

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE NO. 28-17

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AN ORDINANCE
TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA;
AMENDING CHAPTER 7-10, PERTAINING TO VEHICLES FOR RENT;
AMENDING SEC. 7-10-134 TO PROVIDE FOR AN AIRPORT TAXI CAB
PICKUP FEE; AMENDING SEC. 7-10-175, PROVIDING DEFINITIONS;
REPEALING AND REPLACING SEC. 7-10-177, PROVIDING FOR
PERMITS AND FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALING
CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. **THAT**, Chapter 7-10, Article II. – Airport Surface Transportation, Division 6. - Taximeters, Rates, Service, Section 7-10-134. – Rates – Generally, of the Code of the City of Pensacola, Florida, is hereby amended to add a subsection (4) as follows:

Sec. 7-10-134. - Rates—Generally.

No owner or operator of a taxicab shall charge a greater or lesser sum for the use of a taxicab than in accordance with the following rates:

- (1) *Mileage rates.* Two dollars (\$2.00) for the first one-ninth (1/9) mile or fraction thereof; twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for each additional one-ninth mile or fraction thereof; charge for additional passengers over the age of thirteen (13) years, fifty cents (\$0.50) each;
- (2) *Waiting time.* Eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per hour;
- (3) *Airport trips—Minimum fare.* Pickups from the airport, eleven dollars (\$11.00) minimum per trip (limited to taxicab companies with valid permits to serve the airport). Fares over eleven dollars (\$11.00) shall be calculated based upon the meter rate commencing at the airport pickup point.
- (4) *Airport Trips – Airport Pickup Fee.* Pickups from the airport, two dollars and fifty-cents (\$2.50) fee.

SECTION 2. **THAT**, Chapter 7-10, Article IV. – Airport Surface Transportation, Division 1. – Generally, Section 7-10-175. – Definitions, of the Code of the City of Pensacola, Florida, is

hereby amended to replace the word “Regional” with the word “International,” to replace the word “airport director” with the word “Mayor,” to add the definition, “Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) Tag,” to read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 7-10-175. - Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article have the meaning as set out herein:

Airport. All land encompassed by the Pensacola ~~Regional~~ International Airport, including, but not limited to, streets, parking areas, and approaches.

Airport permit. A permit issued by the ~~airport director~~ Mayor authorizing vehicles to conduct business on the airport.

Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) Tag. A pre-programmed device issued by the Mayor to detect, identify, control, monitor and track authorized vehicles for hire that are picking up or soliciting or desiring to pick up persons, baggage, packages, or any item or object under an airport permit.

Conducting Business. The picking up or soliciting or desiring to pick up persons, baggage, packages, or any item or object under an airport permit.

Courtesy vehicle. A vehicle which carries persons between the airport and off-airport businesses, such as valet parking lots, hotels, motels, rental car companies and attractions, for which carriage the passenger pays no direct charge.

Cruising. The driving of a taxicab at the airport in search of or soliciting prospective passengers for hire.

Queuing area. An Area designated by the ~~airport director~~ Mayor for taxicab to remain on the airport. Taxicabs will proceed to the passenger loading zone when alerted by signal in the queuing area.

Limousine. A chauffeur-driven vehicle for hire that is not configured with a taximeter which charges unmetered rates predetermined on a contractual basis, franchised by the city as a limousine, and carrying passengers by prearrangement or contract.

Operator. The owner or other person, firm or corporation operating or controlling the operations of one or more vehicles or any person who has rented such vehicle for the purpose of operation by his own agents.

Passenger loading zones. A clearly marked area designated by the ~~airport director~~ Mayor in close proximity to the entrance of the airport terminal. There will be one area designated for the exclusive use of taxicabs so as to accommodate a minimum of four (4) taxicabs for passenger loading. In addition, there will be clearly marked and separate passenger loading zones in close

proximity to the entrance to the airport terminal for an appropriate number of limousines. There will be a clearly marked passenger loading zone within reasonable walking distance from the entrance of the airport terminal for courtesy vehicles. These areas are under the direct control of the "traffic officer." In regulating such zones, the ~~airport director~~ Mayor shall have all authority conferred by section 10-2-4 of the Pensacola Code.

Revocation. The discontinuance of a driver's or firm's privilege to operate at the airport, with reinstatement of operating privileges to be permitted after one year's time upon written approval of the ~~airport director~~ Mayor.

Traffic officers. Employees or licensees of the airport who are obligated to assure the orderly, smooth, and nonpreferential loading and departure of authorized taxicabs from their designated passenger loading zone.

Suspension. The temporary discontinuance of up to thirty (30) days of a driver's or firm's privilege to operate at the airport.

Taxicab. A public passenger vehicle equipped with a taximeter operated under certificate and license required by this article, which carries passengers for hire only at lawful rates of fare recorded and indicated on a taximeter, or rates of fare otherwise authorized by this article or rule.

