

**CHAPTER 22. TAXICABS****22-1-1. Definition.****22-1-2. Rates.****22-1-3. Inspection.****22-1-4. Financial responsibility.****22-1-5. Qualification for driver's license.****22-1-1. Definition.**

As used in this Chapter, the word "taxicab" is a motor-powered vehicle used in transporting persons exclusively within or from the County, for hire, but does not include any vehicle commonly known as a bus with a seating capacity of seven (7) persons or more. (R.O. 1956, Section 4-18-1)

**22-1-2. Rates.**

It shall be unlawful for any taxicab operator or taxicab driver to charge any rate, fare or charge which has not been approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Such rates, fares and charges shall be predominantly displayed within easy vision of any customer or client of such taxicab. (R.O. 1956, Section 4-18-3)

**22-1-3. Inspection.**

All applications for taxicab licenses shall be forwarded to the Sheriff, who shall inspect such taxicabs. The Sheriff or his duly authorized deputy shall forward to the County Clerk or duly appointed license officer a certificate of inspection for each taxicab to be licensed, showing that said taxicab has been inspected and that the same is in a thoroughly safe condition for the transportation of passengers, and is clean, of a respectable appearance and painted a distinctive color so as to differentiate the taxicab from privately owned passenger motor vehicles and other taxicabs; provided, that in case the taxicab is licensed as such by any city in the County, there may be submitted, in lieu of said certificate, a copy of the inspection record of the city covering such taxicab, showing that it passed inspection not earlier than sixty (60) days prior to filing of said application. (R.O. 1956, Section 4-18-4)

**22-1-4. Financial responsibility.**

(a) Unlicensed taxicabs. After approval of the application pursuant to Section 22-1-3 by the Commission and prior to issuance of a taxicab license, the applicant shall furnish proof of bonding or insurance coverage as required by the County Commissioners.

(b) Previously licensed taxicabs. In the event the taxicab is licensed as such by any city in the County

there may be submitted in lieu of the actual insurance policies and/or bonds an affidavit that they are in effect in the amounts prescribed and are on file in said city, and in such case the applicant shall keep the same in full force and effect during the whole period for which such taxicab is covered by a license issued hereunder. (R.O. 1956, Sections 4-18-5, 4-18-6)

**22-1-5. Qualification for driver's license.**

Before any person shall be granted a license as a taxicab driver, the applicant therefor shall first be required to show evidence that he has obtained a valid State Chauffeur's License. (R.O. 1956, Section 4-18-7)

**Cross reference** - Licenses, Chapter 11.