



BOROUGH OF KEYPORT
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE



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Upon receipt of your application by the Borough Clerk to be issued either a "Taxicab Owner's License" or a "Taxicab Driver's License", it will be forwarded to the Keyport Police Department. The Police Department will first conduct a preliminary background investigation.

After the completion of the preliminary background investigation (three to five business days), you will either be contacted by either:

- 1) The Borough Clerk advising you that you have not cleared the preliminary background investigation, and the license which you have applied for has been denied or;
- 2) The Police Department, at which time you will be asked to come to police headquarters to complete the necessary paperwork to complete the background investigation. This will include a criminal history check by name. **The fee for the name check is \$18.00 and MUST be paid by money order when you arrive at police headquarters.** No other form of payment will be accepted. After a full background investigation is completed, the Police Department will make a recommendation to the Borough Clerk as to whether you should be issued the license which you applied for.

*Note. Current license holders may not be subject to a criminal history check.

*Note. For "Taxicab Driver's License" applicants. After clearing the preliminary background investigation, you may allowed to drive on a provisional basis, pending the completion of the full background investigation.

Thank you,
LT. A. Gallo
Lt. Anthony Gallo

BOROUGH OF KEYPORT

Application for Taxicab Driver's License

1. Full name of applicant
2. Address
3. Telephone NO:Fax NO:
4. Date of Birth
5. Place of Birth
6. Do you wear glasses?
7. If so, must you wear them to drive?
8. Have you ever been arrested as a disorderly person?
9. Have you ever been convicted of driving while under the influence of alcoholic beverages?
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10. Have you ever been convicted of an indictable offense?
11. If so, when? What was the offense?
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12. Have you ever been convicted of reckless driving?
13. Are you in good health?
14. If answer is no, state symptoms or conditions:
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15. Can you read and write the English language?
16. Are you addicted to drugs?
17. Do you have a New Jersey automobile drivers license?
18. How long have you held such license?
19. Drivers License NO:
20. Are you familiar with the streets and roads in the Borough of Keyport?
21. Give the names and addresses of two responsible property owners in the Borough of Keyport
who may be referred to for evidence of your character
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Sworn to and Subscribed Before me

this day of 200

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Applicant's Signature

All applicants for such driver's licenses shall furnish with the above application, a recent photograph of himself of a size not less than one and one-fourth (1 ¼") inches in height and one and three-fourths (1 ¾") inches in length which shall be filed with this application.

5-9 RESERVED.

5-10 TAXICABS.¹

5-10.1 Definitions. As used in this section:

Driver shall mean any person who drives a taxicab within the Borough.

¹**Editor's Note:** Taxicabs must also comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 48:16-1, et seq.

Licensed shall mean licensed in accordance with this section.

Operation of taxicab within the Borough shall consist of transporting in such taxicab one (1) or more persons for hire along any of the streets of the Borough, accepting a passenger to be transported for hire within the Borough or from a point within the Borough to a point outside the Borough limits, or discharging a passenger transported for hire from a point outside the Borough limits to a point within the Borough limits. The operation of a taxicab in any of the above described methods by anyone other than the owner shall be deemed operation by the owner thereof as well as by the person actually driving the same. The transportation of any person other than the owner or driver in any motor vehicle bearing the sign thereon or therein using the word, "taxi", "taxicab", "cab", "hack" or term or word of similar connotation shall be prima facie evidence of operation.

Owner shall mean any person in whose name title to any taxicab is registered with the New Jersey Department of Transportation or who appears in such records to be the conditional vendee or lessee thereof.

Taxicab shall mean and include any automobile or motor car, commonly called taxi, engaged in the business of carrying passengers for hire, which is held out, announced or advertised to operate or run or which is operated or run over any of the streets of the Borough, and which accepts passengers in the Borough for transportation from points or places to points or places within or without the Borough. Provided that nothing herein contained shall include or apply to autobuses as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:16-23 or jitneys or other vehicles operated under municipal consent upon a route established wholly within the limits of the Borough or the public conveyances which are by law subject to State or Federal regulation exclusively.
(Ord. #400, A 1; 1972 Code §10-1)

5-10.2 License Required. No person shall operate any taxicab within the Borough unless both the taxicab and the driver thereof are licensed pursuant to this section and conform to all provisions hereof. (Ord. #400, A 2; 1972 Code §10-2)

5-10.3 Classes of Licenses. There are hereby established two (2) classes of taxicab licenses, to be known as "taxicab driver's licenses" and "taxicab owner's licenses". (Ord. #400, A 3 and 5; 1972 Code §10-3)

5-10.4 Taxicab Driver's License. A taxicab driver's license shall entitle the person named therein to operate within the Borough any taxicab duly licensed hereunder until the license either expires or is surrendered, suspended or revoked and shall not be transferable. (Ord. #400, A 3 and 4; 1972 Code §10-3.1)