Shuttle vehicle. A vehicle for hire that is not configured with a taximeter which charges a posted flat rate from the airport to certain specified destinations.

SECTION 3. **THAT**, Chapter 7-10. Vehicles for Rent to the Public, Article IV. – Airport Surface Transportation, Division 2. – Taxicabs, Section 7-10-177. – Permits, of the Code of the City of Pensacola, Florida, is hereby amended to delete said section in its entirety, and to further amend said Section 7-10-177 by replacing it with a new Section 7-10-177 entitled “Permits and Fees” to read as follows:

• ~~Sec. 7-10-177. – Permits.~~

~~Each operator desiring to conduct business at the airport shall obtain an airport transportation permit which includes a color-coded decal before engaging in picking up passengers, baggage, parcels, or any other person or thing for which the operator or driver will receive a fare or any type of compensation or accept business at the airport. Permits will not be required to discharge passengers at the airport.~~

~~(1) *Display.* Decals shall be permanently affixed to the lower right hand corner of the front windshield and shall be clearly visible at all times. Decals shall be issued by the airport director and shall expire September 30 of each year.~~

~~(2) *Permit fees.* An annual fee of two hundred forty dollars (\$240.00) is hereby established for each taxicab desiring to conduct business at the airport. Fees shall be paid in~~

~~advance by the operator holding the city taxicab license for those taxicabs doing business under the operator's authority and planning to operate from the airport. Permits expire on September 30 of each year and no taxicab shall be allowed to pick up from the airport without a valid permit.~~

- ~~(3) *Issuance.* Upon full payment of all license fees, permit fees, airport and inspection certificate, a taxicab decal shall be used for each taxicab listed on the airport transportation permit. No permit shall be issued without the operator having a valid taxicab license from the City of Pensacola. Only those taxicabs displaying valid permit decals will be allowed to pick up passengers, baggage, parcels, or accept business at the airport.~~
- ~~(4) *Lost or damaged.* In case of loss of a decal or damage beyond recognition, a duplicate decal may be obtained after payment of five dollars (\$5.00) by the operator and after submission of a statement setting forth the circumstances of the loss or damage to the decal.~~
- ~~(5) *Application form.* Each operator desiring to obtain a new airport transportation permit or renew an existing permit shall obtain a permit application form from the airport director. Each vehicle for which an airport permit is desired must have a City of Pensacola taxi permit valid for the same year as the desired airport permit and be inspected in accordance with [section 7-10-31](#). No application form will be processed that does not comply with the above. Full payment of the required airport permit fee must accompany the application form before a valid decal will be issued.~~
- ~~(6) *Transfer of permits.* An airport permit may be transferred to another vehicle upon compliance with [section 7-10-31](#), [section 7-10-48](#), and payment of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) transfer fee to the airport director.~~
- ~~(7) *Permit renewal.* Application forms for yearly renewal of airport permits must be submitted to the airport director at least ten (10) working days prior to expiration of the current permit. Renewal applications received after that time shall be charged a late fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00).~~

Sec. 7-10-177. – Permits and Fees.

- (1) Permits and AVI tags. No operator shall conduct activities permitted under this article without having first obtained (1) an airport transportation permit with an accompanying decal and (2) an AVI tag issued by the Mayor, pursuant to this chapter.
- (2) Display. Decals and AVI tags shall be permanently affixed to the lower right-hand corner of the front windshield and shall be clearly visible at all times.
- (3) Airport permit fees. An airport transportation permit fee in the amount of forty dollars (\$40.00) shall be paid for a taxicab to conduct activities permitted under this Article. Said airport transportation permit fee shall be due annually and payable in advance.
- (4) Pickup fee. Each taxicab shall be charged an airport pickup fee in the amount of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per pickup at the airport. Said airport pickup fee shall be remitted to the City on a monthly basis.

- (5) Duplicates. Duplicate decals or AVI tags may be obtained upon submission of a statement setting forth the circumstances of the loss or damage to the decal or AVI tag and payment of the required duplicate fees in an amount of five dollars (\$5.00) for decals and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for AVI tags.
- (7) Application form. Each operator desiring to obtain a new airport transportation permit or renew an existing permit shall submit a completed airport transportation permit application to the Mayor. Applicants for an airport transportation permit must possess a current and valid taxi license.
- (8) Transfer of permits and AVI tags. An airport transportation permit and AVI tag may be transferred to another vehicle upon compliance with section 7-10-31, section 7-10-48, and payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) transfer fee to the Mayor.
- (9) Annual renewal. Airport transportation permits must be renewed annually. Renewal applications shall be submitted to the Mayor at least ten (10) working days prior to expiration of the current permit along with payment of required fees. A late fee in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be charged for applications submitted after the required deadline.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Passed: _____

Approved: _____
President of City Council

Attest:

City Clerk