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Subs. of Gen. Ord. No. 23 - 12 - 13. By Alderpersons VanderWeele, Matichek, Kath, Lessard and Lewandoske. November 5, 2012.

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 130-59 of the City of Sheboygan Municipal Code so as to create additional regulations related to taxicabs in the city.

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsections (d) and (e) of Section 130-59 of the Sheboygan Municipal Code entitled "Regulations" are hereby created to read as follows:

"Sec. 130-59. *Regulations.*

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(d) Fares.

(1) Within thirty (30) days following the effective date of this section, every holder of a taxicab business license shall file with the city clerk a statement of the fares and charges in effect on the date of enactment of this section for the use of taxicabs for hire. Thereafter, fares and charges may be added, changed or deleted by the licensee by filing with the city clerk, a schedule of such new fares and charges at least ten (10) days before the effective date of any change in fares or charges. It shall be unlawful for any owner or driver to make any different charge than that filed by the licensee with the city clerk and in effect.

(2) No person may operate a taxicab, nor may any holder of a taxicab business license permit the operation of a taxicab, unless a schedule of charges is posted within said taxicab corresponding to the statement of fares and charges filed with the city clerk and in effect. The posted schedule shall be posted in such a way so as to allow any passenger or passengers being conveyed to readily read such fares or charges.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any owner or driver of any taxicab to advertise any rate to the public if such rate differs from the rates set forth in the statement of the fares and charges filed with the city clerk's office.

(4) Every taxicab driver shall, upon demand by any passenger, furnish a receipt for the amount of the fare.

(5) Each taxicab shall at all times be equipped with an accurate and dependable taxi meter designed or intended to measure the distance traveled, register the time the vehicle is in waiting, and to record the charge or fare therefor. Such taxi meter must be placed as to be readily visible to passengers and should be maintained in good operating condition at all times. Each taxi meter is subject to the standards and fees set forth in Chapter 138 of this Code. No person may operate a taxicab, nor may any holder of a taxicab business license permit the operation of a taxicab, unless the required taxi meter is installed and operational.

(6) No person may operate a taxicab, nor may any holder of a taxicab business license permit the operation of a taxicab, unless and until the taxi meter has been properly inspected, certified, and sealed, or to use such vehicle when the taxi meter license has been suspended or revoked.

(7) Subsections (5) and (6) of this section do not apply to taxicabs owned by a taxicab business licensee whose business is limited solely to serving disabled or elderly clients.

(8) It is unlawful for any taxicab driver or taxicab business to charge a fare for any amount not consistent with the statement of fares and charges set forth in subsection (1) and the reading of the required meter. Notwithstanding this requirement, a fee may be agreed to in advance and in writing by both the cabbie and the rider for any ride that includes a stop outside of Sheboygan County.

(e) Lights and signage.

(1) Each taxicab required to be equipped with a taxi meter shall be equipped with a tell-tale light on top of the taxicab so designed that when the meter is engaged and the parking lights are on, the light goes out and when the vehicle is not engaged the light is burning. The size of the light shall be no less than ten (10) inches across, four (4) inches deep, and four (4) inches high. It is strictly prohibited for any non-metered vehicle for hire to have any form of tell-tale light anywhere on or inside the vehicle.

(2) Each taxicab shall have the name and telephone number of the owner of the vehicle or the trade name and telephone number under which the vehicle is operated clearly and permanently marked and placed on the right and left sides of the vehicle on either the front or rear doors with each character in the name at least 2 inches high and each number in the telephone number at least 1 1/2 inch high, in a color to contrast with the auto body color. Colors of paint to be used for lettering and numbering shall be of sharp contrast with color of surface paint to which it is applied, so as to be evenly visible at a reasonable distance, especially at night time with streetlights. No lettering or numbers shall be acceptable which have been painted upon a sheet of metal or other material which in turn can be removed or detached to conceal the identification of such cab company. In lieu of paint, any material required by this subsection to be painted on a taxicab may be placed on the cab through the use of an adhesive decal containing the required information and name. This authorization does not include or permit the use of magnetic signs or devices to convey the required information.

(3) Each taxicab shall be equipped with a card frame or frames for the proper display of the taxicab driver's license. No vehicle shall be operated without a vehicle decal affixed thereto and issued pursuant to this subsection unless, pursuant to this division, the vehicle is being used as an authorized passenger for hire vehicle.

(4) The vehicle sticker required under §130-61(d) must at all times be in a conspicuous place on the outside rear of the vehicle. The sticker shall be removed and destroyed immediately following any of the following circumstances:

a. The expiration, suspension, or revocation of the taxicab vehicle license.

b. The expiration, suspension, or cancellation of the insurance policy or bond required pursuant to §130-59(a).

c. Failure by the taxicab of an inspection required pursuant to §130-59(b)(1).

d. Failure to obtain an inspection of the taxicab within 10 days of any of the occurrences listed in §130-59(b)(1).

e. The placarding and/or ordering out of service of the taxicab by a police officer, pursuant to §130-59(b)(4)."

Section 2. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and this ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage and publication.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Subs **Ordinance** as amended **was duly passed by the Common Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the** 5th **day of** November, 20 12.

Dated November 8 20 12. Susan Richards, City Clerk

Approved November 8 20 12. [signature], Mayor

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