be immediately surrendered upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) The chief of police determines, after investigation, any or all of the vehicles subject to the certificate fail to comply with sections 15-173, 15-193, 15-194, 15-197 and 15-198; and the certificate holder, after notification of the violations, knowingly operates, or permits to be operated, such vehicle prior to correcting the violation.
- (2) The chief of police determines, after investigation, that the certificate holder is in violation of section 15-214, 15-217 or 15-218; and the certificate holder knowingly fails to comply with such sections within 15 days after notification of such violation.
- (3) The certificate holder, within a 12-month period, is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to three or more violations of this article or of any other local law in this commonwealth governing the operation of taxicabs or other for-hire cars or vehicles.
- (4) The chief of police finds, after investigation, that the certificate holder has knowingly made, or caused to be made, either directly or indirectly, any false statement on the application for the permit which was issued to such certificate holder.
- (5) The chief of police finds, after investigation, that a charge has been made above or below the rates prescribed by section 15-196 with the knowledge, consent or permission of the certificate holder.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-40)

Sec. 15-182. - Issuance of certificate after refusal; reissuance after revocation.

No person who is refused a certificate of public convenience and necessity or whose certificate of public convenience and necessity is revoked shall be eligible for issuance of a new certificate until such time as the grounds for refusal of a certificate no longer apply. However, if a certificate is refused or revoked for (i) knowingly making, or causing to be made, either directly or indirectly, any false statement on the application, or (ii) the certificate holder knew or consented to a driver charging a rate above or below the rates allowed, such owner shall not be eligible until 12 months from the date of refusal or revocation.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-41)

Sec. 15-183. - Procedure upon refusal or revocation of certificate or permit.

If an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity or a driver's permit is refused or revoked, the chief of police shall notify the affected person in writing of such decision and the reason for the refusal or revocation, and advise the person of the right to an administrative appeal. Unless a request for an appeal hearing is made in writing within ten days of notice, the decision of the chief of police shall be final. If a hearing is requested, the hearing shall be held by the chief of police and the applicant or certificate or permit holder shall have the right to present his own case or have counsel do so. Within a reasonable time after the hearing, the chief of police shall render his decision. In the event the chief of police refuses to issue or revokes a certificate or permit after a hearing, the person may, within ten days after the date of such action, file with the circuit court of the county a petition to review the action of the chief of police, with a copy of such petition to be served on the chief of police. The filing of the petition with the circuit court shall not postpone the effective date of the decision of the chief of police except by order of the court.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-42; Ord. of 10-28-98, § 1)

Sec. 15-184. - False statement in application.

No person shall knowingly make or cause to be made, either directly or indirectly, any false statement on an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity or an application for a driver's permit required under the provisions of this article.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-43)

Sec. 15-185. - Unlawful for certificate holder to permit driver to violate article.

It shall be unlawful for a certificate holder to knowingly permit a driver operating such vehicle to violate the provisions of this article.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-47)

DIVISION 3. - DRIVER'S PERMIT

Sec. 15-186. - Driver's permit required; term; fees; attendance at orientation program.

No person shall drive a taxicab without first successfully completing a basic taxicab driver orientation program approved by the chief of police, and obtaining a driver's permit from the chief of police. The chief of police may, however, issue a temporary or provisional permit for a period not to exceed six months during which period such person shall successfully complete the basic taxicab orientation program. The initial driver's permit shall last for 12 months and may be renewed thereafter annually provided the driver attends follow-up taxicab orientation within 12 months preceding the date of renewal. The chief of police shall prescribe a form to be used in applying for a renewal. Each applicant for a driver's permit shall pay an initial application fee of \$25.00 and upon each request for renewal. The fee for replacement of lost, stolen or damaged permits shall be \$10.00. The fee for attendance at the basic or renewal taxicab orientation program shall be \$15.00. The permit shall be valid for the operation of only those vehicles subject to a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under this article.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-32; Ord. of 7-25-12, § (2); Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Editor's note— Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1, amended § 15-186 to read as set out herein. Former § 15-186 was titled "Required."

