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**SCOPE AND INTENT**

These rules and regulations adopted by the City of San Antonio shall be followed by all permit holders, employees, contractors and drivers providing motorbike sidecar service in the City of San Antonio.

**SECTION 4000. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**4000. Reserved**

**4001. A Motorbike sidecar may only operate on commercial streets in the King William District**

**4002. Motorbike sidecars shall not utilize a sound amplification system while in the King William Historic District.**

**4003. Motorbike sidecar permit holders, company employees, contractors and drivers may not solicit.**

**4004. Hours of Operation. Motorbike sidecars shall not be limited in there operating hours.**

**4005. The loading or unloading shall be done in curb cutouts, loading zones, vehicle parking spaces, or similar areas.**

**4006. Motorbike sidecar may not enter areas closed with Public Works Road Closure Permit or SAPD Procession Permit during permitted times. (This area includes sidewalks and streets)**

**4007. A motorbike sidecar permit holder, contractor or drivers shall obey all traffic laws, signs and signals.**

**4008. Motorbike sidecars shall not load, unload, or ride in a bus lane.**

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**SECTION 4100. MOTORBIKE SIDECAR PERMITTING**

4100. The number of permits shall be limited to 10 permits.

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**SECTION 4200. MOTORBIKE SIDECAR PERMIT HOLDERS**

4200. Each holder shall have a written driver's appearance standard, which has been approved by the director. This appearance standard shall be enforced at all times. These appearance standards shall include the following:

(A) The appearance of independent contractors, drivers, and employees shall be neat and clean, and clothes shall not have holes, stains or rips.

(B) The uniform of independent contractors, drivers, and employees shall display their name and company. This may be accomplished by embroidery or name tags. The name and company name must be visible at all times.

4201. It shall be the responsibility of every holder to require that drivers under their employment or contract be hygienically clean, well groomed, neat and suitably dressed.

(A) The term "hygienically clean" shall refer to the state of personal hygiene, body cleanliness and absence of offensive body odor normally associated with bathing or showering on a regular basis.

(B) The term "well-groomed" shall mean that scalp or facial hair shall be combed or brushed and that all clothing is clean, free from soil, grease and dirt, and without un-repaired rips or tears and shall not present a ragged appearance.

4202. Permit holders, employees, contractors and drivers are responsible for complying with all rules and regulations of the City of San Antonio, any State of Texas laws or federal laws relating to the operation of a Motorbike sidecar.

4203. Each holder shall supply to the director, upon request, a current list to include contact information of all drivers and contractors.

4204. A holder shall notify the director of an arrest, filing of a criminal complaint, information, or indictment against the holder or one of the drivers employed or contracted by the holder, whether or not any of the foregoing is related to on-duty conduct.

4205. A holder shall return any confiscated city driver permits to the Ground Transportation Unit within three days from the date of confiscation.

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4206. Each holder shall conduct himself/herself in a professional manner and resolve all disputes with other holders, the business community, the general public, and public officials with a goal of maintaining a favorable public image for the City.

4207. At the request of the director, a holder shall immediately take a sidecar out of service and make the sidecar immediately available to the Director.

4208 - 4299. Reserved

**SECTION 4300. MOTORBIKE SIDECAR DRIVERS**

4300 Motorbike sidecar drivers are required to follow all requirements in Sec. 33-041 Drivers Qualifications

4301. A driver shall have in the driver's immediate possession a valid Texas driver license while operating a motorbike and shall present the license upon request. A driver shall have a City issued drivers permit and it must be displayed on the motorbike side car while in operation.

4302. A driver shall ensure that at all times the lights, brakes, tires, and any other required items are in good repair, fitted, working properly, and that evidence of proper insurance is carried by the driver.

4303. A driver on duty shall conform to the appearance standards approved by the director for that sidecar holder. A driver's clothes must be neat and clean in appearance. The clothes must be free of rips, tears, cuts, stains, or odors.

