

501.06 - Rules and regulations.

As provided in city codes Section 501.05, the section shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding licenses and licensing procedures. The support services administrator and the safety director shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to licenses and licensing procedures as they affect the public health, safety and welfare. All rules and regulations promulgated by the section shall be in writing, approved by the license manager, the support services administrator and the director of the department of safety, and submitted to the city clerk as provided in city codes Section 121.05. All rules and regulations shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the offices of the section and be made available to an applicant upon request.

The Columbus City Council may, at its discretion, review all rules and regulations pertaining to license fees no more than once in every five (5) year period.

501.17 - Renewal of licenses.

(A) All applications for the renewal of licenses shall be submitted to the section no earlier than ~~sixty~~ ~~thirty~~ (360) days prior to the expiration of the license and shall be upon forms approved by the license manager. License fees shall accompany all applications for renewal.

(B) Failure on the part of a licensee to submit his renewal application ~~at least~~ ~~within~~ thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the license shall be cause for the section to delay the renewal of the license.

585.01 - Definitions

When used in Chapters 585 through 594 of the Columbus City Code:

(a) "Board" shall mean the Vehicle for Hire Board as created by Section 585.03 of the Columbus City Code.

(b) "Director" shall mean the Director of Public Safety, or the Director's designee.

(c) "License" shall mean an official document issued by the Department of Public Safety authorizing operation of a licensed taxicab, livery, pedicab, horse drawn carriage ~~transportation network company~~, or any other vehicle for hire on the streets of the city.

(d) "License Section" shall mean the Department of Public Safety, Division of Support Services, License Section and is further defined in Sections 501.02 and 501.03 of the Columbus City Code.

(e) "Suspend" shall mean to temporarily deprive a licensee of rights or privileges under a license for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

(f) "Revoke" shall mean to terminate all rights or privileges under a license. ~~for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days after which t~~ The individual ~~may~~ must reapply for a license on or after 91 days following the date of revocation.

(g) "Permanently revoke" shall mean to terminate all rights and privileges under a license ~~for a period of ninety (90) days or greater~~ and to render the holder of a license ineligible to reapply for said license.

(h) "Vehicle for hire" shall mean any passenger vehicle engaged in the transportation of person(s) with the intent to receive direct or indirect compensation that is determined by mutual agreement, by contract, by mileage, or by the length of time the vehicle is used for providing such transportation, except "vehicle for hire" shall not include a vehicle providing "transportation network company services" as that term is used in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3942.

(i) "Vehicle for hire owner" shall mean every corporation, limited liability corporation, association, joint stock association, person, firm or partnership, their lessees, directors, receivers, trustees, appointees by any court whatsoever, or the heirs, executors, administrators, or personal representatives or assignees of any deceased owner, owning, controlling, or managing any vehicle for hire. However, a vehicle for hire driver, driving a vehicle for hire pursuant to a contract of employment or a lease arrangement with the holder of a license for such vehicle, shall not be deemed a "vehicle for hire owner". ~~A transportation network company driver shall not be deemed a vehicle for hire owner.~~

(j) "Vehicle for hire driver" shall mean the individual driving, operating or in physical control of the vehicle for hire.

(k) "Taxicab" shall mean all public passenger motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire, gift, donation or other ~~consideration either~~ direct or indirect compensation or consideration on the streets of the city, where the route traveled and trip destination are controlled by the passenger and at a charge or fare based upon time and mileage as recorded and indicated on a taximeter. The term "taxicab" includes all motor vehicles that are used as taxicabs, cabs or for-hire cars, and engaged as such in the transport of passengers for hire, gift, donation or other ~~consideration, either~~ direct or indirect compensation or consideration, and shall exclude ~~transportation network company~~ vehicles providing "transportation network company services" as that term is used in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3942.

(l) "Taxicab owner" shall mean every corporation, limited liability company, association, joint stock association, person, firm or partnership, their lessees, directors, receivers, trustees, appointees by any court whatsoever, or the heirs, executors, administrators, or personal

representatives or assignees of any deceased owner, owning, controlling, operating or managing any taxicab. A taxicab driver, driving a taxicab pursuant to a contract of employment or a lease arrangement with the holder of a license for such taxicab, shall not be deemed a "taxicab owner".

(m) "Taxicab driver" shall mean the individual driving, operating or in physical control of a taxicab.

(n) "Taximeter" shall mean an instrument or device attached to a taxicab which measures mechanically or electronically the distance driven and the waiting time upon which the fare is based.

(o) "Waiting time" shall mean any time a taxicab is engaged or hired by a passenger but not in motion.

(p) "Livery vehicle" shall mean:

(1) A limousine or an at least four (4) door passenger vehicle not equipped with a taximeter and for hire only by prearrangement, provided that such livery vehicles do not drive in search of patronage or park on any public street, or place of assemblage to solicit patronage not prearranged;

(2) Rental vehicles for use in the performance of the business of a limousine company; and

(3) Any other vehicle for hire not equipped with a taximeter and for hire only by prearrangement, except "livery vehicle" shall not include a vehicle providing "transportation network company services" as that term is used in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3942. This is intended to cover omnibuses and other vehicles not otherwise covered by the Columbus City Code.

(q) "Prearranged" when used in connection with a livery vehicle shall mean an agreement to provide transportation by registration through phone dispatch or an online application in advance of boarding from a specific location at an agreed upon rate. ~~"Prearranged" when used in connection with a transportation network company (TNC) shall mean the provision of transportation by a TNC driver to a TNC rider, beginning when a driver accepts a ride requested through a digital network controlled by a TNC, continuing while the driver transports a requesting rider, and ending when the last requesting rider departs from the TNC driver's personal vehicle. A prearranged ride does not include transportation provided using a Taxicab.~~

(r) "Omnibus" shall mean a motor vehicle designed to carry sixteen (16) or more passengers.

(s) "Scheduled limousine" or "shuttle vehicles" shall mean an omnibus or similar vehicle operated over an established route and on a regular schedule, regardless of whether passengers are present for pickup or not. This type of service will generally be provided pursuant to a contract for a prearranged service. The rate charged shall be a flat fee charged equally to all

locations on the route regardless of time or distance traveled. Scheduled limousines shall not be sedans or station wagons. These vehicles will comply with the licensing requirements established in Chapter 593 for liveries.

(t) "Livery chauffeur" shall mean the individual driving, operating or in physical control of a livery vehicle.

(u) "Pedicab" shall mean a bicycle upon which a person may ride, propelled by human power through a belt, chain or gears, or powered by electronic assist, and constructed in such a manner as to engage in the business of carrying passengers for hire, gift, donation or other consideration either direct or indirect on the streets of the city, where route traveled and trip destination are controlled by the passenger.

(v) "Bicycle" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 2101.04 of the Columbus City Code.

(w) "Pedicab driver" shall mean the individual driving, operating or in physical control of a pedicab.

(x) "Horse carriage" shall mean a horse drawn vehicle or carriage operating in such a manner as to engage in the business of carrying passengers for hire, gift, donation or other consideration either direct or indirect on the streets of the city, where route traveled and trip destination are controlled by the passenger.

(y) "Wheelchair specialty vehicle" shall mean a motor vehicle that is specifically designed, constructed, or modified and equipped and is intended to be used for the transportation of persons who require use of a wheelchair.

(z) "Contract vehicle" shall mean a vehicle providing for hire transportation by a written contract agreement with an entity, not the passenger, and when the contract entity compensates the for-hire service and no compensation is accepted from the passenger. A contract vehicle shall not engage in cruising or operating on demand service or accept other passengers not covered by the contract. These vehicles must comply with the licensing and other requirements for liveries in Columbus City Code Chapter 593.

(aa) "Alternative vehicle" shall mean a pedicab, commercial quadricycle, or a micro transit vehicle as defined in chapters 585, 586, and 592 of the Columbus City Codes, respectively.

~~(aa)~~(bb) "Church bus" shall mean a vehicle owned by a church and used exclusively for church activities and licensed and registered by the state of Ohio as defined in Section 4503.07 of the Ohio Revised Code.