Sec. 15-187. - Application.

- (a) An applicant for a driver's permit shall provide all information the chief of police may request in the form of application.
- (b) Each applicant shall apply for a driver's permit in person and have his fingerprints taken, which fingerprints shall constitute a part of his application. Each applicant shall file with his application two recent photographs of himself of a size

designated by the chief of police, one of which shall be attached to the application, and the other of which shall be attached to the permit.

- (c) The applicant will provide written authorization to conduct a background investigation of the applicant, including fingerprints and personal descriptive information for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information, the costs of which shall be borne by the applicant. The fingerprints shall be forwarded to Virginia State Police for processing through the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as authorized by Code of Virginia, § 15.2-1503.1.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-33; Ord. of 7-25-12, § (2))

Sec. 15-188. - Investigation of applicant; issuance of permit; contents and display.

(a) The chief of police shall issue a permit only if, after investigation, he finds that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications to be a taxicab driver on the basis of the information furnished in the application. The permit shall bear a number and shall contain the name and a photograph of the applicant, and the name of the owner of the vehicles to be operated by the applicant, and, if different, the name of the company for whom the applicant will be driving. The driver shall post his permit card in full view of the passengers. The permit shall be valid only for the operation of such vehicles owned by the person listed on such permit card.

(b) The possession by a person of a valid driver's license issued by the state department of motor vehicles shall create a presumption that such person has the minimum physical and mental qualifications provided herein for driving a taxicab; but if the chief of police has doubts as to an applicant's physical or mental capability, then the chief of police may require the applicant to submit to a physical examination by a licensed physician and to verify by written report filed by such doctor the applicant's physical or mental capabilities.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-34)

Sec. 15-189. - Refusal of permit.

Subject to the provisions of section 15-183, the chief of police shall not issue a driver's permit if:

- (a) The applicant has within the past three years been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any felony.
- (b) The applicant has within the past 12 months been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any larceny, assault, battery, crime of moral turpitude or illegal possession of controlled substances where such crime is other than a felony.
- (c) The applicant has within the past 12 months been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- (d) The applicant has within the past 12 months been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to three or more moving violations under the motor vehicle laws of this commonwealth other than those involving operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- (e) The applicant has within the past 12 months been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to three or more violations of this article or of any other local law in this commonwealth governing the operating of taxicabs or other for-hire cars.
- (f) The applicant has ever been convicted of, pleaded guilty to or pleaded nolo contendere to any felony involving violence, or distribution of a controlled substance, or to any other felony, or combination of felonies, which indicates to the chief of police that the applicant is of unfit or unworthy character. The chief shall consider the period of time that has passed since the conviction, plea, etc. as well as any other mitigating circumstances presented by the applicant.
- (g) The applicant knowingly makes, or causes to be made, either directly or indirectly, any false statement on his applications.
- (h) The applicant otherwise lacks the following minimum physical or mental qualifications:
 1. Drivers shall have no mental, nervous, organic or functional disease likely to interfere with safe driving.
 2. Drivers shall have no loss or impairment of use of foot, leg, fingers, hand or arms or other structural defect or limitation likely to interfere with safe driving.
 3. Drivers shall in all other respects satisfy the minimum physical and mental requirements for issuance of a driver's license by the state department of motor vehicles.
- (i) The applicant is less than 18 years of age.
- (j) The applicant does not possess a valid and current driver's license issued by the state department of motor vehicles.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-35; Ord. of 6-23-99, § 1)

Sec. 15-190. - Revocation of driver's permit.

