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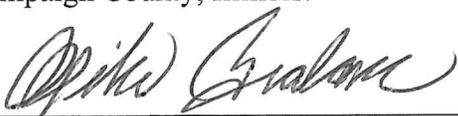
**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 44 OF THE RANTOUL CODE**

**VILLAGE OF RANTOUL
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

Published in pamphlet form this 10th day of November, 2020, by authority of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul, Champaign County, Illinois.





Village Clerk

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AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE RANTOUL CODE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Adoption. That Article II, currently entitled, "TAXICABS", of Chapter 44, entitled "VEHICLES FOR HIRE", of the Rantoul Code, as supplemented and amended, be and the same is hereby amended by adding a revised Article II, to be entitled, "VEHICLES FOR HIRE", which shall provide as set forth in the title, headings and text thereof as attached hereto and hereby incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Section 2. Effective Date. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Section 3. Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 4. Publication. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause this Ordinance to be published in pamphlet form.

This ordinance is hereby passed, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, by the concurrence of a majority of the Trustees of the Village then holding office at a regular meeting on the date set forth below.

PASSED this 10th day of November, 2020.



Village Clerk

APPROVED this 10th day of November, 2020.



Village President



Chapter 44 - VEHICLES FOR HIRE

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Secs. 44-1—44-18. - Reserved.

ARTICLE II. - VEHICLES FOR HIRE

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 44-19. - Definitions.

The following words and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this article, unless the context otherwise requires.

Applicant means any person who makes an application for a vehicle for hire driver's license or vehicle for hire business license as provided in this article.

Charter service means the exclusive use of a bus for transporting a group of persons for a common purpose, under a single contract, at a fixed or negotiated charge, paid for in whole or in part by a third party, for the use of such bus in order for the group to travel together pursuant to a pre-determined itinerary or such itinerary which is modified after leaving the place of origin.

Driver means the person in actual physical control of a vehicle for hire.

Operating means furnishing a vehicle for hire service.

Operator means any person owning or operating a vehicle for hire.

Taximeter shall mean any mechanical or electronic device that records and indicates a charge or fare measured by distance traveled, waiting time and extra passengers.

Vehicle for hire shall mean any motor vehicle engaged in the business of carrying persons for hire on the streets of the village, classified as provided in section 44-52, and not operated on a fixed route.

Sec. 44-20. - Applicability.

- (a) The provisions of this article shall be applicable to all vehicles for hire that transport passengers from one (1) location to another location within the corporate limits of the village or from one location within the corporate limits of the Village to a location outside the corporate limits of the Village.
- (b) The provisions of this article shall not apply to: (1) vehicles operated as school buses as defined by the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended from time to time; (2) vehicles provided by employers for the exclusive use of their employees; (3) vehicles devoted exclusively for funeral use; (4) vehicles used in operation of a metropolitan transit authority; (5) vehicles used as shuttles or courtesy vehicles by a business for the convenience of its customers and at no charge to such customers; (6) vehicles specifically designed, constructed or modified and equipped, intended to be used for, and maintained or operated exclusively for the emergency or non-emergency transportation of persons for compensation for the purpose of obtaining medical services; or (7) vehicles used in charter service.

Sec. 44-21. - Expiration.

Each license issued under this article shall expire on the 30th day of April of the fiscal year for which it is issued.

Secs. 44-22—44-40. - Reserved.

DIVISION 2. - BUSINESS LICENSE

Sec. 44-41. - License required.

No person shall engage in the business of operating a vehicle for hire in the village without first having secured a business license therefore as provided in this division.

Sec. 44-42. - Business license application.

A verified application for a vehicle for hire business license shall be made in writing by the owner, operator or manager of the vehicle for hire to the village clerk upon forms provided. The application shall include, at a minimum:

- (1) The full name of the applicant; or, if the applicant is a corporation, limited liability company or partnership, the legal name, business address, state of organization, and the titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of its officers, members, managers or managing partners;
- (2) The applicant's business address, local office address and mailing address, if different, telephone number(s), and electronic mail address;
- (3) The telephone number of the business, if different from the applicant, and the full name of the owner/operator/manager, if different from the applicant;
- (4) The number of vehicles for hire to be operated; an accurate copy of the current registration identification card for each vehicle to be operated that indicates the year, make, type, state license number, vehicle identification number, and the registered owner; the seating capacity of each vehicle to be operated according to its trade rating; the company assigned number; the body style and color of each vehicle to be operated; and recent color photographs of each vehicle to be operated, clearly showing front, side, and back views;
- (5) The names of all drivers;
- (6) A statement that the applicant meets the qualifications contained in section 44-43 of this division below;
- (7) Proof of valid automobile liability insurance for each vehicle to be operated; and
- (8) Signature of applicant.