5-10.5 Taxicab Owner's License. A taxicab owner's license shall entitle the taxicab therein described to be operated in the Borough by a driver duly licensed hereunder until the license either expires or is surrendered, suspended or revoked and shall not be transferable except as provided herein. (Ord. #400, A 3 and 5; 1972 Code §10-3.2)

5-10.6 Term of License. Every license issued pursuant to the terms of this section shall expire at 12:00 midnight on June 30 of the year next succeeding that in which it was issued unless sooner surrendered, suspended or revoked. (Ord. #400, A 6; 1972 Code §10-4)

5-10.7 Number of Licenses. The number of licenses under this section to be issued or outstanding in any one (1) year shall be fixed by resolution of the Mayor and Council. (Ord. #400, A 7; 1972 Code §10-5.1)

5-10.8 Zones. The Mayor and Council shall adopt resolutions establishing zones or districts within the Borough

limits as they may deem desirable or necessary for the purpose of prescribing or fixing maximum or minimum charges which may be made within the area or within such districts for such taxicab service. (Ord. #400, A 7; 1972 Code §10-5.2)

5-10.9 Application for Licenses.

- a. *Taxicab Driver's License.* Every applicant for a taxicab driver's license shall, in addition to the requirements herein provided and of any law of the State, prove to the satisfaction of the Mayor and Council that he is over the age of twenty-one (21) years; that he is in good health with good eyesight; that he is not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors or drugs; that he is able to read and write the English language; that he is of good character; that he has not been convicted of any indictable offense or of reckless driving within two (2) years next preceding the filing of such application; that he has knowledge of the State Motor Vehicle Laws and traffic regulations; and that he has knowledge of the ordinances and geography of the Borough. He shall furnish with the application for such driver's license a recent photograph of himself of a size not less than one and one-fourth (1 1/4") inches in height and one and three-fourths (1 3/4") inches in length which shall be filed with the application, together with the names and addresses of two (2) responsible property owners of the Borough as references. Such applicant for a driver's license shall be fingerprinted before the license is issued.
- b. *Taxicab Owner's License.* All applications for taxicab owner's licenses shall be in writing in duplicate, and shall contain the full name and address of the owner, the serial number, type, color, age and make of the taxicab, the number of persons it is to carry, and the names and addresses of two responsible property owners of the Borough as references. Any and every change of

address of the owner shall be reported in writing to the Borough Clerk within three (3) days after such change.

- c. *Filing of Application; Transferability.* All applications shall be filed in writing and in duplicate with the Borough Clerk, who shall submit such applications to the Borough Council at the next succeeding meeting for action, and any or all applications, following investigation reports, may be granted or refused by the majority vote of the members of the Council present at such meeting, as provided in subsection 5-10.16.

An existing owner's license may be transferred upon the transferee filing the application and performing all the other things to be performed in the case of an application for owner's license as required herein. (Ord. #400, A 8 and 9; 1972 Code §10-6; New)

5-10.10 Fees. The fees for the issuance of the licenses herein referred to shall be as follows:

- a. For each taxicab license, fifty (\$50.00) dollars per year or any fraction thereof;
- b. For each taxicab driver's license, twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per year;
- c. For transfer of a taxicab owner's license, fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

The Borough Clerk shall, at the time a license is granted and upon the receipt of the license fee, deposit same in the appropriate account established by the Borough of Keyport. (Ord. #400, A 11 and 18; 1972 Code §10-7; New; Ord. #13-03, §2)

5-10.11 Insurance. No taxicab shall be licensed until an insurance policy or certificate in lieu thereof, and power of attorney executed, have been filed with the Borough Clerk as

provided for taxicabs and autocabs pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:16-1 to 48:16-22, and the operation of any licensed taxicab hereunder shall be permitted and shall be lawful only so long as such liability insurance policy remains in full force and effect. (Ord. #400, A 10 and 14; 1972 Code §10-8)

5-10.12 Display of License. Each applicant granted a taxicab driver's license shall be issued a license card in a form approved by the Mayor and Council and signed by the Borough Clerk in their behalf. Such license card shall at all times be carried by the driver while operating a taxicab. In addition, the owner of the taxicab shall furnish a card with the name of the driver which shall at all times be prominently displayed and adequately posted in the interior of any taxicab operated by the licensee so that the face thereof shall be at all times in full view and plainly legible to any passenger seated on the rear seat of such taxicab and there shall be affixed to such card in full view of such passengers a photograph of a size not less than one and one-fourth (1 1/4") inches in height and one and three-fourths (1 3/4") inches in length of the licensed driver, together with a photograph of the licensed owner of the taxicab of the same size. Each photograph shall have indicated thereon the words, "Licensed Taxicab Owner" or "Licensed Taxicab Driver", as the case may be. (Ord. #400, A 13; 1972 Code §10-9)

5-10.13 Fares.

