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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Secs. 25-1—25-25. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. TAXICABS*
DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 25-26. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

License shall mean a business license issued under chapter 12, article II.

Taxi cab shall mean a motor-driven vehicle of not more than eight-passenger capacity operated by the owner thereof or an agent, lessee or employee of the owner and which is regularly available for hire to transport persons within or outside the city.

Taxi cab business shall mean any separately owned and operated taxi cab; or a fleet of owned or leased taxicabs; or a fleet of taxicabs owned separately but operating under one name.

Sec. 25-27. Inspection of cabs.

The city police are authorized to make inspection of all taxicabs, from time to time, with full authority to approve or disapprove the operation thereof when the taxi cab is not in good mechanical condition or is not in good sanitary condition.

Sec. 25-28. Schedule of fares to be posted.

The schedule of fares shall be posted in each taxi cab and in the office of each taxi cab company.


DIVISION 2. LICENSE

Sec. 25-41. Required; application.

(a) Every person desiring to operate a taxi cab business in the city shall make application for a license or privilege to so operate to the city administrator or his designee on blanks furnished by the city. Such application shall contain the name and address of the owner, the make and vehicle serial number, model, year, total mileage and passenger-carrying capacity for each vehicle operated. Names of each operator are to be listed.

(b) The application shall be reviewed by the police department for any record of excessive recklessness on the part of the applicant or those operating taxicabs under the applicant’s name. No person shall operate a taxi cab in the city that has been convicted, pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felony within the three (3) years immediately preceding the issuance of the license or been convicted, pled guilty or nolo contendere to an offense involved in prostitution, soliciting for prostitution, or the illegal manufacture, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances in the three (3) years immediately preceding the issuance of the license.

Sec. 25-42. Liability insurance required.

(a) Every applicant for a taxi cab business license shall, before the license is granted, deposit with the city administrator, for each taxi cab for which the privilege to operate is sought, a policy or certificate of liability insurance, indemnifying the applicant in the sum required by law. The certificate or policy of liability insurance shall be issued by a company or companies authorized to do business in the state and, if obtainable, licensed to do business in the city. The certificate or policy of insurance shall identify by serial number all vehicles insured under the policy or policies. The license for the operation of the taxi cab business shall expire upon the lapse or cancellation or termination or revocation of any policy covering any taxi cab operated under the business.

(b) If any person owning, leasing or operating a taxi cab in the city shall fail or refuse to satisfy and discharge any final judgment, within sixty (60) days after the date of the final judgment, such failure or refusal shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of any license issued to any person or business found liable under that final judgment.

Sec. 25-43. Issuance, display.

If the application meets all requirements, a license shall be issued upon the payment of the proper license fee prescribed by the governing body. This license or a copy thereof shall be displayed on each taxicab operated in the city.

Sec. 25-44. License amendment.

(a) Each licensee under this division shall amend the license application originally filed for the license to include new taxicabs or exclude old taxicabs promptly upon adding or deleting taxicabs from the licensee’s business so that an up-to-date list of operating taxicabs may be maintained.

(b) Each licensee hereunder shall also provide the city administrator proof that any new taxicab added to the application is fully insured as required under this division.

Sec. 25-45. Revocation.

Any license under this division may be suspended or revoked by the municipal court upon a finding that any provision of this article has been violated or that the person or business holding the license or permit no longer meets the standards required for the issuance of the license or permit.
TAXICAB BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION

1. Name and home address of applicant (include county): ________________________________

2. Telephone number: business number ________________________________
   home number ____________________________________________________________

3. Social Security number, driver's license number, and date of birth of applicant: ____________

4. Location of the proposed business (include county): _____________________________

5. Names and home addresses of all owners, partners, shareholders, officers, and directors if the business is owned or controlled by a partnership, corporation, or association (attach additional sheets if necessary): ____________________________________________________________________________

6. Names and home addresses of each taxicab operator (attach additional sheets if necessary): ____________________________

7. Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, and dates of birth of each taxicab operator (attach additional sheets if necessary): ____________________________________________________________________________

8. For each vehicle operated, list the make, model, year, vehicle serial number, total mileage, and passenger-carrying capacity: ____________________________________________________________________________

9. Within the three (3) years immediately preceding the signing of this application, have you been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felony or to any offense related to prostitution, soliciting for prostitution, or the illegal
manufacture, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances? If yes, please explain in detail, listing exact charge, date of charge, place where charged, disposition, and punishment (attach additional sheets if necessary):

10. To the best of your knowledge, have any of the operators of taxicabs listed in question 6 been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felony or to any offense related to prostitution, soliciting for prostitution, or the illegal manufacture, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances within the three years immediately preceding the signing of this application? If yes, please explain in detail, listing exact charge, date of charge, place where charged, disposition, and punishment (attach additional sheets if necessary):

11. There must be submitted with this application, as Exhibits A-1, A-2, etc., releases signed by the applicant and each taxicab operator authorizing the Chief of Police for the City of Palmetto to conduct a thorough background check upon that person. Indicate here the number of releases attached.

12. Read the following paragraphs thoroughly and initial each paragraph if you understand, approve, agree, and have complied or will comply therewith:

(a) I understand that, by submitting this application, the Chief of Police of the City of Palmetto shall conduct a background check on myself and on each taxicab operator, and I hereby authorize such investigation as a condition to the privilege of receiving a license to conduct a taxicab business in the City of Palmetto.

(b) I understand that I am required to submit a report to the City Administrator of the City of Palmetto if any change should occur during the year for which this license is issued which would require a different answer to any question contained within this application. This would include the subsequent hiring of any taxicab operator or the acquisition of any vehicles. I further understand that any such change must be reported within ten (10) days. I further understand that the failure to make such report and to submit any necessary releases shall be cause for the revocation of any license issued pursuant to this application.

(c) I understand that the City of Palmetto's Police Department, and each member thereof, shall be authorized to make inspections of all vehicles used by the business, and to approve or disapprove the operation thereof if such vehicle is not in good mechanical or sanitary condition.

(d) As applicant and/or license holder, I have read the regulations governing the licensing and operation of taxicabs and taxicab businesses in the City of Palmetto and I agree that any license issued hereunder is conditioned upon me and my business abiding by such regulations.

(e) Attached to this application as Exhibit B is a policy or certificate of liability insurance issued by a company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Georgia and, if obtainable, licensed to do business in the City of Palmetto, indemnifying the licensee hereunder in such amounts
as set, and as may be changed from time to time, by the governing authority of the City of Palmetto. An updated schedule of such amounts shall be kept at all times in the office of the City Administrator. The insurance certificate or policy must identify by serial number all insured vehicles. I understand that any license issued hereunder shall expire upon the lapse, cancellation, termination, or revocation of any policy covering any taxicab operated by this business. 

VERIFICATION

STATE OF GEORGIA, ______________ COUNTY.

I, ____________________________, applicant, do solemnly swear, subject to criminal penalties for false swearing, that the statements and answers made by me to the foregoing questions in this application for a City of Palmetto license as a bail bondsman are true, and no false or fraudulent statement or answer is made therein to procure the granting of such license.

Applicant's Signature (Full Name in Ink)

I certify that (the above-named applicant) is personally known to me, that he/she signed his/her name to the foregoing application after stating to me that he/she knew and understood all statements and answers made therein, and, under oath actually administered by me, has sworn that said statements and answers are true.

This ___ day of ____________, 19__.

NOTARY PUBLIC
(AFFIX SEAL)