Subject to the provisions of section 15-183, the permit of any taxicab driver shall immediately become void and shall be immediately surrendered upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- (a) The driver is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to any felony.
- (b) The driver is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to any larceny, assault, battery, crime of moral turpitude or illegal possession of controlled substances where such crime is other than a felony.
- (c) The driver is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- (d) The driver within a 12-month period is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to three or more moving violations under the motor vehicle laws of this commonwealth other than those involving operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- (e) The driver within a 12-month period is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to three or more violations of this article or of any other local law in this commonwealth governing the operation of taxicabs or other for-hire cars or vehicles.
- (f) The chief of police finds, after investigation, that the driver, within a three-year period, has on two or more occasions made a charge above or below the rates prescribed by section 15-196.
- (g) The chief of police finds, after investigation, that the driver knowingly made, or caused to be made, either directly or indirectly, any false statement on the application for a permit which was issued.
- (h) The chief of police finds, after investigation, that the driver no longer possesses the physical or mental qualifications prescribed in section 15-189(g).
- (i) The driver no longer possesses a valid and current driver's license issued by the state department of motor vehicles.

All drivers and certificate holders shall notify the chief of police within 15 days of the occurrence of any event enumerated in subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (i).

(Code 1978, § 19.1-36; Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Editor's note— Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1, amended § 15-190 to read as set out herein. Former § 15-190 was titled "Revocation of permit."

Sec. 15-191. - Issuance of permit after refusal; reissuance after revocation.

Except as provided in section 15-192, no person who is refused a taxicab driver's permit or whose permit is revoked under the provisions of section 15-190 shall be eligible for issuance of a new permit until such time as the grounds for refusal of a permit no longer apply. However, if a driver's permit is refused or revoked for (i) knowingly making, or causing to be made, either directly or indirectly, a false statement while applying for the permit, (ii) for making charges above or below the rates prescribed by section 15-196, or (iii) for reasons described in sections 15-190(4) or (5), such driver shall not be eligible for at least 12 months from the date of refusal or revocation or from the date the chief of police was informed of the grounds supporting such revocation, whichever is later.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-37; Ord. of 6-23-99, § 1; Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Sec. 15-192. - Probationary permit.

- (a) The chief of police may issue a probationary taxicab driver's permit to a driver who fails to meet the standards set forth in section 15-189(a) or 15-208 upon the recommendation of a court whose conviction of the applicant resulted in ineligibility for a permit; however, a probationary permit shall not be issued to such driver sooner than 12 months from the date of revocation of the driver's permit or 12 months from the date of conviction, guilty plea, or plea of nolo contendere, whichever date is later.
- (b) A probationary permit shall be effective until such time as the driver is eligible for reissuance under section 15-191; however, a probationary permit may be revoked at any time by the chief of police upon a finding of violation of any provisions of this article.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-38)

DIVISION 4. - OPERATING REGULATIONS

Sec. 15-193. - Assignment of color scheme, number, etc., by chief of police.

- (a) Every taxicab shall display clearly the name and number of the owner and indicate that such vehicle is a taxicab. Taxicabs shall use only the words "taxi," "cab" or "taxicab." The color, size, content, character, and position of lettering on each vehicle shall be assigned by the chief of police, and no vehicle shall be operated under the provisions of this article unless such assigned specifications have been complied with. The failure of any owner to comply with assigned specifications shall constitute a violation of this article.
- (b) No person shall operate a taxicab unless the chief of police has first assigned to such vehicle a decal, which shall be affixed to and visible from the left rear of the vehicle and which shall contain a number registered with the chief of police. The decal shall not be transferred to another vehicle, shall be displayed at all times, and shall not be removed except when the vehicle is no longer in service or except upon direction of the chief of police.
- (c) If a vehicle is for any reason taken out of service as a taxicab on a permanent basis, the owner of the vehicle shall within 72 hours remove the assigned decal along with all other indicia of the vehicle's use as a taxicab.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-5; Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Sec. 15-194. - Taximeters.

Every taxicab shall be equipped with a taximeter prescribed by the chief of police which mechanically or electronically calculates the charge, both for distance traveled and for waiting time, and displays the charge clearly to the passenger. Taximeters shall be operated at all times during the transportation of paying passengers. Taximeters shall be inspected and validated for accuracy during inspections. No taxicab shall operate with a defective taximeter.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-6)

Sec. 15-195. - Rates—Generally.

