

## **Private Hire Vehicle 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 private hire 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**

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

(2) The vehicle shall not be of such design and appearance as to lead any person to believe that such vehicle is a hackney carriage.

### **4. Identification Plate**

(1) The plate identifying the vehicle as a private hire vehicle is required to be exhibited on the vehicle pursuant to Section 48 (6) of the said Act shall be securely fixed externally by nuts and bolts or self-tapping screws to the rear offside of the vehicle in a conspicuous position and, the plate be affixed in such manner as to be easily removable by any authorised officer of the Council or any police constable.

(2) The plate referred to shall remain the property of the Council and shall be returned forthwith to the Council if the vehicle licence issued by the Council in respect of such vehicle is terminated.

### **5. Interior Markings**

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, the number of passengers prescribed in this licence, and a sign stating 'fares are **NOT** controlled by West Lindsey District Council and passengers are advised to agree the appropriate charge/s before commencing a journey'.

### **6. 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.

## **7. Signs, Notices. Etc.**

- (1) The vehicle shall not display either externally or internally any sign or notice which might reasonably be taken to indicate that the vehicle is a hackney carriage and for this purpose the word '**TAXI**' or '**CAB**' in the singular or the plural, or any word of similar meaning or appearance or such words in combination with any other word or words shall be taken to indicate that the vehicle is a hackney carriage licensed to ply for hire.
- (2) The name, address and telephone number of the operator is the only permissible advertisement on the exterior of the vehicle and this must be restricted to the front door panels only.
- (3) The proprietor shall cause to be affixed and maintained in the vehicle in a conspicuous position in accordance with the directions of the Council any sign or notice relating to private hire vehicles which the Council may from time to time require.
- (4) 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 a current list of his scale of charges.

## **8. Communication Equipment**

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

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

The vehicle must not carry a greater number of persons than that authorised by this licence.

## **10. Transfer of Vehicle**

The proprietor shall notify the Council in writing of any transfer of the vehicle during the period of the licence within fourteen days of such transfer and shall specify the name and address of the person to whom the vehicle has been transferred.

## **11. Guide Dogs**

Private hire vehicles must carry a guide dog or assistance dog belonging to a passenger free of charge, unless the driver has a proven medical condition that would preclude such action. Drivers have a responsibility to ensure that their company is aware of such a condition when they are first employed.

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