4304. A driver shall be hygienically clean and well groomed at all times while on duty.

4305. A driver shall provide prompt, efficient service and be courteous at all times to the general public and other city-permitted drivers, and city officials. This prohibits but is not limited to the following: unwanted conversation, verbal abuse, profanity, threats, physical abuse, or throwing objects.

4306. A driver shall not knowingly allow the unauthorized use of a city drivers permit. The city drivers permit is non-transferable, and it is not to be duplicated.

4307. A driver shall not use another person's city drivers permit.

4308. A driver may not apply for, nor possess more than one city drivers permit at any one time unless authorized by the director.

4309. A driver shall at no time allow anyone else to operate the motorbike sidecar other than another licensed driver that has been permitted for that company.

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4310. A driver shall, as soon as practical, notify the director and his employing permit holder of an arrest of the driver or of the filing of any criminal complaint, information, or indictment against the driver, whether or not any of the foregoing is related to on-duty conduct.

4311. A driver shall not drink any alcoholic beverage while on duty.

4312. A driver shall not drive while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage; intoxicating liquor, or any drug (to include prescription drugs) which may impair driving ability.

4313. A driver shall not use, sell, handle or transport illegal narcotics at any time.

4314. A driver shall not give any information as to where narcotics may be obtained for illegal purposes.

4315. A driver shall not operate a sidecar which is in an unsafe operating condition.

4316. A driver shall not leave the sidecar unattended except to assist a passenger, unless the motorbike is secured.

4317. A driver after receiving a hearing notice for a sidecar rule violation shall appear at the time and place for the hearing as indicated on the violation citation. The driver shall also appear at all subsequent hearings relating to the original hearing notice.

4318. A driver when serving suspension time in accordance with these sidecar rules shall turn in the city driver's permit to the director at the time and place so directed.

4319. A driver shall not operate a sidecar while the driver's ability or alertness is so impaired, or so likely to become impaired, through fatigue, illness, or any other cause, as to make it unsafe to continue to operate the sidecar.

4320. A driver shall allow the inspection of their motorbike sidecar by City personnel at any time while they are on public streets, including during a trip in which they have been hired.

4321. A driver shall not smoke while on a motorbike sidecar, including while resting and operating

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**SECTION 4400. MOTORBIKE SIDECAR EQUIPMENT**

4400. A sidecar shall not operate without a valid vehicle permit. A holder shall not alter, falsify, remove, reinstall or tamper with any vehicle permit. Vehicle permits are not transferable from one sidecar to another.

4401. A sidecar shall be immediately removed from service if the sidecar is in an unsafe operating condition.

4402. A sidecar shall be immediately removed from service if the sidecar is operating without the minimum insurance requirements set by the City.

4403. A Motorbike sidecar shall be removed from service if a correction notice is issued for that vehicle and the deficiency is not corrected within 30 days in accordance with Sec. 33-070 (b).

4404. A Motorbike sidecar shall be presented to the director for the annual inspection on the date and time it is scheduled. Motorbike sidecars not presented shall be removed from service.

4405. A Motorbike sidecar shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition at all times. This prohibits, but is not limited to the following: dirt, grime, and stains.

4406. All lights, including all decorative lights, shall be working properly and be free from chips cracks, or other deficiencies.

4407. A Motorbike sidecar shall be free from cracks, chips, tears, or any other damage or deficiencies.

4408. A Motorbike sidecar shall have amber turn signal lights on both sides of the rear of the Motorbike.

4409. A Motorbike sidecar shall have a working headlight.

4410. A Motorbike sidecar shall have a braking system, activated and operated solely by a driver without assistance from or participation by any passenger.

4411. A Motorbike sidecar shall have a horn.

4412. A Motorbike sidecar shall have side mirrors.

4413. Each Motorbike sidecar shall have:

\_\_\_\_\_ (a) The company's name on the side of the Motorbike sidecar

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) The Motorbike sidecar number that identifies that Motorbike sidecar to the company.

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