~~(bb)~~(cc) "Funeral vehicle" shall mean vehicles owned by a funeral director and used exclusively for funeral services or vehicles for hire while being used for funeral services. This does not

prohibit a vehicle from being used as a livery vehicle and a funeral vehicle, such vehicle when used as a livery vehicle must be licensed in accordance with Chapters 585 through 594 of the Columbus City Code.

~~(ee)~~(dd) "Motor bus" shall mean a vehicle owned by a registered common carrier and registered with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Ohio (PUCO), and operated for the purpose of intrastate or interstate commerce on regulated routes or schedules.

~~(dd)~~(ee) "Hotel and/or motel courtesy vehicles" shall mean a limousine, specialized passenger vehicle, omnibus or similar vehicle operated by a hotel or motel as a courtesy for its patrons or its employees at no cost to its patrons or employees. These vehicles will comply with the licensing requirements established by Chapter 593 for liveries if at any time they carry the general public in violation of this definition.

~~(ee)~~(ff) "Day care facility and automobile dealer shuttle/bus" shall mean a vehicle operated by a daycare facility or automobile dealer to transport its customers and patrons at no cost to said customers and patrons.

~~(ff)~~(gg) "Hourly rate" shall be a charge for the actual time consumed in the transportation of passengers together with any waiting time consumed at the direction of the passenger.

~~(gg)~~(hh) "Special trip" shall mean a trip to and from points of interest for which a rate, approved by the Vehicle for Hire Board, is filed with the Director of Public Safety.

~~(hh)~~(ii) "Complainant" shall mean a person that has filed a verbal or written complaint against a vehicle for hire owner or driver.

~~(ii)~~(jj) "Ridesharing agreement" shall mean the transportation of persons in a motor vehicle where the transportation is incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and buspools.

~~(jj)~~ "Online application" shall mean a web-based application, software, website or system that is used to connect drivers and passengers through prearrangement for the purpose of arranging transportation for passengers for hire, gift, donation, or other consideration, either directly or indirectly.

~~(kk)~~ "Digital network" means any online-enabled application, software, website or system offered or utilized by a transportation network company that enables the prearrangement of rides with transportation network company drivers.

~~(ll)~~ "Transportation network company" or "TNC" shall mean a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity that is licensed pursuant to Chapter 588 and operating in Columbus, Ohio that uses a digital network or software application service to connect passengers to transportation network company services provided by transportation network company

~~drivers. A transportation network company shall not be deemed to control, direct or manage the personal vehicles or transportation network company drivers that connect to its digital network, except where agreed to by written contract. A transportation network company is not a taxicab or vehicle for hire owner.~~

~~(mm) "Personal Vehicle" shall mean a vehicle that is used by a transportation network company driver and is:~~

~~(1) Owned, leased, or otherwise authorized for use by the transportation network company driver; and~~

~~(2) Not a taxicab or limousine.~~

~~(nn) "Transportation network company driver" or "TNC driver" shall mean an individual who operates a motor vehicle who:~~

~~(1) Receives connections to potential passengers and related services from a transportation network company in exchange for payment of a fee to the transportation network company; and~~

~~(2) Operates a motor vehicle that is:~~

~~(i) Owned, leased or otherwise authorized for use by the individual;~~

~~(ii) Not a taxicab or vehicle for hire; and~~

~~(iii) Used to provide Transportation Network Company Services.~~

~~(oo) "Transportation network company rider" means an individual or persons who use a transportation network company's digital network to connect with a transportation network company driver who provides prearranged rides to the rider in the driver's personal vehicle between points chosen by the rider.~~

~~(pp) "Transportation Network Company (TNC) Services" shall mean transportation of a passenger between points chosen by the passenger and prearranged with a TNC Driver through the use of a TNC digital network or software application. TNC Services shall begin when a TNC Driver accepts a request for transportation received through the TNC's digital network or software application service, continue while the TNC Driver transports the passenger in the TNC Driver's vehicle, and end when the passenger exits the TNC Driver's vehicle. TNC Service is not taxicab, for hire vehicle or street hail service.~~

~~(qq)(kk) "Compensation" shall mean any form of payment received in exchange for providing a service.~~

~~(rr)(ll) "Direct Compensation" shall mean any monetary compensation received in exchange for providing a service.~~

~~(ss)~~(mm) "Indirect Compensation" shall mean any non-monetary compensation received in exchange for providing a service.

585.03 - Vehicle for Hire Board created

(a) There is created a Vehicle for Hire Board consisting of ~~seventeen~~ sixteen ~~(17)~~ (16) members, appointed by the Director of Public Safety. The positions are as follows:

(1) The Director of Public Safety or a representative;

(2) The City Auditor or a representative;

(3) The chairperson of the public safety committee of the City Council or a representative;

~~(4) The owner of one (1) or more but less than twenty-five (25) licensed taxicab(s) who has been selected by a majority vote of owners of one (1) or more but less than twenty five (25) taxicab(s) licensed by the city as provided in Section 585.05;~~

~~(5) The owner of twenty-five (25) or more licensed taxicabs who has been selected by a majority vote of the owners of twenty-five (25) or more taxicabs licensed by the city as provided in Section 585.05;~~

(4) An owner of a taxicab(s) licensed by the city;

~~(6)~~(5) A licensed taxicab driver licensed by the city;

~~(7)~~(6) The owner of five (5) or more a licensed livery or liveries licensed by the city who has been selected by a majority vote of the owners of five (5) or more livery vehicles licensed by the city as provided in Section 585.05;

~~(8)~~(7) A licensed livery driver licensed by the city selected as provided in Section 585.04;

~~(9)~~(8) The owner of one (1) or more licensed pedicab(s) alternative vehicle(s) licensed by the city (such as a pedicab, commercial quadricycle, micro-transit vehicle, or other similar vehicle licensed under Title 5 of the Columbus City Codes);

(9) An alternative vehicle driver licensed by the city;

~~(10) A representative of a licensed transportation network company who has been selected by a majority vote of the transportation network companies as provided in Section 585.051;~~

~~(11) A licensed transportation network company driver selected as provided in Section 585.04;~~
and

(10) A representative from the Department of Public Service;

(11) A representative from the Division of Police;

(12) A representative from Smart Columbus;

~~(12) Six (6) members appointed by the Mayor with the concurrence of City Council.~~

~~(b) The appointed membership shall consist of:~~

~~(1)~~(13) A member of the Chamber of Commerce or a representative;

~~(2)~~(14) A member of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority or a representative;

~~(3)~~(15) A member of Experience Columbus or a representative; and

~~(4) A member of the Greater Columbus Lodging Council; and~~

~~(5)~~(16) Two (2) A private citizens.

~~(c) If a tie occurs in the vote for any category for a member, the Mayor shall select the board member from those tied for the seat.~~

~~(d) The purpose of the Board shall be to serve as an advisory board and adopt rules and regulations governing the provisions of Chapters 585 through 594.~~

~~(e)~~(b) No person individual listed in sections 585.03(a)(1)-(3) and sections 585.03(a)(10)-(16) may be appointed to the Board if the appointee has any financial interest in the vehicle for hire industry. This shall not limit those representative members elected to the Board listed in sections 585.03(4)-(9).