- a. *Posted.* No taxicab shall be operated in the Borough unless there is prominently displayed in the interior thereof within the full view and access of any passengers therein, a complete list of fares, charges or tariff rates charged for transportation of passengers, which fares, charges or tariff rates so displayed and no other shall be charged any passenger so transported.
- b. *Rates.* The rate of fare to be charged within the Borough shall be fixed by resolution of the Mayor and Council,

and the Mayor and Council may by resolution establish zones for the purpose of fixing rates.
(Ord. #400, A 15 and 17; 1972 Code §10-10)

5-10.14 Taxicab Designation. Every taxicab licensed hereunder shall have conspicuously located on the exterior thereof the word "taxicab", which shall be illuminated during darkness. (Ord. #400, A 16; 1972 Code §10-11)

5-10.15 Rules and Regulations.

- a. *Promulgation by Council.* The Mayor and Council may by resolution make such general rules and regulations and such special rulings and findings as may be necessary for the proper regulation and control of the operation of taxicabs in the Borough and enforcement of this section, in addition thereto and not inconsistent therewith; and may alter, amend, repeal and publish the same. The Mayor and Borough Council, in implementing this section by resolution or regulation where and when required shall at all times consider the purpose and intent of this section, the character of the various districts of the Borough, and the needs of the public with particular consideration to pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- b. *Violations.* The violation by the taxicab owner or the taxicab driver of any rules, regulations, special rulings and findings which are hereafter promulgated by the Mayor and Council and included within a resolution shall be sufficient cause for revocation of any license granted to such taxicab owner or taxicab driver pursuant to this section, and shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of any license granted to such taxicab owner or taxicab driver pursuant to this section; and shall be sufficient cause for the refusal by the Mayor and Council to renew such license, in addition to any and all other grounds specifically mentioned in this section.

- c. *Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Drivers Prohibited.* No taxicab driver shall operate a taxicab after having consumed or while under the influence of alcoholic beverages.

(Ord. #400, A 19—21; 1972 Code §10-12)

5-10.16 Issuance; Denial; Revocation and Suspension.

The Mayor and Council may, in their discretion, refuse to issue or renew or may, after notice and hearing, revoke or suspend:

- a. Any license of either class if the applicant or licensee, within two (2) years next preceding the filing of an application hereunder or who, having obtained a license while such license is in effect hereunder, has been or is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude in this or any other jurisdiction, or of being a disorderly person in this or any other jurisdiction, or of reckless driving or whose driving privileges have been revoked in this or any other state, or who violates any provisions of this section, or who has any judgement unsatisfied of record against him arising out of an automobile accident, or has failed or fails to render reasonable, prompt, safe and adequate taxicab service, or who has not complied fully with all the requirements of this chapter for such class of license; or
- b. Any taxicab driver's license if the applicant has any communicable or contagious disease; or
- c. Any taxicab owner's license if the motor vehicle licensed or to be licensed by reason of unsafe or unsanitary condition is dangerous to the safety and health of the occupants or others, or if the policy of insurance required by this section, or by any statute of New Jersey has once lapsed or such coverage is not maintained at all times.

(Ord. #400, A 12; 1972 Code §10-13)

5-10.17 Licensees of Other Municipalities. Owners and drivers of taxicabs licensed out of the jurisdiction of the Borough may be allowed to enter their taxicabs in the Borough on specific call only, whether transporting a passenger within the Borough, or from a point within the Borough to a point outside the Borough limits, or discharging a passenger transported from a point outside of Borough limits to a point within the Borough limits, and the name of the passenger so calling shall be given by the owner or driver when requested by the Borough Police or other lawful persons. Such taxicabs shall not be parked in the Borough nor shall the drivers thereof cruise on the streets of the Borough at any time for the purpose of soliciting passengers, nor shall they in the night-time or other periods of darkness, when in the Borough, permit any advertising lights on the taxicab to remain lighted; provided that the same or similar substantial reciprocal rights are granted to owners and drivers of taxicabs licensed in the Borough by the municipalities in which the aforesaid owners or drivers are licensed. (Ord. #400, A 22; 1972 Code §10-14)

5-11 LIMOUSINES AND LIVERY SERVICE.

5-11.1 Definitions. As used in this section:

Limousine shall mean and include any automobile or vehicle engaged in the business of carrying passengers for hire and operating from private property, either by trip, hour or day, or longer period of time, and which does not solicit passengers for hire upon the public streets of the town and which is intended to run primarily from points within the Borough to destinations in other municipalities. The term "limousine" shall also mean "auto livery" and "autocab" as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:16-13.

(Ord. #11-85, §1)