Sec. 44-43. - Qualifications of business applicant.

- (a) No license to engage in the business of operating a vehicle for hire shall be issued to or held by any person:
 - (1) Who has been convicted, within the past four (4) years, of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, fraud, a sexual offense, use of a motor vehicle to commit a felony, any felony involving property damage, theft, an act of violence, or an act of terror;
 - (2) Who is a match in the National Sex Offenders Registry database; or
 - (3) Whose license to operate a vehicle for hire in any jurisdiction has been suspended or revoked during the preceding six (6) months.
- (b) No license to operate a vehicle for hire business shall be issued to or held by any corporation, limited liability company or partnership, if any officer, member, manager or partner thereof would be ineligible for a license under the foregoing conditions.

Sec. 44-44. - Issuance; fee.

- (a) The village clerk is authorized to issue a business license to any qualified applicant. The license shall contain a distinguishing number and the name and address of the person owning or operating the vehicle for hire, including firm and/or corporation information, if applicable.

- (b) The business license shall be nonassignable and nontransferable.
- (c) Upon the issuance of the vehicle for hire business license, the village clerk shall also issue a valid vehicle registration sticker to the operator for each vehicle for hire for which a business license is procured.
- (d) The annual fee for an operator's license and for each vehicle registration sticker shall be in the amount established from time to time by the village board, payable in advance; provided, however, that each such fee shall be 50% of the annual fee if payable during the second half of the fiscal year.

Sec. 44-45. - Duplicate licenses.

Whenever an operator has lost or destroyed his/her village-issued business license or a vehicle registration sticker issued to the operator, he/she shall submit an affidavit in writing to the village clerk, stating that the license or registration sticker has been lost or destroyed. The village clerk shall issue a duplicate copy or substitute thereof upon payment of the fee established from time to time by the village board.

Sec. 44-46. - Suspension or revocation.

- (a) In addition to the provisions of chapter 12 of this Code, the village clerk may initiate suspension or revocation proceedings for a business license issued under this article for any of the following:
 - (1) Violation of any ordinance provisions regulating a vehicle for hire;
 - (2) Allowing any person without a valid Illinois driver's license to operate a vehicle for hire;
 - (3) Having as a driver a person who is not licensed as a vehicle for hire driver pursuant to this article.
- (b) Any person whose village-issued license has been revoked shall immediately surrender to the village clerk his/her license, all vehicle license stickers issued to his/her business, and all village issued driver's licenses and identification badges issued to any vehicle for hire drivers.
- (c) An operator whose business license has been suspended or revoked pursuant to this Section may file with the office of the administrative officer of the village, within 7 days of the date of the issuance of notice of any suspension or revocation, a written request to meet with the administrative officer to review such suspension or revocation. At such meeting or as soon as practical after the facts become known, the administrative officer shall make an administrative decision on the merits of the challenge based upon the facts determined upon investigation or otherwise presented, and shall provide the result of such administrative decision in writing to the operator by certified mail. If the decision is adverse to the operator, the operator shall have the right to institute an action under and in accordance with the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 *et seq.*) for judicial review of the resulting administrative decision of the administrative officer.

Secs. 44-47—44-50. - Reserved.

DIVISION 3. - EQUIPMENT

Sec. 44-51. - Ineligible vehicles.

No license to engage in the business of operating a vehicle for hire shall be issued for pick-up trucks of any kind, two-door coupe vehicles, motorcycles, mopeds or Segway's.

Sec. 44-52. - Vehicle classification.

All vehicles for hire shall be registered and classified by the State of Illinois as a commercial or public transportation vehicle.

Sec. 44-53. - Transfer or reclassification of vehicle registration.

An operator shall pay the fee established from time to time by the village board for any transfer of a registration sticker from one (1) vehicle to another vehicle or a reclassification of a vehicle.

Sec. 44-54. - Display of license sticker.

The applicant shall affix the vehicle registration sticker to the lower inside left-hand (driver's side) corner of the front windshield of the vehicle for hire. No vehicle for hire, although issued a vehicle registration sticker in accordance with the provisions of this article, shall be used upon the streets, avenues or alleys of the village unless such sticker is affixed thereto as required by this section.