~~585.04 – Licensed taxicab, livery, and transportation network driver member~~

~~The Director shall conduct an election among the licensed taxicab, livery, and transportation network company drivers for a representative from each of the classes of drivers as given in Section 585.03. Nominations will be by petition bearing the name of the licensed driver and the signatures of not less than five percent (5%) of the drivers in each class, determined as needed.~~

~~Each licensed driver will be allowed one (1) vote, to be cast in person, to be counted only in the class of driver to which the driver is determined, according to such rules and procedures as the Director shall establish. The election shall be conducted as needed and each of the candidates shall be notified of the results. The drivers shall each be selected by a majority of the votes cast in each class. If no petitions are received bearing the valid signatures of at least five percent (5%) of the drivers in each class of drivers, the Board shall, subject to the appointment by the Mayor, select the driver member from among the licensed drivers in the appropriate class.~~

~~585.05 – Licensed vehicle for hire owner member.~~

~~The Director shall conduct an election among the licensed vehicle for hire owners for a representative from each of the classes of owners as given in Section 585.03. Nominations will be by petition bearing the name of the licensed vehicle owner and the signatures of not less than five (5) percent of the owners in each class of owners.~~

~~Each licensed owner will be allowed one (1) vote, to be cast in person, to be counted only in the class of owner to which the owner is determined, according to such rules and procedures as the Director shall establish. The election shall be conducted as needed and each of the candidates shall be notified of the results. The owners shall each be selected by a majority of the votes cast in each class. If no petitions are received bearing the valid signatures of at least five (5) percent of the owners in each class of owners, the Board shall, subject to the appointment by the Mayor, select the vehicle for hire owner member from among the licensed vehicle for hire owners in the appropriate class.~~

~~585.051 – Licensed transportation network company member~~

~~The Director shall conduct an election among the licensed transportation network companies for a representative as given in Section 585.03. Nominations will be by petition bearing the name of the licensed transportation network company and the signatures of not less than five percent (5%) of the companies.~~

~~Each licensed transportation network company will be allowed one (1) vote, to be cast in person, according to such rules and procedures as the Director shall establish. The election shall be conducted as needed and each of the candidates shall be notified of the results. The company shall be selected by a majority vote. If no petitions are received bearing the valid signatures of at least five percent (5%) of the companies, the Board shall, subject to the appointment by the Mayor, select the transportation network company member from among the licensed transportation network companies.~~

~~585.06 – Notification of Board member selections.~~

~~Notice of the selection of board members shall be given to the Director as follows:~~

- ~~(a) The License Section shall submit the names of elected representatives by means of a letter;~~
- ~~(b) The Mayor shall submit the names of the six (6) members which were appointed as provided in Section 585.03 by means of a letter; and~~

~~(e) The Mayor shall announce any tie-breaking selection(s) as provided in Section 585.03 by means of a letter.~~

585.07 - Powers of the Board

The Board shall ~~have the power and authority to:~~

~~(a) Adopt rules and regulations advise the License Section on the rules and regulations governing the inspection of all vehicles for hire and their appurtenances; or and any other matters under its supervision and control, as are that arise under and are reasonable, necessary and consistent with Chapters 585 through 594. The Director retains all authority to approve and promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to Columbus City Code Chapter 501. A copy of all such rules and regulations shall be distributed to licensed vehicle for hire drivers and owners and licensed transportation network company drivers and companies at the time of issuance or renewal of licenses.~~

~~[(b) Reserved.]~~

585.08 - Taxicab, livery and ~~pedicab~~ alternative vehicle license moratorium.

The Board shall at least once a year conduct a public meeting to recommend to city council the total number of taxicabs, livery vehicles and ~~pedicabs~~ alternative vehicles ~~which that~~ may be licensed within the city based on consideration of public convenience and necessity. The Board's recommendation shall be based upon the following factors:

(a) Public demand for taxicab, livery and ~~pedicab~~ alternative vehicle service;

(b) Adequate service for the public by existing licensed taxicab, livery and ~~pedicab~~ alternative vehicle service and other forms of mass transportation;

(c) The relationship of the total number of licenses to the revenue of the existing license holders and the effect on the wages or compensation, hours, or conditions of service of drivers of taxicabs, livery vehicles and ~~pedicabs~~ alternative vehicles;

(d) Metropolitan area population and statistics including tourist population, new construction starts, retail sales, geographical expansion, and passenger landings at Port Columbus International Airport;

- (e) The effect on traffic congestion and the safety of existing vehicular and pedestrian traffic; and
- (f) Such other factors as the Board find to be relevant.

The Board shall forward its recommendation to city council, which shall determine the total number of taxicabs, livery vehicles and ~~pedicabs~~ alternative vehicles ~~which that~~ may be licensed within thirty (30) days of receiving the recommendation.

585.11 - Board officers.

The Director or the Director's representative shall serve as chairperson of the Board. In the Director's absence, the ~~City Auditor or the City Auditor's~~ chairperson of the public safety committee of the City Council or their representative shall serve as vice chairperson.

585.13 - Board vacancies

(a) The Board shall declare a vacancy in board membership if any member:

- (1) Resigns, dies, or becomes incapacitated;
- (2) Has been convicted of a violation of any provision of Chapters [587](#) through [594](#);
- (3) Has been found to be in violation of any provision of Chapters [587](#) through [594](#);
- (4) Fails to attend three (3) successive monthly meetings of the Board;
- (5) Fails to attend four (4) monthly meetings of the Board during the term of office; or
- (6) At the discretion of the Director.

~~(b) If a vacancy of owner members is declared, the Director shall notify the appropriate class of owners within fifteen (15) days. The appropriate class of owners shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice to select a new board member and notify the Director of the owner's selection pursuant to Sections [585.05](#) and [585.06](#). However, if the vacancy occurs between September 1 and December 31, the owner member vacancy shall be filled by the Board. The newly elected or appointed member shall serve the remaining unexpired term.~~

~~(c) If a vacancy of a driver member is declared, the Director shall notify the drivers within fifteen (15) days. The drivers shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice to select a new board member and notify the Director pursuant to [Section 585.04](#). However, if the vacancy occurs between September 1 and December 31, the driver member vacancy shall be filled by the Board. The newly elected or appointed member shall serve the remaining unexpired term.~~

~~(d) If a vacancy of a transportation network company member is declared, the Director shall notify the companies within fifteen (15) days. The companies shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice to select a new board member and notify the Director pursuant to [Section 585.051](#). However, if the vacancy occurs between September 1 and December 31, the company member vacancy shall be filled by the Board. The newly elected or appointed member shall serve the remaining unexpired term.~~

~~(e)(b) If a vacancy of a member appointed by the Mayor is declared, the Director shall notify the Mayor within fifteen (15) days. The Mayor shall appoint a new board member pursuant to [Section 585.03](#), and shall submit the name of the new member to the Director pursuant to [Section 585.06](#) within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the notice vacancy. The newly elected or appointed member shall serve the remaining unexpired term.~~

586.02 –(Repealed) Regulation by the Vehicle for Hire Board.

~~The Board may adopt rules and regulations to supplement this chapter.~~

586.03 - Allowing operation of an unlicensed micro transit vehicle.

No person shall solicit, drive, operate, or otherwise be in physical control of any micro transit vehicle for the purpose of carrying the public generally as passengers for hire, gift, donation, or other direct or indirect compensation or consideration unless:

- (A) The owner of such micro transit vehicle has obtained a city of Columbus Vehicle for Hire Owner's License issued pursuant to Chapter ~~586~~587 prior to operation and such license is not under suspension or revocation;
- (B) Each driver of the licensed micro transit vehicle has obtained a city of Columbus Vehicle for Hire Driver's License issued pursuant to Chapter ~~586~~589 prior to operation and such license is not under suspension or revocation;
- (C) The driver identification card is displayed in the front of the vehicle and shall be rear-facing so it is visible to passengers while the driver is operating, driving or otherwise in physical control of a licensed micro transit vehicle, as required by Section 589.02(a)(3) of the Columbus City Code; and
- (D) The current decals issued by the License Section are clearly displayed on the front windshield and rear windshield or comparable position, as required by Section 587.02(a)(3) of the Columbus City Code.

586.07 - MTV Inspections.

Inspections on all licensed MTV must be completed on a yearly schedule by the vehicle's manufacturer's service department or a qualified service technician trained in, but not limited to, car batteries, engine maintenance, and tire pressure, electrical and general preventative maintenance. At any time a License Officer or Police Officer may request a mechanical inspection or general inspection by the License Section.

- (A) Inspections will be done on a yearly basis by License Section staff pursuant to Chapter 587 and rules and regulations promulgated by the Director pursuant to Chapter 501.
- (B) All MTV licenses will expire on June 30 of each year.
- (C) Applications for MTV license renewal will begin on ~~June~~May 1 of each year. MTV owners will be notified via email of times and dates of inspections and will be completed no later than June 30 of each inspection year.

