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Ordinance #43*CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 16

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING AND OPERATION OF TAXICABS AND VEHICLES FOR HIRE AND PROVISIONS REGULATING DRIVERS THEREOF:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA:

1. The term "public vehicle", as used in this section shall mean taxicabs and driverless vehicles for hire.

2. No person shall operate a public vehicle unless a license for said vehicle has been first obtained by the owner thereof.

3. No such license shall be granted except upon certification of the Police Chief and, in the case of taxicabs, upon approval of the Council.

4. Before any such license is issued, the applicant therefor shall furnish one or more policies of insurance, prepaid for the period of the license, issued by responsible insurance companies providing indemnity for the insured in the amounts specified herein and agreeing to pay, within the limit of said amounts, to any judgment creditor who shall have filed his suit or filed notice of a claim for such loss with the City Clerk during the license year in which the injury or damage occurred, or within six months thereafter, any final judgment rendered against the insured for damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damages to property, or both, sustained by any person other than employees of the insured and resulting from negligent operation, maintenance or use of such licensed public vehicles. The extent of said liability as to any one licensed public vehicle shall be:

(a) On account of injury to, or death of, any person in any one accident---\$5,000.00

(b) On account of any one accident resulting in injury to, or death of, more than one person---\$10,000.00

(c) On account of damage to property in any one accident---\$1,000.00.

Said policy or policies of liability insurance shall be approved as to substance by the City Clerk and as to form by the City Attorney and shall be filed with the City Clerk.

5. In lieu of insurance required by this section, one or more corporate surety bonds may be furnished in the same amounts, said bonds to be approved as to sufficiency by the City Clerk.

6. Every such insurance policy or bond shall contain a clause obligating the insurer or surety to give the City Clerk, by registered mail, at least ten (10) days written notice before the cancellation, expiration, lapse, or other termination of such insurance or bond or the withdrawal of surety from any such bond.

7. A placard of a type approved by the City Clerk stating the limits of liability in effect and the area within which such liability applies shall be posted at all times in a conspicuous place in each licensed taxicab.

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8. The number of taxicab licenses outstanding shall not exceed one for each two hundred (200) of population within the city, according to the census as determined by the Common Council at any time. (Population this day estimated at 1000).

9. All fares and charges for use of taxicabs and vehicles for hire shall be determined by resolution of the Council following a hearing held by said Council at a regular meeting. All taxicabs and vehicles for hire licensees shall be notified of any such hearing by mail.

10. The City Clerk is hereby empowered, subject to approval by the Council, to make such rules and regulations pertaining to public vehicles as are necessary to protect the public safety, and no person shall fail to comply with any such rule or regulation.

11. No person shall drive any taxicab or vehicle for hire without first obtaining a license therefor. No such license shall be granted except upon certification of the Police Chief and unless a photograph and complete set of the fingerprints of the applicant therefor are on file in the non-criminal identification file of the Police Department. Two photographic pictures of each applicant shall be furnished at the time of application, the size and form thereof to be prescribed by the City Clerk. Taxicab drivers shall have passed their 21st birthday.

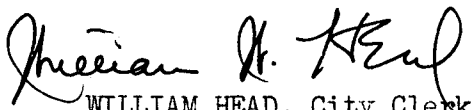
12. Any failure to abide by the provisions of this act or any part thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or the imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days or by both such fine and imprisonment, for each act of violation and every day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the 1st day of November, 1951.

Passed and approved this 10th day of October, 1951.


CARL H. MEIER, Mayor

Attest:


WILLIAM HEAD, City Clerk