Except as otherwise provided in this article, it shall be unlawful for the owner or driver of any taxicab to charge a rate above or below the rates established by the board of supervisors.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-7)

Sec. 15-196. - Same—Enumerated; special discount for military, elderly passengers and disabled passengers.

(a) Taxicab drivers shall charge passengers:

For the first one-fifth mile \$2.50

For each succeeding one-fifth mile 0.50

For each 80 seconds of waiting time 0.50

For each additional passenger over one (children six years of age or younger, when accompanying a fare-paying passenger, shall not be deemed additional passengers) 1.00

Waiting time is (i) the time the taxicab is stopped or moving at a speed less than 15 miles per hour, (ii) the time the taxicab is waiting for a passenger beginning five minutes after the time of arrival and (iii) the time consumed while a taxicab stands at the direction of the passenger. Waiting time shall not include, and no charge shall be made for, the time a taxicab loses on account of inefficiency, breakdowns, or premature response to a call. No taxicab shall charge for mileage while charging waiting time.

(b) A surcharge of \$1.00 per trip shall be added to compute the fare for a trip originating between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the next day.

(c) The owner of any taxicab, upon receipt of satisfactory proof that a passenger is 65 years of age or older, disabled, active or reserve duty United States military or a veteran, may offer a discount not to exceed 20 percent of the total charge. For purposes of eligibility under this subsection, disabled persons include individuals who are physically, hearing, mentally or visually impaired. The following identification may serve as satisfactory proof of age or disability: a valid driver's license, a valid GRTC Senior Citizens ID or Medicare Card, a valid GRTC Handicapped or Disabled Identification Card, a valid identification card issued by a public transportation provider to meet the requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, or a valid military or veteran identification card.

(d) The owner of any taxicab may enter into written contracts with organizations and companies to provide taxicab services on a negotiated basis. The owner of any taxicab may enter into written contracts with individuals to provide regular service on a negotiated basis. All such contracts must be kept in the main office of the taxicab company during the terms of the contract and for 12 months after termination of the contract. The rates to be charged for such services shall be determined by contract, not established by the board of supervisors, but taximeters shall be in operation at all times during the transportation of contract passengers.

(e) For a trip originating at Richmond International Airport, the rate shall be the charge registered on the meter plus \$2.30.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-8; Ord. of 6-23-99, § 1; Ord. of 10-1-05, § 1; Ord. of 1-28-09(1), § 1; Ord. of 11-14-12(1), § (1); Ord. of 5-27-15(1), § 1; Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Editor's note— Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1, amended § 15-196 to read as set out herein. Former § 15-196 was titled "Same—Enumerated; special discount for elderly passengers and disabled passengers."

Sec. 15-197. - Same—Display.

All taxicabs must display inside the vehicle, in full view of the passenger, the rates established under this article. Such rates shall also be displayed on the exterior of each side of taxicabs in a manner to be approved by the chief of police.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-9)

Sec. 15-198. - Roof light; failure, etc., to use.

All certificate holders must equip their taxicabs with a light prescribed by the chief of police that shall be mounted to the roof of the taxicab and that indicates to the public that the vehicle is or is not under hire. The roof light shall be lit when the car is available to the public for hire. Roof lights and meters shall operate by use of one switch only so that the light will automatically be lit when the meter is not running. It shall be unlawful for a driver to fail to operate the roof light or to operate such light in a misleading manner. No taxicab shall operate with a defective roof light.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-10)

Sec. 15-199. - Solicitation regulated.

No driver, or any other person on behalf of a driver, shall solicit patronage for any taxicabs on any public street or public property in the county other than at taxicab stands designated by the chief of police.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-11)

Sec. 15-200. - Taxicab stands.

(a) The chief of police shall designate places in the streets of the county as taxicab stands and shall prescribe the number of taxicabs that may be parked or stopped in each stand at any one time.

(b) It shall be unlawful for a driver to stop a taxicab at or near a taxicab stand when the maximum number of taxicabs prescribed for the stand are parked or stopped there. Only taxicabs may park at taxicab stands.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-12)

Sec. 15-201. - Carrying of more than one passenger.