586.99 - Penalties.

- ~~(A) Whoever violates Section 586.02 shall be guilty of misdemeanor of the first degree.~~
- ~~(B)~~ A violation of any ~~other~~ section of Chapter 586 shall be grounds for the suspension, revocation or permanent revocation of the MTV owner or driver license or in the case of a new application shall be grounds to refuse to issue such license for a determinate period of time up to ninety (90) days or permanently.

587.01 - Regulation by the Vehicle for Hire Board. (Repealed)

~~The Board may adopt rules and regulations to supplement this chapter.~~

587.02 - Allowing operation of an unlicensed vehicle for hire.

No person shall solicit, drive, operate, or otherwise be in physical control of any vehicle for the purpose of carrying the public generally as passengers for hire, gift, donation, or other direct or indirect compensation or consideration unless:

(a) All of the following conditions are satisfied:

- ~~(a)~~(1) The owner of such vehicle has obtained a City of Columbus Vehicle for Hire Owner's License issued pursuant to this Chapter prior to operation and such license is not under suspension or revocation;
- ~~(b)~~(2) Each driver of the licensed vehicle has obtained a City of Columbus Vehicle for Hire Driver's License issued pursuant to Chapter 589 prior to operation and such license is not under suspension or revocation; and
- ~~(c)~~(3) The current decal issued by the License Section is clearly and properly displayed; and or

~~(b)(4)~~ The vehicle for hire driver has brought passengers from outside Columbus' corporate limits into its corporate limits and does not pick up any passengers within these corporate limits.

This Chapter shall not apply to such vehicles and operations as provided in C.C.C. 585.02, nor to private vehicles used for the convenience of the owner or operator and not for compensation or as a portion of other services rendered or to be rendered for compensation. It shall be unlawful to license a vehicle for more than one (1) vehicle for hire operation as defined in 585.01.

587.03 - Application information.

Applications shall be made to the Director upon forms provided by the License Section and shall set forth:

- (a) The name and address of the applicant;
- (b) The applicant's business name;
- (c) The make, model, year and interior space of the vehicle for which the license is desired;
- (d) The seating capacity which shall be determined by the number of manufacturer installed safety belts or permanent fasteners and safety restraints for wheelchair specialty vehicles; and
- (e) The design, color scheme, lettering and marks proposed to be used on such vehicles in accordance with C.C.C. 591.03, 592.03 and 594.07(b)(11).

The Director has the authority to request any additional information that the Director deems pertinent or necessary to verify or clarify information in the applicant's application ~~when necessary.~~

587.04 - License fees.

Any owner of a taxicab, micro-transit vehicle, pedicab, quadricycle, livery vehicle, or horse drawn carriage to be used as a vehicle for hire must pay to the License Section an ~~The annual license fee shall be based on the type of vehicle that is being licensed and to be determined by the Director pursuant to his or her authority to promulgate rules and regulations under Chapter 501. All fees must be paid in advance and shall be in addition to any fee required under the laws of the state on all motor vehicles.~~

- ~~(a) A taxicab owner shall pay a license fee of two hundred and twenty five dollars (\$225.00) per taxicab;~~
- ~~(b) A pedicab owner shall pay a license fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per pedicab; and~~
- ~~(c) A livery owner shall pay a license fee of two hundred and twenty five dollars (\$225.00) per livery vehicle;~~

~~(d) A horse drawn carriage owner shall pay a license fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per horse carriage.~~

~~The annual license fee shall be based on the type of vehicle that is being licensed. All fees must be paid in advance and shall be in addition to any fee required under the laws of the state on all motor vehicles.~~

~~(a) A taxicab owner shall pay a license fee of two hundred and twenty five dollars (\$225.00) per taxicab;~~

~~(b) A pedicab owner shall pay a license fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per pedicab; and~~

~~(c) A livery owner shall pay a license fee of two hundred and twenty five dollars (\$225.00) per livery vehicle;~~

~~(d) A horse drawn carriage owner shall pay a license fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per horse carriage.~~

~~(e) A micro transit vehicle owner shall pay a license fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per vehicle.~~

~~(f) A quadricycle owner shall pay a license fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per quadricycle.~~

~~Additional administrative fees may be assessed by the Director pursuant to the Directors authority to promulgate rules and regulations under Chapter 501.~~

587.05 - Issuance of license.

(a) The Director may receive applications whenever Vehicle for Hire Owner's Licenses are available. If the Director finds that the application has been completed as provided in Section 587.03 and the applicant meets the requirements of Chapter 587, the Director shall issue a license. Licenses shall be issued to such eligible applicants upon completion of the following:

(1) Payment of the proper license fee pursuant to C.C.C. 587.04.

(2) All applicable information pertaining to the particular vehicle to be licensed. Information shall include:

(A) State license number;

(B) Motor and serial numbers;

(C) Name and address of the person from whom the vehicle was purchased or leased; and

(D) A copy of the certificate of title or memorandum certificate of title;

(3) Evidence of liability protection as required in Section 587.14; ~~and~~

(4) Certification by the Director under C.C.C. 587.12, 591.06, 592.05, 594.08, and 594.11 that the vehicle to be licensed has been inspected and complies with all pertinent safety regulations. The vehicle shall be reasonably clean and in safe condition so as to not

cause personal injury or damage the clothing or possessions of the passenger(s). The vehicle must also be clearly identified by appropriate markings as required by C.C.C. 591.03, 592.03 and 594.07(b)(11);

- (5) The Director has the authority to request any additional information that the Director deems pertinent or necessary to verify or clarify information in the applicant's application when necessary.
- (b) After a vehicle successfully completes the inspection, a decal shall be issued by the Director and shall be affixed to the vehicle in the proper location pursuant to C.C.C. 591.02(d), 592.023(d), 593.02(d) and 594.03(f). The decal shall clearly indicate that the vehicle has satisfied the inspection.
- (c) If no licenses are available and the requirements of Section 587.03 are met, the Director shall issue to the applicant a written notice of eligibility, which shall expire sixty (60) days after the date of issuance thereof, unless rescinded or extended for good cause. Licenses shall be issued to holders of valid notices of eligibility in order of issuance of those notices as such licenses become available and upon payment of the proper license fee pursuant to Section 587.04.

587.06 – Expiration.

All licenses shall expire annually on the following dates as specified below:

- (a) Taxicabs shall expire at midnight on October 31;
- (b) Livery vehicles shall expire at midnight on October 31;
- (c) Pedicabs shall expire at midnight on June 30; and
- (d) Horse drawn carriages shall expire at midnight on ~~May 1~~April 30.

587.07 – Renewal.

All vehicles for hire licensed in accordance with the terms of Chapters 587 through 594 shall have their licenses renewed for each succeeding year if applicable fee requirements and other requirements of the Columbus City Code are met. In accordance with Columbus City Code Section 501.17, applications for renewal may be submitted to the License Section no earlier than 60 days prior to expiration. Failure to submit a renewal application at least 30 days prior expiration may cause a delay of the renewal of the license. Any licensee who fails to submit all the required application materials prior to the expiration of the license will have to apply for a new license.

587.08 - Transfer of license to other vehicle.

In the event the owner of a licensed vehicle shall cease to own the same, or in the event that such vehicle shall become unsuitable for operation after inspection, an affidavit to such effect may be filed with the Director. The Director shall, upon approval, transfer the license to any other vehicle belonging to such owner once the following requirements have been met:

- (a) The vehicle is approved by the Director;
- (b) The vehicle complies with applicable provisions of Chapter 587 through 594 specifying vehicle for hire requirements; and
- (c) The owner pays the License Section Payment of a processing fee in an amount determined by the Director pursuant to his or her authority to promulgate rules and regulations under Chapter 501. ~~of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for taxicabs, livery vehicles, and horse drawn carriages and a processing fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for pedicabs to the License Section.~~

587.09 - Transfer of license to other owner.

