

Sec. 24-8. - Taximeters; rates.

- (a) No vehicle shall be licensed or operated as a class A vehicle unless and until the same is equipped with a taximeter.
- (b) The term "taximeter" shall mean a mechanical instrument or device by which the charge for hire of a class A public vehicle at a predetermined rate or rates is mechanically calculated and registered, either for distance traveled or for waiting time, or both, and upon which such charge shall be indicated by means of figures.
- (c) No class A vehicle shall be licensed until the taximeter attached thereto shall have been approved and sealed by the office of the sealer of weights and measures. After sundown, the face of every taximeter shall be illuminated by a suitable light so arranged as to throw a continuous steady light thereon. Upon an order of the chief of police and city clerk a licensee shall have the taximeter re-inspected.
- (d) Waiting time shall include all time during which the class A vehicle is not in motion, beginning five (5) minutes after its arrival at the place to which it has been called, or if engaged in the street or at a stand, beginning five (5) minutes after the time of such engagement. A charge as provided in subsection (j) hereof may be made, but no charge shall be made for time lost through the inefficiency of the vehicle or its driver, or for time between premature arrival in respect to a call and the hour for which the vehicle was ordered.
- (e) Each taximeter must be furnished with a tamper-proof switch and system of electrical distribution, so that when the taximeter flag is in the vacant or noncarrying position, the vacant sign on the top of the taxicab will be lighted, and when the meter flag is in the earning position, the fare indicator on the taximeter will be lighted.
- (f) Such taximeters must register upon visual counters the following items:
 - (1) Total miles.
 - (2) Paid miles.
 - (3) Number of units.
 - (4) Number of trips.
 - (5) Number of extras.
- (g) No driver of a taxicab equipped with a taximeter while carrying passengers or under employment shall display the signal affixed to such taximeter in such a position as to denote such vehicle is not employed, or in such position to denote that the vehicle is employed at a rate of fare different from that to which the operator is entitled under the provisions of this chapter. It shall be the duty of the driver to call the attention of passengers to the amount registered and the taxicab flag shall not be changed to "Vacant" position until after the fare is paid. If demanded by the passenger, the driver in charge of a taxicab shall deliver to the person paying for the hiring of the

same at the time of such payment a receipt therefore in legible type or writing containing the name of the owner, the city license number or the driver's city license number, or the taximeter number, and any items for which a charge is made, the total amount paid, and the day and time of payment.

- (h) No person shall drive a taxicab to which is attached a taximeter that has not been duly inspected and approved. It shall be unlawful to change the size of the wheels or tires of a taxicab or the gears operating the taximeter or to change a taximeter from one (1) taxicab to another unless the taximeter is retested and approved.
- (i) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, operating or driving a taxicab as herein defined to operate or drive such taxicab unless such taximeter is used in determining the fare to be charged and no other or different fare shall be charged to passenger than is recorded on the reading face of said taximeter for a trip, except that the hourly rate may be used at mutual agreement of passenger and owner of the taxicab. No other rates or methods of measuring the distance or time charges shall be allowed except as herein provided.
- (j) No taxicab license and no person in charge of or operating a taxicab shall demand, charge, arrange, accept or receive any rate in excess of or below the rates established by this chapter. The price or rates of fare which any person owning, operating or controlling any licensed class A public vehicle within the limits of the city may charge and demand and which shall be determined by a taximeter shall be:
 - (1) When a taxicab is engaged the rate will be\$2.00.
 - (2) For each succeeding 1/10 mile or fraction thereof0.35.
 - (3) For each forty-one (41) seconds of waiting time or fraction thereof0.35.

In addition to the foregoing, such class A public vehicles may install, but shall not be required to install, a metering system which measures according to "traffic/delay-dollar/hours" method, measuring for either time or distance in the event such vehicles are delayed in traffic for unusually long periods of time.

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