

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
NO. 02-19

AN ORDINANCE
TO BE ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-10-179(f) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA REQUIRING CREDIT CARD ACCEPTANCE BY TAXICABS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA;

SECTION 1. Section 7-10-179 of the Code of the City of Pensacola, is hereby amended to read:

Sec. 7-10-179. - Operational procedures.

- (a) Passenger pickup will be on a first-come, first-out basis, from the terminal regardless of the fact that a specific taxicab has been called.
- (b) All taxicabs with valid airport permits wishing to pick up passengers at the terminal must enter the taxicab queuing area. No taxicabs may pick up passengers without first entering the queuing area.
- (c) A maximum of four (4) taxicabs at any one time will be allowed in the taxicab passenger loading zone. The airport director may, by rule, change the location of the passenger loading zone and the number of taxicabs allowed to occupy the passenger loading zone. Notification by telephone to the company dispatching office, verbal communication to a taxicab driver who is operating a taxicab controlled by the operator or written notification by mail will constitute adequate notification of a rule change in this section. Copies of such rule changes shall be available in the airport director's office during normal business hours. Notification shall be given by the airport director or an authorized representative who in turn must notify the mayor in writing of such rule changes within forty-eight (48) hours.
- (d) All passenger pickups at the terminal shall be made at the taxicab passenger loading zone. It is a violation of this section to pick up or solicit passengers at any location upon airport property except as authorized by this section.
- (e) Taxicabs shall not refuse a passenger fare while waiting at the passenger loading zone. Taxicabs refusing a fare shall immediately leave the passenger loading zone without picking up any other fare and either leave the airport or move to the rear of the queuing area.
- (f) Taxicabs shall ~~not~~ be required to accept a fare that desires to have the taxicab bill placed on a charge basis, ~~whether it is an individual, company, or other charge basis,~~ and the operator shall advertise unless the operator accepts and/or advertises

acceptance of credit cards. ~~In the event the taxicab driver refuses such a fare, the person shall be referred by the traffic officer to the next taxicab in line.~~

- (g) Reserved.
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- (i) The first-in-line taxicab may refuse to carry baggage, packages, or other items requested by airport tenants. Nothing in this section shall authorize a taxicab to refuse service to any fare paying passenger.
- (j) The driver of any taxicab shall remain within the vehicle or immediately adjacent to the vehicle at all times while on airport property; except that, when necessary for use of restroom facilities, a driver may be absent from his taxicab for not more than ten (10) consecutive minutes in the taxi queuing area. Taxicab drivers are prohibited from loitering or standing inside the airport terminal while their taxicab is in the queuing area or at the passenger loading zone except as allowed in this section.
- (k) Taxicab drivers shall not handle passenger baggage except to load passenger baggage into the vehicle from curbside when requested by the passenger or unload the baggage to curbside when requested by the passenger.
- (l) Taxicab vehicles shall not be repaired or have mechanical or auto body work performed on them while at the airport; except, when necessary to conduct emergency repairs for the purpose of removing a malfunctioning vehicle to a place where normal repairs may be accomplished.
- (m) Arriving taxicabs which are bringing passengers to the airport may proceed directly to the terminal passenger drop-off zones for discharge only but must remain clear of the designated taxicab passenger loading zone.
- (n) Arriving taxicabs that deliver passengers to the airport and are requested by the passenger to wait so the passenger can continue to his final destination in the same taxicab are not required to enter the queuing area, provided the taximeter continues to run and the passenger is charged for waiting time. Taxicabs waiting for passengers to continue on their original journey may not pick up passengers and may leave the airport only with their original passenger. Taxicabs that deliver passengers as allowed by this section and turn the taximeter off while at the airport shall not be permitted to wait for the passenger and shall be required to enter the rear of the queuing area.
- (o) The traffic officer is responsible for maintaining orderly operations as specified above. Violations of these operational procedures will be subject to permanent suspension or revocation as determined by the airport director.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective of 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