

ORDINANCE NO. 7527-19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 41, VEHICLES FOR HIRE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE III., TAXICABS, DIVISION 7., ANNUAL TAXICAB INSPECTION, SECTION 41-121, ANNUAL INSPECTIONS REQUIRED; INSPECTION PROCEDURE; COST OF INSPECTION STICKER.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That Chapter 41, Vehicles for Hire, of the Code of the City of Newport News, Virginia, Article III., Taxicabs, Division 7., Annual Taxicab Inspection, Section 41-121, Annual inspections required; inspection procedure; cost of inspection sticker; be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained as follows:

CHAPTER 41

VEHICLES FOR HIRE

ARTICLE III. TAXICABS

DIVISION 7. ANNUAL TAXICAB INSPECTION

Sec. 41-121. Annual inspections required; inspection procedure; cost of inspection sticker.

(a) Inspection required. Each taxicab for which a certificate has been issued pursuant to the provisions of division 3 shall be annually inspected by a person or persons designated to do so by the chief of police.

(b) Inspection procedure:

(1) Every certificate holder shall arrange for each taxicab certificated under the provisions of this article to be inspected annually by contacting the chief of police. Initial inspections of each taxicab shall be conducted upon receipt of the initial certificate applicable to each such taxicab; successive annual inspections shall be at staggered intervals as scheduled by the chief of police.

(2) Each taxicab shall be inspected for the following:

- a. Mechanical condition, including but not limited to all lights, tires, taximeter and any other mechanical or electrical operating system on the taxicab.
- b. Color, lettering, and numbering, including but not limited to clarity, legibility, and accuracy, including consistency with any other cabs operating under the same trade name.

- c. Cleanliness of the exterior and interior of the taxicab as required by section 41-144.
 - d. Condition of the exterior as required by section 41-144.
 - e. Condition of the interior as required by section 41-144.
 - f. Unless equipped with an approved software-based device in accordance with section 41-101, the integrity of the taximeter seal which must not be broken or missing.
 - g. Current Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Certificate of Authority to Operate.
 - h. Current state license plates.
 - i. Current Virginia vehicle safety inspection.
 - j. Age at time of initial or substitution inspection. Each taxicab for which a certificate of public convenience is issued on or after January 1, 2019 shall not be more than ten (10) model years old at the date of the initial inspection of the taxicab pursuant to section 41-121(b)(1). Each taxicab being inspected as a substitute or replacement vehicle as required by section 41-68 shall not be more than ten (10) model years old at the date of the inspection required for substitution. This age limit shall not apply to successive annual inspections of taxicabs after the initial inspection or inspection required for substitution, including inspections occurring after the transfer of a taxicab with a valid certificate of public convenience pursuant to section 41-67.
- (3) All items listed in subparagraph (b)(2) of this section must be found acceptable before an inspection sticker may be issued.
- (4) Each annual inspection shall include all items listed in subparagraph (b)(2) of this section; however, a reinspection of a rejected vehicle during the period of validity of the inspection sheet shall include the item or items previously found defective but may include any item susceptible to inspection, whether or not it was previously inspected.
- (5) The inspection sheet rejecting such vehicle shall serve as a rejection notice and shall have a validity period of thirty (30) days beyond the day of issuance for cosmetic items and fifteen (15) days beyond the day of issuance for all other items. A complete inspection shall be performed on any vehicle which

has an expired rejection inspection sheet.

- (6) An non-refundable administrative fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be charged for each initial inspection, or reinspection after the rejecting inspection sheet has expired.
- (7) A non-refundable fee of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be made for each reinspection of a vehicle previously rejected if such vehicle is submitted for reinspection within the validity period stated on the rejecting inspection sheet.
- (8) Nontransferable inspection stickers shall be issued for each taxicab upon successful completion of the required inspection. Stickers shall be affixed to the rear bumper of the taxicab after issuance.
- (9) A valid inspection sticker may be replaced, for a non-refundable fee of two dollars (\$2.00), on a taxicab upon a viewing of the taxicab by the city's taxicab inspector in the event an inspection sticker is stolen or becomes damaged so as to be illegible.

2. That this ordinance shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, January 22, 2019.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON JANUARY 22, 2019

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor

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City Clerk