Sec. 44-55. - Condition of vehicle for hire; inspections.

- (a) No license to engage in the business of operating a vehicle for hire shall be issued unless each vehicle for hire:
- (1) Has adequate seating for the number of passengers to be transported;
 - (2) Has a clean interior in a good state of repair and appearance, and is free of litter, trash, garbage, residue and offensive odors;
 - (3) Has no external body damage, or protruding parts which could cause a hazard to pedestrians, passengers, or other vehicles, objects or things;
 - (4) Has no body damage of such extent as would significantly detract from its appearance to the public on any public street; and
 - (5) Is in compliance with all other provisions of this article.
- (b) Any vehicle for hire used or to be used to provide transportation services shall obtain an annual written certificate from a village-approved vehicle inspection station affirming that such vehicle is being maintained in a safe operating condition and in accordance with the requirements of this section. A list of village-approved vehicle inspection stations shall be provided to any operator that applies for an operator's license pursuant to this article. Any such annual certificate of inspection required by this subsection shall be filed with the village clerk, and the operator shall require all drivers to maintain and all drivers shall be required to maintain a copy of such annual certificate of inspection in the vehicle at all times while being used to provide transportation services. A written copy of such annual certificate of inspection shall also be shown to any police officer upon request. Additional inspections required by this subsection may be required as often as the apparent condition of the vehicle warrants or upon complaint received by the village clerk.
- (c) The operator shall pay all required fees for all inspections before a certificate of inspection will be issued.

Sec. 44-56. - Vehicle markings; similar markings prohibited.

- (a) Except when operating pursuant to a written contract, all vehicles for hire, while engaged in or available for the transportation of persons, shall have affixed by decal or painted on each side of the vehicle, the following:
- (1) The word "cab," "vehicle for hire," or "taxi" in lettering at least four (4) inches in height; and
 - (2) The name of the operator operating it or the operator's trade name as provided to the village clerk in visible lettering at least three (3) inches in height; and
 - (3) The vehicle number as provided to the village clerk.
- (b) Except when operating pursuant to a written contract, all vehicles for hire, while engaged in or available for the transportation of persons, shall have affixed by decal or painted on the rear of the vehicle the name of the operator operating the vehicle or the trade name as provided to the village clerk, and the vehicle number in approved and visible letters.

- (c) The use of magnetic or other removable signage is prohibited.
- (d) No other name, number, emblem, or advertisement of any kind except signs or advertisements required or permitted by this article shall be affixed, painted, or carried so as to be visible on the outside of any vehicle for hire unless approved by the village clerk.
- (e) Except when operating pursuant to a written contract, all vehicles for hire belonging to a single operator shall display that operator's uniform color scheme and logo.
- (f) No vehicle covered by this article shall be licensed whose color scheme, identifying design, monogram, or insignia to be used thereon shall, in the opinion of the village clerk, imitate any color scheme, identifying design, monogram, or insignia used on a vehicle or vehicles already operating under this article.

Sec. 44-57. - Testing of meters.

Taximeters are subject to inspection from time to time by the village clerk, or the designee thereof. Any inspector or other officer designated by the village clerk is hereby authorized, either on complaint of any person or without such complaint, to inspect any meter, and, discovering any inaccuracy therein, to notify the person operating the vehicle for hire to cease operation. Thereupon such vehicle shall be kept off the streets of the village until the taximeter is repaired and passes a reinspection.

Sec. 44-58. - Condition of meters.

- (a) No vehicle for hire equipped with a taximeter shall be operated unless it is equipped with an approved meter in good condition to record the amount of fare to be charged on each trip. The amount shall be shown on the dial of the meter in figures visible to the passenger, and shall also be equipped with a steady, continuous light illuminating the figures during the period between sunset and sunrise.
- (b) No operator shall use or permit the use of a meter that shall record the rate of fare in excess of five (5) percent error to the prejudice of any passenger.

Sec. 44-59. - Meter flag.

An approved metal flag or indicator with the "For Hire" or words of similar import embossed thereon shall be attached to the taximeter so that the meter cannot operate whenever such meter flag is in an upright position. The meter flag shall be placed and kept in an upright position by the driver of the vehicle for hire at all times except during the trip of a passenger.

Secs. 44-60—44-65. - Reserved.

DIVISION 4. - DRIVERS' LICENSES

Sec. 44-66. - License required.

No person shall drive a vehicle for hire or be hired or permitted to do so, unless he/she is a duly licensed driver by the State of Illinois and has a valid village-issued vehicle for hire driver's license.