No Vehicle for Hire Owner's License for a taxicab shall be transferred from one (1) taxicab owner to another unless an application for transfer has been filed with the License Section. The applicant for the transfer of a license shall file with his or her application the written consent of the existing taxicab owner of the license and shall comply with all the terms and conditions of the Columbus City Code governing vehicles for hire. A processing fee ~~of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00)~~ shall be imposed for such transfer in an amount determined by the Director pursuant to his or her authority to promulgate rules and regulations under Chapter 501. Every taxicab owner of a licensed vehicle for hire shall notify the Director upon the sale of any licensed vehicle when it is intended that the purchaser shall continue to operate it as a vehicle for hire within the City.

No Vehicle for Hire Owner's License issued to a livery vehicle, pedicab, or horse carriage shall be transferred from one (1) owner to another. Any Vehicle for Hire Owner's License issued for a livery vehicle, pedicab, or horse carriage and shall revert back to the city of Columbus.

587.10 - Records; trip sheets.

- (a) The owner ~~or operator~~ shall maintain a record of all vehicles showing the body number, the city license number, and data necessary to identify the driver of such vehicle at all times. The owner ~~or operator~~ shall also keep a record of the time of departure from and arrival at his or her garage or headquarters of such vehicle(s).
- (b) Owners shall require their drivers to submit completed trip sheets on a regular basis, but in no case shall this be greater than weekly. The trip sheet shall record the identification number of the vehicle, name of the driver, date of trip, number of passengers and the total amount of the fare paid. Pedicab drivers are exempt from keeping trip sheets under this section but pedicab owners must otherwise comply with Sections 587.10(a) and (c).

- (c) All such records shall be maintained and not destroyed for a period of six (6) months, and shall be subject to inspection at all times by the Division of Police and by the Director.

587.11 - Grounds for permanent revocation, revocation and suspension of vehicle for hire owner's license.

The Director may permanently revoke, revoke or suspend the license of any licensed owner for any of the following acts or omissions by the owner:

- (a) Permitting the operation of a vehicle for hire by any person who is not licensed pursuant to Chapter 589;
- (b) Obtaining a license by a false statement in his or her application;
- (c) Misrepresenting or otherwise making false statements in his or her affidavit when applying for a duplicate license or driver identification card;
- (d) Knowingly permitting the operation of a vehicle for hire by any person who is not suitably dressed, neat in appearance, and exercising good personal hygiene habits;
- (e) Failing to post and maintain the schedule of rates filed with the Director for that vehicle in an area readily visible to the passenger;
- (f) Knowingly permitting the operation of a vehicle for hire which displays the emblem of a credit card program or a discount program when the owner does not participate in such program;
- (g) Knowingly permitting the operation of a vehicle for hire that displays the emblem of a credit card program but the credit card machine is currently out of service or not functioning properly;
- (h) Failing to supply blank receipts to any vehicle for hire driver or failing to provide any passenger with a receipt that sets forth all of the following: such receipts, when issued, must contain the name of the owner of the vehicle, its identification number, the identification of the driver, the date, a list of all items for which a charge is made, and the total amount paid;
- (i) Failing to maintain the records and trip sheets required by Section 587.10;
- (j) Soliciting or knowingly permitting the solicitation of potential passengers by employees, agents or drivers operating the owner's vehicles by any means at a facility served by a designated taxi stand or by horn, bell, or other audible signal at any location. Solicitation shall not include the direction of a passenger to the first vehicle in a loading area, or to courtesy phones or nonaudible advertising located on the taxicab;
- (k) Failing to appear before the Director when properly notified to do so;
- (l) Disruptive behavior or misconduct at a meeting of the Board that prevents or disrupts an orderly meeting. This includes but is not limited to the use of profanity, yelling or screaming, preventing a recognized speaker from speaking, and failing to follow the rulings of the chairperson;

- (m) Verbally threatening or attempting to intimidate any employee of the city of Columbus for actions taken in the enforcement of the provisions of Chapters 585 through 594; or
- (n) Any other form of misconduct, which shall mean conduct apart from the generally accepted practices of vehicle for hire owners, which demonstrates personal, corporate, managerial, ethical or professional characteristics or disposition rendering a person unsuitable to own a vehicle for hire.

The Director shall revoke or permanently revoke an owner's license if it appears upon investigation and hearing that the license has been obtained by willful misrepresentation.

587.12 - Inspections.

- (a) The Director shall establish the criteria and the procedure for a reasonable inspection to be performed prior to initial licensing and prior to any renewal.
 - (1) The Director shall provide all vehicle for hire owners with a City of Columbus annual mechanical inspection form for the specific vehicle to be licensed. The owner must have the vehicle inspected by one (1) of the following: a certified mechanic, ASE Blue Seal Shop, dealership that is not employed by the driver and/or owner of the vehicle and that does not have a vested interest in the management affairs of the driver and/or owner of the vehicle. With respect to pedicabs an inspection must be obtained from a reputable bicycle shop that does not have a vested interest in the management affairs of the driver and/or owner of the pedicab. The inspection form must be signed and stamped by the mechanic and/or inspecting facility and submitted to the License Section with original invoice and any defect repair paperwork. Any additional inspection requirements for micro-transit vehicles, pedicabs or commercial quadricycles, livery vehicles, or horse drawn carriages are set forth in Chapters 586, 592, 593, and 594, respectively.
 - (2) The inspecting establishment shall provide a copy of the annual mechanical inspection form to the owner of the vehicle. The original form shall be taken to the License Section prior to the issuance or renewal of the license for that vehicle, pursuant to Section 587.05.
 - (3) All inspection criteria must be satisfactory prior to the approval of licensing. If any portion of the inspection is unsatisfactory, the vehicle owner shall cause the condition to be corrected and shall have the vehicle reinspected by the original certified mechanic or inspection facility.
- (b) The Director shall make or cause to be made an additional inspections of all vehicles for hire to take place at License Section facilities prior to the issuance of the vehicle for hire owner's license at least once during the twelve month period after initial licensure. The Director may at his or her discretion make or cause to be made additional inspections of any vehicle for hire or at any other time at the discretion of the Director at no charge to the owner or operator.
 - (1) If, upon any inspection, a vehicle is found to be unsafe, unclean or unsightly, a license officer or law enforcement officer may remove the decal and direct the vehicle be taken

out of service until the vehicle is in compliance. Such vehicle taken out of service must be reinspected at a cost to be determined by the Director pursuant to his or her authority to promulgate rules and regulations under Chapter 501. ~~The vehicle must be of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per additional inspection and~~ approved by a license officer before being returned to service.

- (2) The license officer shall cause a memorandum of such inspection failure to be recorded on the record of the owner of said vehicle that is maintained by the License Section.
- (3) The license officer shall provide the vehicle owner the cause(s) for failure in writing.
- (c) After a vehicle successfully completes the inspection and pays a decal fee to be determined by the Director pursuant to his or her authority to promulgate rules and regulations under Chapter 501 ~~of ten dollars (\$10.00)~~, the decal shall be issued by the Director and be affixed to the vehicle in an assigned location. The decal shall clearly indicate that the vehicle has received and satisfied the inspection.

587.18 - Insurance cancellation.

- (a) The insurance policy as provided in Section 587.16 must provide for written notice of cancellation by the insurer to the Director but this provision shall not be construed to waive any lawful notice which the insurer must give to the insured.
- (b) The owner or a designee shall provide notice of cancellation of insurance to the Director at least seven (7) days prior to the day of cancellation and, at the time of cancellation, voluntarily surrender the Vehicle for Hire Owner's License and decal for the vehicle(s) for hire for which the cancellation of insurance is effective. If the license is voluntarily surrendered, the Director may, upon the filing of proof of insurance required by Section 587.15, and its approval by the City Attorney, reinstate such license.
- (c) If an owner shall fail to comply with the requirements of Section 587.18(b) prior to the Director receiving notice from the insurer of such cancellation, the Director may suspend the license of any vehicle covered by said policy. If proof of insurance is given prior to the effective date of the suspension, the suspension can be waived by the Director.
- (d) Upon the effective date of the suspension, the owner must surrender the license and decal for each vehicle not covered by an insurance policy. The Director may reinstate such license upon the filing of proof of insurance required by Section 587.15, its approval by the City Attorney, the reinspection of each vehicle covered by the policy, and the payment of any fees required by reinstatement.
- (e) The owner shall notify the License Section within ten (10) days of the removal of a licensed driver from the insurance coverage by the insurer.

