

**City of South St. Paul
Dakota County, Minnesota**

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1314

**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING SOUTH ST. PAUL CITY CODE CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE XIX
REGARDING TAXI CABS**

The City Council of South St. Paul does ordain:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. South St. Paul City Code Chapter 18, Article XIX is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 18-550. - 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:

Driver means a person 18 years of age or older in immediate control of the movement and management of the taxicab.

Owner means any person, firm, partnership, corporation, association or entity that has the bona fide legal title and the right of control, direction, operation and maintenance of a taxicab licensed to operate for hire on the streets of the city.

Taxicab means and includes any motor-driven vehicle for the transportation of passengers for hire having a carrying capacity of seven passengers or less, whether or not equipped with a taximeter.

Taximeter means any mechanical instrument or device by which the charge for hire of a taxicab is mechanically calculated, and in which such charge is plainly indicated.

Sec. 18-551 – Reserved.

Sec. 18-551.—Operating reports.

~~The licensee must submit a monthly report, on or before the seventh day of each month, to the police department relative to the mechanical condition of the taxicabs licensed. The report is made~~

~~on forms furnished by the clerk and must include condition of the brakes and lights. The report must be signed by the licensee and a reputable garage dealer within the city. A licensee or garage dealer may not make a false report to the police department.~~

Sec. 18-552. - Misrepresentation.

A person owning or driving any taxicab may not deceive a passenger as to destination or the price authorized to be charged or convey such passenger to be conveyed to a place other than that directed by the passenger.

Sec. 18-553. - Lost articles.

If a package or article or baggage of any kind is left in or on any taxicab, or in the custody of the driver of any taxicab, the driver must, upon discovery thereof, forthwith deliver the same to the police department.

~~**Sec. 18-554. - Taxi stands.**~~

~~Portions of the city streets designated as public taxicab stands will be plainly marked and no vehicles other than licensed taxicabs may park there. A taxicab licensee may not have more than one taxicab parked in a public taxicab stand at the same time. A taxicab may not park or stand on Concord Street except when necessary to pick up or discharge passengers except at a public taxicab stand.~~

Sec. 18-554 – Reserved.

Sec. 18-555. - Drivers.

No person shall drive or be hired or permitted to do so unless said person has a current, valid driver's license to carry passengers for hire issued by the state.

Sec. 18-~~572~~556. – Taxicab License required.

~~Except as otherwise provided in section 18-576, it is unlawful to use, operate or keep for hire within the corporate limits of the city any taxicab without a license.~~

A taxicab currently licensed to operate in any other city of this state may operate within the city. Prior to operating in the city, proof of such licensure shall be provided to the City Clerk.

~~**Sec. 18-573. – License fee.**~~

~~The annual fee for a license to operate a taxicab in the city shall be \$100.00 and the fee for each licensed vehicle shall be \$25.00. If the application for a license or renewal thereof is for any reason denied, the fee paid may be returned to the applicant.~~

~~Sec. 18-574.—Application and granting.~~

~~(a) — Application. The applicant for a taxicab license must satisfy the council that:~~

- ~~(1) — The applicant is the state license registered owner, or a lessee under a lease for a period of more than 30 days, of the taxicab;~~
- ~~(2) — The applicant is a citizen of the United States;~~
- ~~(3) — The applicant is at least 18 years of age, or if a co-corporation, partnership, corporation, or entity that it is authorized to operate taxicabs in accordance with the laws of the state;~~
- ~~(4) — The applicant has a state license plate for each taxicab to be licensed and operated;~~
- ~~(5) — Each taxicab has a current, valid taxicab license issued by the city; and~~
- ~~(6) — Each driver authorized to operate a licensed taxicab has a current, valid taxicab driver's license issued by the City of Saint Paul.~~

~~The applicant must furnish the council with a statement giving the full name and address of the owner of the taxicab, the carrying capacity of the taxicab, the length of time the taxicab has been in use, the make of the same, the engine number, the serial number, the state license number, what insurance against personal injury and property damage is carried, and the amount thereof, proof satisfactory to the city that each taxicab has a current, valid Saint Paul taxicab license and each authorized driver has a current, valid Saint Paul taxicab driver's license.~~

~~(b) — Granting. If the council is satisfied that the applicant has complied with the provisions of this section, it will order the license issued by the clerk. The license will be in such form as to contain the signature of the owner of the vehicle licensed, a description and carrying capacity of the vehicle, and the vehicle's state license number. A tag will also be issued bearing the same number as the license, which tag shall be paid for by the applicant in addition to the license fee and displayed on the vehicle licensed in such a manner as to be easily observed.~~

~~Sec. 18-576.—Taxicabs from other cities.~~

~~A taxicab licensed to operate in any other city of this state may carry passengers from that city to any place or point within the city without obtaining a license under this section and, but neither the owner or operator of such taxicab may solicit business in the city or otherwise operate within the city without first obtaining a license as provided by this division.~~

~~Sec. 18-577.—Replacement cabs.~~

~~In case a taxicab for which a license has been granted must be taken out of service for repairs, the licensee may, for a period not exceeding five days, substitute another cab therefor by first reporting such substitution to the clerk and furnishing the clerk with the same information concerning the cab proposed to be substituted as must be furnished upon application for a license, including liability insurance. In the event a licensed taxicab is taken out of service and the owner wishes to permanently replace it with another vehicle, the licensee may do so with the approval of the council.~~

~~Sec. 18-578.—Liability insurance.~~

~~Each taxicab licensee shall provide a certificate of insurance issued by a liability insurance company to the city clerk for each licensed taxicab during the term of the license. This coverage shall be provided by an insurance company or insurance carrier authorized to do business in the state. The coverage shall include public liability and property damage insurance in the amounts of:~~

- ~~(1) — \$500,000.00 because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident;~~
- ~~(2) — \$1,000,000.00 because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident; and~~
- ~~(3) — \$500,000.00 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident.~~

Secs. 18-557—18-607. - Reserved.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in force upon its adoption and publication.

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City Clerk