Sec. 44-67. - Application.

A verified application for a vehicle for hire driver's license shall be made in writing to the village clerk, upon forms provided. The application shall state the full name of the applicant, his/her age, his/her residence address and mailing address, if different, his/her telephone number(s), his/her electronic mail address, the name and address of his/her employer, and such other information as the village clerk may reasonably require. The applicant must undergo a state and national criminal background check, must submit to fingerprinting by the police department, and must complete any forms required to undergo the background check.

Sec. 44-68. - Qualification of driver; certification of driving ability.

(a) No vehicle for hire driver's license shall be issued to any person:

- (1) Who has had more than three (3) moving violations in the prior three-year period, or at least one (1) major violation in the prior three-year period including, but not limited to, attempting to evade the police, reckless driving, or driving on a suspended or revoked license;
 - (2) Who has been convicted, within the past four (4) years, of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, fraud, sexual offense, use of a motor vehicle to commit a felony, or any felony involving property damage, theft, an act of violence, or an act of terror;
 - (3) Who is a match in the National Sex Offenders Registry database;
 - (4) Who is not properly licensed by the State of Illinois to operate the particular registered vehicle which is to be utilized for hire;
 - (5) Whose license to drive a vehicle for hire in any jurisdiction has been suspended or revoked during the preceding six (6) months; or
 - (6) Who is under the age of eighteen (18) years.
- (b) The chief of police, or his/her designee, shall examine each applicant for a vehicle for hire driver's license to determine the eligibility of the applicant. No such license shall be issued except on certificate of the chief of police or his/her designee that the applicant meets the qualifications set forth in this section.
- (c) Repeat violations of this article or this Code shall be grounds for rejection of a license application, non-renewal of a license, or revocation of a current license.

Sec. 44-69. - Issuance; fee.

- (a) The village clerk is authorized to issue a vehicle for hire driver's license to any qualified applicant. The license shall contain the name of the driver, the vehicle for hire business name and the number of his/her license. Any such license issued shall be conditioned on the applicant successfully passing the background check required herein.
- (b) The annual license fee for such taxicab driver's license shall be in the amount established from time to time by the village board. The taxicab driver's license shall not be pro-rated for a fractional part of a year.

Sec. 44-70. - Identification badge.

The village clerk shall issue to all qualified applicants an identification badge containing the driver's name, the vehicle for hire business name and license number with his/her photograph attached thereto.

Sec. 44-71. - Display of license and identification badge.

A driver shall have his/her village-issued vehicle for hire license in his/her possession at all times while on duty, and such license shall be conspicuously posted in the passenger area of the vehicle so as to be readily visible to any passenger. Drivers providing service pursuant to a written contract shall display their identification badges upon request of a passenger, village officer, or police officer. Other drivers shall conspicuously display their identification badges on their persons at all times while on duty.

Sec. 44-72. - Duplicate licenses.

Whenever a driver has lost or destroyed his/her village-issued vehicle for hire driver's license or identification badge, he/she shall submit an affidavit in writing to the village clerk, stating that the license or badge has been lost or destroyed. The village clerk shall issue a duplicate copy or substitute thereof upon payment to the village clerk of the fee established from time to time by the village board for each item so duplicated or substituted.

Sec. 44-73. - Suspension or revocation.

- (a) The village clerk may initiate suspension or revocation proceedings for a license issued under this division if the driver commits one (1) or more major moving violations under the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended from time to time.
- (b) The village clerk may immediately revoke any license issued under this division when the driver's driving privileges have been suspended or revoked pursuant to the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended from time to time. The village clerk shall send a notice of revocation to the residence address of the driver filed with the village clerk. The revocation shall be in effect from the date of the notice.
- (c) Any person whose village-issued vehicle for hire driver's license has been revoked shall immediately surrender his/her vehicle for hire driver's license and identification badge to the village clerk.
- (d) A driver whose driver's license has been suspended or revoked pursuant to this Section may file with the office of the administrative officer of the village, within 7 days of the date of the issuance of notice of any suspension or revocation, a written request to meet with the administrative officer to review such suspension or revocation. At such meeting or as soon as practical after the facts become known, the administrative officer shall make an administrative decision on the merits of the challenge based upon the facts determined upon investigation or otherwise presented, and shall provide the result of such administrative decision in writing to the driver by certified mail. If the decision is adverse to the driver, the driver shall have the right to institute an action under and in accordance with the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 *et seq.*) for judicial review of the resulting administrative decision of the administrative officer.