No passenger shall be allowed to enter an occupied taxicab except upon the direction of the first passenger; and the driver shall not request the passenger to allow anyone else to be transported in the taxicab. If the first passenger directs the driver to allow another to be transported in the taxicab, the first passenger shall be liable for the payment of the fare unless otherwise agreed upon by the driver and any other passenger.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-13)

Sec. 15-202. - Limitation on number of passengers in front and rear seats.

The number of passengers permitted at any one time in a taxicab shall be limited to the number of operable seat belts that have been lawfully installed in the vehicle but, in any event, shall not exceed six passengers.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-14)

Sec. 15-203. - Transportation of passengers by most direct route; payment of toll charge.

All taxicabs shall transport passengers by the most direct route, unless otherwise directed by the passenger. When such route requires the payment of a toll, the driver shall embark on the route only after informing the passenger of the toll and receiving agreement from the passenger to pay the toll charge.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-15; Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Sec. 15-204. - Nonpaying passengers.

No taxicab driver shall transport a nonpaying passenger with a paying passenger unless the nonpaying passenger is a police officer engaged in the performance of his duty.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-16)

Sec. 15-205. - Refusal of drivers to make trips; preference in response to service requests.

(a) No taxicab driver shall refuse to transport any passenger to any part of the county or to the City of Richmond or Counties of Henrico and Hanover; however, no driver shall be required to drive to any place when it may be physically detrimental to the vehicle or when it may endanger the safety of the driver or passengers.

(b) Every certificate holder and driver shall give preference to calls or other requests for taxicab service in the order of their receipt.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-17)

Sec. 15-206. - Receiving and discharging passengers.

Every taxicab shall receive and discharge passengers at the right-hand side of the street and only after a full stop, except that passengers may enter or leave a taxicab from the left side at the left-hand side of a one-way street.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-18)

Sec. 15-207. - Drivers to remain with vehicles.

Taxicab drivers shall remain in or within five feet of their taxicab at all times while under hire or parked at a taxicab stand, except while loading or unloading the vehicle or in the event of an emergency.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-19)

Sec. 15-208. - Driving, etc., under influence of intoxicating beverage, narcotic, etc.

It shall be unlawful for a taxicab driver to be under the influence of any intoxicating beverage or any legal or illegal substance producing the effects of a narcotic or sedative while on duty whether or not the driver is actually operating or driving a taxicab, or to operate a taxicab at any time while possessing any alcoholic beverage in any quantity either on his person or in the taxicab.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-20)

Sec. 15-209. - Duty of driver as to use of taxicab for lewd, etc., purpose or for acquisition, etc., of alcoholic beverage.

It shall be unlawful for a driver to permit a taxicab to be used for lewd or indecent purposes or to transport any person to any place for such purposes, or to knowingly acquire or transport for another any alcoholic beverage, narcotics, marijuana or any controlled substance.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-21)

Sec. 15-210. - Possession of weapons by driver.

It shall be unlawful for a driver to operate a taxicab at any time with a dirk, bowie knife, nunchahka, nunchuck, shuriken, throwing star, oriental dart, blackjack, brass or metal knuckles or knife with a blade longer than three inches in length in his possession.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-22; Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Editor's note— Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1, amended § 15-210 to read as set out herein. Former § 15-210 was titled "Driving with firearms, etc., in possession of driver."

Sec. 15-211. - Duty of drivers to keep taxicab clean, etc.

No driver shall fail to keep his taxicab clean and sufficiently lighted at night through the use of properly functioning interior lights, headlights, and such other vehicle lights as may be installed in the vehicle or required by law.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-23; Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Sec. 15-212. - Drivers not to drive longer than 13 hours in 24.

No taxicab driver shall be on duty or be requested to remain on duty longer than 13 hours in any 24-hour period.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-24)

Sec. 15-213. - Hindering, retarding, etc., transportation.