587.21 - Nonpayment of judgment.

In the event of recovery of any final judgment and termination of final appeal proceedings, if any, against the owner of any vehicle for hire, for damages on account of bodily injuries or death or for damage to property (other than injuries, death or property damage of the owner or vehicle for hire driver) resulting from such ownership, maintenance or use of such vehicle for hire in the City, and nonpayment of the judgment for a period of thirty (30) days thereafter, the Director shall revoke all licenses of all ~~for hire~~ vehicles for hire of such owner.

587.99 - Penalties.

- (a) Whoever violates Sections 587.02(a)(1) and 587.11(a) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. Any such violation shall constitute a separate offense on each successive day continued.
- (b) Whoever violates Section 587.02(ea)(3) shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- ~~(c) No penalty shall be imposed for a violation of Sections 587.12(a), 587.12(b), 587.19 and 587.20.~~
- ~~(d)~~ (e) A violation of any section of Chapter 587 shall be grounds for the suspension, revocation or permanent revocation of the vehicle for hire owner's license(s), or in the case of a new application shall be grounds to refuse to issue such license for a determinate period of time up to ninety (90) days or permanently.

589.01 - (Repealed) Regulation by the Vehicle for Hire Board.

~~The Board may adopt rules and regulations to supplement this chapter.~~

589.02 - Allowing operation of an unlicensed vehicle for hire.

No person shall solicit, drive, operate, or otherwise be in physical control of any vehicle for the purpose of carrying the public generally as passengers for hire, gift, donation, or other direct or indirect compensation or consideration unless:

(a) All of the following conditions are satisfied:

- ~~(a)~~(1) The owner of such vehicle has obtained a City of Columbus Vehicle for Hire Owner's License issued pursuant to Chapter 587 prior to operation and such license is not under suspension or revocation;
- ~~(b)~~(2) Each driver of the licensed vehicle has obtained a City of Columbus Vehicle for Hire Driver's License issued pursuant to this chapter prior to operation and such license is not under suspension or revocation;
- ~~(c)~~(3) The driver identification card of the driver is properly displayed while operating, driving or in physical control of the licensed vehicle for hire; and

~~(d)~~(4) The current decal issued by the License Section is clearly and properly displayed;
~~and or~~

(b)(e) The operator has brought passengers from outside Columbus' corporate limits into its limits and does not pick up any passengers within these corporate limits.

This chapter shall not apply to such vehicles and operations as provided in C.C.C. 585.02, nor to private vehicles used for the convenience of the owner or operator and not for compensation or as a portion of other services rendered or to be rendered for compensation. It shall be unlawful to license a vehicle for more than one (1) vehicle for hire operation as defined in C.C.C. 585.01.

589.03 - Application information.

- (a) Applications shall be made to the Director upon forms provided by the License Section and shall set forth that the applicant is:
- (1) A citizen of the United States or a legal alien;
 - (2) In possession of a valid Ohio Driver's License and has been a licensed driver for at least six (6) months prior to the application date;
 - (3) Eighteen (18) years of age or older; and
 - (4) Is in compliance with any additional licensure requirements for drivers of micro-transit vehicles, pedicabs or commercial quadricycles, livery vehicles, or horse drawn carriages, as applicable, and as set forth in Chapters 586, 592, 593, and 594, respectively. Able to speak, read and write the English language; and
- (b) The Director has the authority to request any additional information that the Director deems pertinent or necessary to verify or clarify information in the applicant's application when necessary.
- (c) Along with each application, all applicants are required to submit:
- (1) An Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation criminal background check as required by Section 501.08(2) of the Columbus City Code and driver abstract at a cost to the applicant;
 - (2) A certificate from a licensed physician or licensed nurse practitioner who, after examination of the applicant, shall:
 - (A) Certify that the applicant is free from defective or uncorrected vision, defective or uncorrected hearing, epilepsy, vertigo, heart trouble, and any other infirmity, physical or mental, detected upon examination which would prevent the applicant from safely operating a vehicle for hire; and
 - (B) Set forth the applicant's condition as to visual acuity, field of vision and color visions, together with a statement that the applicant has no eye condition which would prevent the applicant from driving a vehicle for hire.

- ~~(3) Evidence that he or she has had at least six (6) months' experience in operating a motor vehicle and shall, if required, demonstrate his or her skill, ability and knowledge of the city and traffic regulations.~~

589.04 - License fee.

Every driver of a vehicle for hire shall pay a fee in an amount determined by the Director pursuant to his or her authority to promulgate rules and regulations under Chapter 501 ~~of thirty five (\$35.00)~~ with the submission of his or her application. Any applicant who is denied a license shall have this fee returned. Additional administrative fees may be assessed by the Director pursuant to the Director's authority to promulgate rules and regulations under Chapter 501.

589.05 - Issuance of license.

- (a) If the Director determines that an applicant satisfies the requirements for operating a vehicle for hire, under the provisions of Chapter 585 through 594 and under the rules or regulations adopted by the Director, the Board pursuant to C.C.C. 585.07, the Director shall have the authority to issue the license upon payment of the proper fee(s) as provided in C.C.C. 589.04.
- (b) No license shall be issued to any applicant that has been convicted of the following offenses within the last seven (7) years:
- (1) Operating, driving or being in physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs;
 - (2) Manslaughter or homicide of any degree resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle;
 - (3) Any felony in which physical violence is used;
 - (4) A felony, misdemeanor or code violation involving a sex offense, trafficking in controlled substances, or any offense of violence as defined in C.C.C. 2301.0;
 - (5) Any person required to register with the Sheriff's Office in the county he or she resides as a sexual offender or sexual predator pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2950.03; or
 - (6) Any person convicted of a weapon violation.
- (c) The Director shall review the application of the following persons prior to issuing a license and may require additional information and/or a personal appearance by the applicant:
- (1) Any person on probation or parole for a felony or aggravated felony at the time of application;
 - (2) Any person released from a correctional facility within twelve (12) months from the date of application; or
 - (3) Any person convicted of two (2) or more offenses relating to the illegal use or possession of drugs.

- (d) Any applicant who has accumulated eight (8) or more points on his or her Ohio Driver License within the three (3) year period preceding the date of application may be required to appear before the Director who shall determine if a vehicle for hire driver's license should be issued.
- (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the discretion of the Director to refuse to issue a license for these or other background related issues that may be outside of the above listed look back period.
- (f) The Director shall have the authority to require up to four (4) hours of training or review relevant to the vehicle for hire industry as a prerequisite to the issuance or renewal of a Vehicle for Hire Driver's License. The applicant or licensee shall be responsible for any cost associated with this training.

589.06 – Expiration and Renewal.

- (a) Except for those vehicle for hire driver’s licenses issued pursuant to Division (b) of this Section, ~~Vehicle for Hire Driver's Licenses~~ all vehicle for hire driver’s licenses issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire on the final day of the month occurring one year or twelve months from the date of issuance. In accordance with Columbus City Code Section 501.17, applications for renewal may be submitted to the License Section no earlier than 60 days prior to expiration. Failure to submit a renewal application at least 30 days prior expiration may cause a delay of the renewal of the license. Any licensee who fails to submit all the required application materials prior to the expiration of the license will have to apply for a new license. ~~at midnight on March 31 of each year.~~
- (b) Any applicant that submits a renewal application for a vehicle for hire driver’s license during the calendar year 2020 shall be allowed to elect, at his or her discretion, the expiration month of the vehicle for hire driver’s license, provided that the month must be at least twelve months from the date of issuance and may be no more than 23 months from the date of issuance. The license fee will be based on the duration of the license period and will be determined by the Director pursuant to his or her authority to promulgate rules and regulations under Chapter 501.

589.09 - Grounds for permanent revocation, revocation and suspension.

