



## **HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE CONDITIONS**

### **1. Insurance**

At all times the proprietor shall during the period of the Licence keep in force in relation to the use of the vehicle as a hackney carriage vehicle, a policy of insurance as complies with the requirement of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1972 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force. The proprietor shall also ensure that a valid certificate of insurance in respect of the licensed vehicle is displayed at all times in that vehicle.

### **2. Maintenance of Vehicle**

The vehicle and all its fittings and equipment shall at all times when the vehicle is in use or available for hire be kept in an efficient, safe, tidy and clean condition and all relevant statutory requirements (including in particular those contained in Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use)). Regulations shall be fully complied with.

### **3. Alteration of Vehicle**

No material alteration or change in the specification, design, condition or appearance of the vehicle shall be made without the approval of the Council at any time while the licence is in force.

### **4. Number of Persons to be Carried**

The proprietor shall cause to be clearly marked and maintained inside the vehicle in such a position as to be visible at all times to persons conveyed therein, the number of this licence and the number of passengers prescribed in this licence.

### **5. Safety Equipment**

There shall be provided and maintained in the vehicle at all times when it is in use or available for hire a 1.7 litre aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) type fire extinguisher and a suitable first aid kit containing appropriate first aid dressings and appliances, such equipment to be carried in such a position in the vehicle as to be readily visible and available for immediate use in an emergency.

### **6. Production of Documents**

The proprietor shall produce when required the vehicle's registration document, certificate and policy of insurance, MOT certificate and confirmation of approval of taximeter by the Council.

## **7. Vehicle Examination**

- (1) The vehicle shall be submitted for mechanical annually, or as and when required by the Council.
- (2) An authorised officer of the Council or police constable shall have power at all times to inspect and test any hackney carriage licensed by the Council for the purposes of ascertaining its fitness. If such officer or constable is not satisfied with the fitness of the licensed vehicle the proprietor shall after being notified in writing present it at the time and place specified for an examination, the proprietor shall forthwith surrender the licence plate to the officer or constable who shall keep them until such time as he/she is satisfied as to the fitness of the vehicle when the plate shall be returned to the proprietor.

## **8. Signs, Notices Etc.**

- (1) No signs, notices, advertisements, plates, marks, numbers, letters, figures, symbols or devices whatsoever of an offensive or obscene nature shall be displayed on, in or from the vehicle.
- (2) The proprietor of the vehicle shall cause to be affixed to the roof of the vehicle, or alternatively in or on the front windscreen of the vehicle, a sign bearing the word 'TAXI' only, and which shall be capable of being illuminated internally at all times when the vehicle is plying for hire but not otherwise; and such sign shall be fixed in such manner and position and be of such size as shall be approved by the council.

## **9. Licence Plate**

- (1) The Council shall provide the vehicle with a plate indicating the hackney carriage licence number of that vehicle which must be securely fixed externally by nuts and bolts or self tapping screws to the rear offside of the vehicle in such a manner as to be easily removable by an authorised officer of the Council or constable.
- (2) The proprietor or driver shall ensure the licence plate is plainly and distinctly visible at all times.
- (3) The licence plate shall remain the property of the Council and shall be returned forthwith to the Council if the vehicle licence is terminated.

## **10. Communications Equipment**

The only type of radio communications equipment which may be used in a licensed hackney carriage shall be Home Office approved private mobile radio. The use of 'Citizens Band' radios is not permitted.

## **11. Compliance and Observance**

The proprietor shall at all times operate the vehicle in compliance with the relevant terms of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, the Public Health Act 1875, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the appropriate byelaws made there under, and failure to do so may result in the licence being suspended or revoked.

**12. Convictions**

The proprietor shall within seven days disclose to the Council, in writing, details of any conviction imposed on him (or, if the proprietor is a company or partnership, or any of the directors or partners) during the period of the licence.

**13. Byelaws**

The byelaws for the time being in force in the District of West Lindsey with respect to hackney carriages and drivers shall apply to this licence and are incorporated as if they were set out in full as conditions of this licence.

**WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER,  
EXTEND, AMEND OR ADD FURTHER CONDITIONS AT ANY TIME.**