Sec. 44-74. - Changes in license information.

Operator's shall report in writing any change in information furnished in the application for a vehicle for hire license pursuant to this division to the village clerk within ten (10) days of the change. Failure to so report shall be cause for suspension or revocation of the license.

Secs. 44-75. - Reserved.

DIVISION 5. - RATES

Sec. 44-76. - Method of rate calculation.

Every operator shall establish a method for calculating rates and fares. The following methods are approved: i) taximeters, ii) individual written contract terms, iii) per person or flat rates, iv) mileage, or v) hourly.

Sec. 44-77. - Established; posting.

- (a) All operators shall provide the village clerk with a written schedule of all rates charged, including but not limited to, per person or flat rates, taximeter rates, mileage, hourly rates, waiting time rates, and rates for transportation and carrying of luggage, hand luggage and parcels. The village clerk shall be notified in writing ten (10) days prior to the effective date of any rate changes.
- (b) Except when carrying passengers for hire pursuant to a written contract, all operators shall post conspicuously in each vehicle for hire and keep posted conspicuously at all times a written notice setting out (1) the schedule of all rates charged by that operator as are on file with the village clerk; and (2) a village telephone number and electronic mail address, as specified by the village clerk, for customer complaints. The fares set out in this notice shall not vary from the schedule filed with the village clerk.
- (c) No operator shall charge a fare in excess of the effective schedule of fares on file with the village clerk.

- (d) If the vehicle for hire is equipped with a taximeter, but the driver of such vehicle is not charging a rate based on the taximeter, such driver must clearly inform all passengers of that fact; provide the exact rate to all passengers for their destination; and receive their consent before that trip may proceed. If the taximeter is being utilized to charge passengers, no fare shall be charged other than that recorded on the dial of the meter for the trip where such meter is utilized.
- (e) Except when carrying passengers for hire pursuant to a written contract, no operator shall operate a vehicle for hire unless the fare to be charged is determined in accordance with the posted schedule of rates provided.
- (f) No person shall remove or deface the notice required to be posted in a vehicle for hire or post the notice in a place so as to not be easily readable by a passenger located in the rear of the vehicle.
- (g) No operator shall operate a vehicle for hire with a defaced or missing schedule of rates. This shall be a strict liability offense.
- (h) Whenever an operator provides service pursuant to a written contract, the parties to the contract may establish the rate for services. Such rates must be in writing and a copy of the contract shall be presented to the person who has contracted for such service prior to or at the time of commencement of service. The driver of the vehicle for hire shall have a copy of the contract documents in the vehicle and available for inspection at all times. However, operators who do not exclusively provide service pursuant to written contracts shall file a written schedule of all rates charged with the village clerk and post said rates, as required in paragraph (b) of this section. At such times as a vehicle for hire may be used to provide service without a written contract, that vehicle and its driver shall be regulated as such by the applicable provisions of this division.

Sec. 44-78. - Waiting time.

Waiting time shall include the time when the vehicle for hire is not in motion, beginning three (3) minutes after arrival at the place to which it has been called, the time consumed by unavoidable delays at street intersections, and the time consumed while standing at the direction of the passenger. No charge shall be made for time lost for inefficiency of the vehicle for hire or its driver or the time consumed by premature response to a call.

Sec. 44-79. - Clearance of taximeter.

- (a) The taximeter shall be cleared at the destination of each passenger or group of passengers, unless a passenger declares to the driver at or before the time the first destination is reached that no clearance of the meter shall be made until all or certain designated passengers in such vehicle for hire reach their respective destination. The passenger making such declaration shall be liable for the whole fare upon reaching his/her destination.
- (b) The clearance of the taximeter at the destination of a passenger or group of passengers shall constitute the end of one (1) trip. Any passengers remaining in the vehicle for transportation to a different destination after the clearance of the meter shall constitute the commencement of a new trip and shall not be liable for any fare whatsoever until such new trip is commenced.

Secs. 44-80—44-85. - Reserved.

DIVISION 6. - RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 44-86. - Proof of insurance, bond and registration.

- (a) No person shall operate or drive a vehicle for hire unless such vehicle is covered by a bond or an insurance policy or other proof of insurance in a form prescribed by the secretary of state and in at least the minimum amounts required by Sections 5/8-104 and 5/8-108 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/8-104 and 5/8-108), as amended from time to time. Evidence that the applicant has filed with the secretary of state such bond or insurance policy shall be filed with the village clerk prior to the issuance of any license.