The Director may permanently revoke, revoke or suspend the license of any licensed vehicle for hire driver for any of the following acts or omissions by the driver:

- (a) Obtained a license by a false statement on his or her application, or upon misrepresentation or false statements in his or her affidavit in applying for a duplicate license or driver identification card;
- (b) Has become physically or mentally incapable of operating a vehicle for hire;
- (c) Been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude;

- (d) The driver has ~~been found engaged in guilty~~ of misconduct, which includes, but is not limited to:
- (1) Failing to report within twenty-four (24) hours any accident in which the licensee is involved to the appropriate law enforcement agency;
 - (2) Possessing or using any controlled substance, as defined in Ohio Revised Code 3719.01 not specifically prescribed for him or her by a physician, or possessing any open intoxicating liquor container while in a vehicle for hire;
 - (3) Operating, driving or in otherwise being physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs;
 - (4) Operating, driving or in otherwise being physical control of a vehicle for hire where gambling is occurring regardless of whether the operator receives a percentage of the proceeds or not;
 - (5) Failing to display his or her driver identification card in the rear passenger compartment, or failing to provide his or her driver identification card upon demand of the passengers of a livery, failing to preserve such card in good order and condition, or displaying an expired driver identification card;
 - (6) Permitting a non-fare paying passenger to occupy a vehicle for hire while a paying passenger is present in the vehicle;
 - (7) Failing to deliver a correct and legible receipt to the person paying for the vehicle for hire if a receipt is requested. The receipt shall contain the identification numbers of the vehicle and its driver, all items for which a charge is made, the total amount paid and the date of payment;
 - (8) Failing to maintain the driver records and trip sheets required by C.C.C. 587.10;
 - (9) Operating a vehicle for hire which is unclean or unsightly. If, upon inspection under C.C.C. 587.12, a vehicle is found to be in violation of this subsection, the Director shall cause a memorandum of the inspection failure to be placed on the record of the driver, in addition to any action taken against the license of the vehicle;
 - (10) Operating a vehicle for hire while not in compliance with the standards established for drivers in the rules and regulations adopted by the Board. Any reprimand for this subsection shall be recorded on the permanent record of the driver.
 - (11) Subsequent offenses, extreme situations, or appeals of a license officer's determination under this subsection or Section 589.08 shall be brought before the Director;
 - (12) Accumulating twelve (12) or more points within a three (3) year period on the drivers Ohio Driver License. This shall apply whether any number of such points were accumulated before the granting of a Vehicle for Hire Driver's License or while operating a vehicle for hire;

- (13) Violating enumerated in C.C.C. 589.05(b), or committing any crime which demonstrates personal characteristics rendering a person unsuitable to drive a vehicle for hire;
- (14) Violating of C.C.C. 589.08(b), with the exception of C.C.C. 589.08(b)(3) which may result in suspension rather than revocation;
- (15) Operating a vehicle for hire while wearing earphones, earbuds or headsets over the ears or with a television operating in the vehicle;
- (16) Entering the airport grounds during a period for which the airport administrator or his or her designee has suspended the right of the driver to operate on those grounds, except that such driver may discharge a passenger at the airport if the trip has originated off airport property;
- (17) Failing to summons the closest available vehicle if the vehicle for hire becomes disabled causing a delay that is unacceptable to the passenger(s). The driver may not charge more than the original trip would have cost if the disability did not occur;
- (18) Failing to appear before the Director when properly notified to do so;
- (19) Any other form of misconduct which shall mean conduct apart from the generally accepted practices of vehicle for hire drivers which demonstrates personal characteristics rendering a person unsuitable to operate a vehicle for hire;
- (20) Engaging in disruptive behavior or misconduct at a meeting of the Board which prevents or disrupts an orderly meeting. This includes but is not limited to the use of profanity, yelling, screaming, preventing a recognized speaker from speaking, and failing to follow the rulings of the chairperson; or
- (21) Verbally threatening or attempting to intimidate any employee of the city of Columbus for actions taken in the enforcement of the provisions of Chapters 585 ~~and~~ through 594.

589.10 - Suspension by Director.

When a vehicle for hire driver presents an immediate danger to the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of Columbus, the Director may immediately suspend the license of such person at his or her discretion. When a driver is notified of the suspension, he or she shall surrender his or her license and driver identification card to the Director or the License Section. Pending a decision by the Director, the ~~License Manager~~ Support Services Administrator may impose a temporary suspension for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours. This temporary suspension shall not be extended by the ~~License Manager~~ Support Services Administrator.

A driver shall have the right of appeal to the Board of License Appeals any such suspension in accordance with C.C.C. 505.06.

589.11 - Driving while Ohio Driver's License is suspended or revoked.

Whenever a licensed driver has his or her Ohio Driver's License suspended or revoked, the Vehicle for Hire Driver's License shall automatically be suspended or revoked for the same period of time. The vehicle for hire driver is required to report such license suspension to the License Section immediately upon the suspension.

589.14 - Reapplications.

When an applicant has been denied a license or an applicant's license has been revoked, no new application shall be considered for a period of ninety (90) days, except if the license was revoked for driving a vehicle during a period for which the applicant's license had been suspended, as provided in Section 589.10, the applicant shall not be eligible to receive a new license for a period of one (1) year from the date of revocation. In cases of permanent revocation, the applicant is not eligible to reapply.

589.99 - Penalties.

- (a) Whoever violates Sections 589.02(a)(1) and 589.02(ea)(2) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (b) Whoever violates Sections 589.02(a)(b3), 589.02-(d)(a)(4) and 589.13 shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Upon subsequent conviction such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. Any violation shall constitute a separate offense for each successive day continued.
- ~~(c) No penalty shall be imposed for a violation of Sections 589.05, 589.11, or 589.14.~~
- (dc) A violation of any ~~other~~ section of Chapter 589 shall be grounds for the suspension, revocation, or permanent revocation of the Vehicle for Hire Driver's License. In the case of a new application, a violation of any other section of Chapter 589 shall be grounds to refuse to issue such license for a determinate period of time up to ninety (90) days or permanently.

~~592.02 - Regulation by the Vehicle for Hire Board. (Repealed)~~

~~The Board may adopt rules and regulations to supplement this chapter.~~

592.03 - Allowing operation of an unlicensed pedicab/commercial quadricycle.

No person shall solicit, drive, operate, or otherwise in physical control of any pedicab/commercial quadricycle for the purpose of carrying the public generally as passengers for hire, gift, donation, or other direct or indirect compensation or consideration unless:

- (A) The owner of such pedicab/commercial quadricycle has obtained a city of Columbus Vehicle for Hire Owner's License issued pursuant to Chapter 587 prior to operation and such license is not under suspension or revocation;
- (B) Each driver of the licensed pedicab/commercial quadricycle has obtained a city of Columbus Vehicle for Hire Driver's License issued pursuant to Chapter 589 prior to operation and such license is not under suspension or revocation;
- (C) The driver identification card is properly ~~is~~ displayed while the driver is operating, driving or otherwise in physical control of a licensed pedicab/commercial quadricycle as required by Section 589.02(a)(3) of the Columbus City Code; and
- (D) The current decal issued by the License Section is clearly displayed as required by rules and regulations as required by Section 587.02(a)(3) of the Columbus City Code.

592.99 - Penalties.

- ~~(A) Whoever violates Section 592.023(a) or 592.03(b) shall be guilty of misdemeanor of the first degree.~~
- (B) A violation of any ~~other~~ section of Chapter 592 shall be grounds for the suspension, revocation or permanent revocation of the pedicab/commercial quadricycle owner or driver license or in the case of a new application shall be grounds to refuse to issue such license for a determinate period of time up to ninety (90) days or permanently.

~~593.01 - Regulation by the Vehicle for Hire Board. (Repealed)~~

~~The Board may adopt rules and regulations to supplement this chapter.~~

593.02 - Allowing operation of an unlicensed livery vehicle and exceptions for an unlicensed livery.