No person shall in any way intentionally interfere with any taxicab service by making improper, misleading, false or unauthorized calls for taxicab service or by other means.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-25)

Sec. 15-214. - Certificate holder to have telephone listing.

Every certificate holder shall list a telephone number in the Greater Richmond telephone directory that customers can call for taxicab service. If the certificate holder operates five or more taxicabs, the telephone listing shall also appear in the Greater Richmond classified telephone directory. If there has not yet been an opportunity to publish the listing in the required directories, the certificate holder shall list the telephone number with the Greater Richmond directory assistance service.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-26)

Sec. 15-215. - Monitoring radio dispatches.

It shall be unlawful to have radio frequency scanning or similar electronic devices in a taxicab. It shall also be unlawful to monitor communications between a dispatcher and a taxicab or between two or more taxicabs for the purpose of responding to a call for taxicab service without the permission of the participants to the communication or of the company for whom they are employed.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-27; Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Sec. 15-216. - Lost and found property.

A driver shall preserve any property left in a taxicab by a passenger and deliver it to the certificate holder. Each certificate holder shall carefully preserve all property left in a taxicab by any passenger and delivered to the certificate holder by a driver. When the property shall have been identified and ownership established, it shall be promptly delivered to its owner during normal business hours at the certificate holder's business location or at a location arranged by the certificate holder and property owner. Any property which is not claimed within 30 days may be disposed of according to law.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-28; Ord. of 8-24-16(1), § 1)

Sec. 15-217. - Record of calls to be kept.

(a) The owner and the driver of a taxicab shall keep a "manifest," which shall be a permanent record of the transportation of each passenger. Each manifest shall include:

- (1) The name of the driver of the taxicab.
- (2) The number of the taxicab approved by the chief of police.
- (3) The place, date, and time each trip begins and ends.
- (4) The date and time each shift begins and ends.

(b) The driver shall carry a manifest in the taxicab at all times during its operation. The driver shall keep a separate manifest for each day of operation. A driver operating a taxicab at midnight may continue to use the manifest through the end of such work day. No later than 24 hours after the final entry on a manifest, it shall be delivered to the main office of the taxicab owner. The manifest shall be subject at all times to inspection by the chief of police or his designee. Each manifest shall be kept for 12 months, and thereafter shall be kept for such length of time as the chief of police shall request in writing to the certificate holder. No owner of a taxicab and no taxicab driver shall exhibit a manifest or be compelled to exhibit a manifest except to the chief of police or to such person as the chief of police may direct, or upon court order.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-30)

Sec. 15-218. - Public liability insurance required.

No person shall operate a taxicab until the owner provides the chief of police a certificate of insurance against public liability and property damage for each vehicle operated by the owner within the county, in a form approved by the county's risk manager and in an amount not less than the insurance requirements under article 2, chapter 20, subtitle V of title 46.2, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

(Code 1978, § 19.1-31; Ord. of 3-10-04)

Sec. 15-219. - Dress code.

Taxicab drivers shall be fully and neatly dressed and exhibit good personal hygiene without offensive body odor. All clothing shall be clean, free of holes, rips or tears, present a professional appearance; clothing shall not exhibit any symbols, phrases or rendering that are obscene and shall comply with the following standards:

- (1) Male drivers are required to wear long pants or professional length uniform shorts, buttoned shirts with fold-down collars and sleeves, and shoes. Pullover "polo" shirts, with fold-down collars, buttons and short sleeves, are permitted. Shoes shall be clean, closed-in and worn with socks. Hair, beards and/or moustaches must be neat, trimmed and present a groomed appearance.
- (2) Female drivers are required to wear long pants, professional length shorts, skirts, dresses (professional length), shirts or blouses, and shoes. Pullover "polo" shirts, with fold-down collars, buttons and short sleeves, are permitted. Shoes shall be clean, closed-in and worn with socks or stockings. Hair must be neat, trimmed and present a groomed appearance.

(Ord. of 6-23-99, § 2)

Secs. 15-220—15-230. - Reserved.