- (b) Every operator shall provide proof of valid registration of the vehicle as prescribed by the Illinois Vehicle Code at the time of initial licensing or license renewal for each year in which the vehicle is used as a vehicle for hire.

Sec. 44-87. - Responsibility for unlicensed drivers.

No operator shall allow any person who is not licensed pursuant to this article to drive a vehicle for hire. This shall be a strict liability offense.

Sec. 44-88. - False representation.

- (a) No operator shall imitate the name, colors, emblems, cap bands, caps or uniforms previously adopted and in use by any other operator.
- (b) No operator or employee of an operator shall represent himself/herself as an employee of any other operator.

Sec. 44-89. - Issuing receipt upon demand.

Upon paying the fare, each passenger may demand a receipt. Upon such demand the driver shall provide the passenger a receipt in legible type or writing showing the date and amount so paid, the pick-up and drop-off location of the passenger, the trade name of the vehicle for hire, and the name and the license number of the driver.

Sec. 44-90. - Conduct and appearance of drivers.

- (a) No driver while on duty shall use any profane or obscene language or gestures, shall shout or call to prospective passengers, or shall engage in violent, abusive, indecent, or profane conduct.
- (b) Every driver shall maintain a reasonable degree of personal hygiene and be dressed in clean and well-maintained clothing.

Sec. 44-91. - Use of vehicle for crime; alcoholic beverages.

- (a) No person shall knowingly permit any vehicle for hire to be used in the commission of a crime.
- (b) No driver shall have in his/her possession or in or about the driver's compartment of the vehicle any alcoholic liquor except in the original container and with the seal unbroken.

Sec. 44-92. - Obedience to traffic rules.

Every driver shall obey all traffic rules established by the laws of the State of Illinois or ordinances of the village.

Sec. 44-93. - Soliciting passengers; direct route to be used.

- (a) No driver shall induce or attempt to make anyone employ his/her vehicle for hire by any false statement or representation of the place or time of arrival or departure of any public conveyance or common carrier.
- (b) No person shall be admitted to a vehicle for hire occupied by a passenger without the consent of the original passenger.
- (c) The driver shall take his/her passenger to his/her destination by the most direct available route from the place where the passenger enters the vehicle for hire.

Sec. 44-94. - Duty to accept passengers.

Any driver shall accept as a passenger any person who seeks to so use the vehicle for hire, provided such person is not under the influence of alcohol or drugs and conducts himself/herself in an orderly manner.

Sec. 44-95. - Parking in taxicab stand.

A vehicle for hire may be parked in any taxicab stand only while such vehicle is under the control of its driver while on duty awaiting a fare. The driver of such vehicle for hire shall remain with the vehicle unless providing immediate assistance to a passenger.

Sec. 44-96. - Occupancy by person not a passenger.

- (a) No operator shall permit any person except a passenger for hire to occupy or be seated in such vehicle for hire when such vehicle is engaged in the business of transporting passengers.
- (b) Operators may temporarily occupy a vehicle for hire for training purposes when a new trainee has obtained a vehicle for hire driver's license. The operator shall notify the village clerk of the training activities and shall provide a date certain for when said training activities will be concluded.

Sec. 44-97. - Number of passengers; seating arrangement.

The number of passengers transported at any one (1) time by a vehicle for hire shall not:

- (1) Exceed the number of manufacturer-installed seats and seatbelts available for each passenger in said vehicle; or
- (2) Exceed the number allowed by state or federal law(s) for that vehicle type.

Sec. 44-98. - Fare payment.

- (a) Except when operating pursuant to a written contract, every operator that requires passengers to pay fares in cash shall post conspicuously inside the rear of the vehicle a sign stating "Cash Only." Every operator shall inform passengers prior to the start of any trip that a cash payment is the only acceptable method of payment.
- (b) No passenger shall fail or refuse to pay the lawful fare at the termination of a trip.

Sec. 44-99. - Sounding horn unnecessarily.

- (a) The driver shall refrain from using the horn to announce the arrival of the vehicle for hire. Persistent sounding of the horn to the disturbance of the public shall be grounds for revoking the vehicle for hire driver's license.
- (b) The sounding of horns by vehicle for hire drivers while picking up passengers in any commercial district of the village as classified under the zoning ordinance shall be permitted. However, such drivers shall not indulge in persistent sounding of horns in such area and may only sound such horns when reasonably necessary to indicate to the prospective passenger the arrival of the vehicle for hire.