- (a) No person shall solicit, drive, operate, or otherwise be in physical control of any livery vehicle for the purpose of carrying the public generally as passengers for hire, gift, donation, or other consideration unless:
 - (1) The owner of such livery vehicle has obtained a city of Columbus Vehicle for Hire Owner's License issued pursuant to Chapter 587 prior to operation and such license is not under suspension or revocation; and

- (2) Each driver of the licensed livery vehicle has obtained a city of Columbus Vehicle for Hire Driver's License issued pursuant to Chapter 589 prior to operation and such license is not under suspension or revocation; and
 - (3) The driver identification card is properly displayed while the driver is operating, driving or otherwise in physical control of a licensed livery vehicle as required by Section 589.02(a)(3) of the Columbus City Code; ~~and~~
 - (4) The current decal issued by the License Section is clearly displayed as required by rules and regulations as required by Section 587.02(a)(3) of the Columbus City Code; and
 - (5) The vehicle is equipped with State of Ohio issued livery license plates; or
 - (6) The operator has brought passengers from outside Columbus' corporate limits into its limits and does not pick up any passengers within these corporate limits.
- (b) The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all funeral vehicles when the vehicle is used as a livery vehicle. This will require the licensing of the owner and driver as provided in Chapters 585 through 589. Vehicles loaned from a funeral director to a person or company to be used as livery must be licensed as livery vehicles in accordance with Chapters 585 through 594.
- (c) The owner of a livery vehicle for hire may pick up passengers within the city without obtaining a city of Columbus Vehicle for Hire Owner's License provided that all following requirements are met:
- (1) The actual location where the passenger(s) are picked up occurs outside the corporate limits of the City;
 - (2) The driver picks up only the same passenger(s) who was brought into the corporate limits of the City from outside of the City; and
 - (3) The livery driver possesses within the livery vehicle a written agreement signed by the passenger(s) indicating the livery is engaged in a single, roundtrip.
- (d) A vehicle for hire owner or driver that does not comply with all three (3) requirements found in Section 593.02(c) shall be required to be licensed by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Chapters 585, 587, 589 and 593.

593.04 - Temporary licensing procedures.

- (a) The owner of a licensed livery vehicle may obtain a ten-day temporary livery permit for use only on vehicles rented or leased temporarily from a company in the business of renting vehicles to the general public.
- (b) The application for a temporary livery permit shall be on a form designated by the Director. In addition to all other requirements, a copy of the rental agreement shall be presented with the application. The fee for each permit shall be in an amount determined by the Director pursuant to his or her authority to promulgate rules and regulations under Chapter 501 ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00) when the rented or leased vehicle is in service for less~~

~~than thirty six (36) hours; twenty dollars (\$20.00)/day for thirty six (36) hours and above, not to exceed one hundred and forty dollars (\$140.00), payable upon submission of the application.~~

- (c) If the applicant meets the requirements established in C.C.C 587.03, 587.14, 587.15, 587.16 and 587.17, and the vehicle passes an inspection, a permit shall be issued.
- (d) If the owner of an existing licensed livery vehicle requires the use of a rented or leased vehicle to supplement its service for a period of time less than thirty-six (36) hours, an application shall be given to the Director for approval of a temporary permit. The application shall provide information regarding the lessor, year, make, model, license number of the temporary vehicle, and the beginning and ending period of the temporary rental or lease. The fee for each temporary permit shall be in an amount determined by the Director pursuant to his or her authority to promulgate rules and regulations under Chapter 501 ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~ and must be submitted to the Director along with a copy of the rental agreement.
- (e) The permit shall be displayed on a placard placed on the left dashboard and visible from the outside of the vehicle through the windshield.
- (f) All provisions of this chapter, except Section 593.03(d) shall apply to vehicles temporarily licensed.

593.99 - Penalties.

- ~~(a) Whoever violates Section 593.02 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.~~
- (b) A violation of any ~~other~~ section of Chapter 593 shall be grounds for the suspension, revocation, or permanent revocation of the livery owner or driver license or in the case of a new application shall be grounds to refuse to issue such license for a determinate period of time up to ninety (90) days or permanently.

~~594.02 - Regulation by the Vehicle for Hire Board. (Repealed)~~

~~The Board may adopt rules and regulations to supplement this chapter.~~

594.03 - Allowing operation of an unlicensed carriage.

No person shall solicit, drive, operate, or otherwise in physical control of any carriage for the purpose of carrying the public generally as passengers for hire, gift, donation, or other consideration unless:

- (a) The owner of such carriage company has obtained a city of Columbus Vehicle for Hire Owner's License issued pursuant to Chapter 587 prior to operation and the license is not under suspension or revocation;

- (b) Each driver of the licensed carriage has obtained a city of Columbus Vehicle for Hire Driver's License issued pursuant to Chapters 589 and 594 prior to operation and the license is not under suspension or revocation;
- (c) Each carriage has obtained a city of Columbus Carriage License issued pursuant to Chapter 594 prior to operation and the license is not under suspension or revocation;
- (d) Each horse has obtained a city of Columbus Carriage Horse License issued pursuant to Chapter 594 prior to operation and the license is not under suspension or revocation;
- (e) The driver identification card is properly displayed while the driver is operating, driving or in physical control of a licensed carriage as required by Section 589.02(a)(3) of the Columbus City Code; and
- (f) The current decal issued by the License Section is clearly displayed as required by Section 587.02(a)(3) of the Columbus City Code~~rules and regulations~~.

594.04 - License fees, expiration.

- (a) Fees for all licenses required under this chapter shall be determined by the Director pursuant to his or her authority to promulgate rules and regulations under Chapter 501 ~~be as follows~~, and shall not include charges required by any other agency.
 - (1) ~~The Vehicle for Hire Owner's license shall be one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) pursuant to Chapter 587;~~
 - (2) ~~The Vehicle for Hire Driver's license shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) pursuant to Chapter 589;~~
 - (3) ~~The Carriage license shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00); and~~
 - (4) ~~The Carriage Horse license shall be thirty five dollars (\$35.00).~~
- (b) ~~All licenses~~ The Carriage license and Carriage Horse License issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at midnight April 30 ~~May 1~~ of each year with the exception of the Vehicle for Hire Driver's License that expires pursuant to the terms set forth in Chapter 589 ~~at midnight on March 31 of each year~~. Licenses may be renewed for each succeeding year if all applicable requirements are met.

594.06 - Carriage license application, issuance.

Applications shall be made to the Director upon forms provided by the License Section and shall include:

- (a) Verification that a Vehicle for Hire Owner's License has been issued;
- (b) The year of manufacture, make, and serial number of the carriage;

- (c) Seating capacity of the carriage;
- (d) Design, color scheme, lettering and markings of the carriage;
- (e) Stable location of the horse(s);
- (f) Evidence of liability protection as provided in C.C.C. 587.15; and
- (g) Certification of inspection and approval of all requirements provided in Section 594.08 and 594.09.

The Director has the authority to request any additional information that the Director deems pertinent or necessary to verify or clarify information in the applicant's application ~~when necessary.~~

594.13 - Carriage horse identification.

- (a) Each horse shall be identified by a brand, mark or tag uniquely identifying the horse and shall be filed by the company with the City veterinarian and the Director.
- (b) An identification card with a photograph shall be issued for each licensed horse. The identification card shall be displayed in the carriage anytime the horse is at work.
- (c) The company shall submit annually two (2), ~~3~~^{3 & Prime} × 5", full body, non-polaroid photographs of each horse to be licensed. The photograph shall be distinct enough to show any identifying markings on the horse.

594.99 - Penalties.

- (a) Whoever violates Sections 594.07, 594.13, 594.15(c), (e) ~~and~~^{or} 594.19 shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Upon subsequent conviction, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. Any violation shall constitute a separate offense for each successive day continued.
- (b) Whoever violates Sections 594.10(b), 594.11(b), 594.15(a), (b), (d) ~~and~~^{or} 594.18 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. Any violation shall constitute a separate offense for each successive day continued.
- (c) Whoever violates Sections 594.03, 594.06~~5~~⁵ ~~and~~^{or} 594.14 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (d) A violation of any ~~other~~ section of Chapter 594 shall be grounds for the suspension, revocation or permanent revocation of the license or in the case of a new application, shall be grounds to refuse to issue such license for a determinate period of time up to ninety (90) days or permanently.