

CHAPTER 33 - VEHICLES FOR HIRE

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

DIVISION 1. GENERAL PROCEDURES

Sec. 33-003. Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them by this section, unless the context shall indicate another or different meaning or intent.

Airport Service shall mean vehicles that may serve the airport without city-wide service restrictions. A city-wide permit is a prerequisite for the issuance of an airport permit. No driver shall pick up a passenger on any portion of San Antonio International Airport (SAT) or Stinson Airfield (SSF) without proper authorization pursuant to Chapter 3, Article II of this Code, including payment of any fees.

Alternative Vehicle for Hire shall mean any vehicle for hire classified by the director as an alternative or unique vehicle to standard or common vehicle for hire vehicles or industries.

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Application shall mean the written request for a permit agreement or drivers permit.

Sec. 33-018. Insurance requirements generally.

(a) Prior to commencement of operations pursuant to this chapter the holder shall produce and furnish to the director, and thereafter keep in full force and effect, a policy of public liability and property damage insurance. Such policy of insurance shall be in the amount hereafter specified in this chapter and shall be subject to approval by the city risk manager. Every such policy shall insure all the vehicles ~~used-permitted~~ by the holder in the vehicle for hire service authorized in the operating permit. Such policy shall inure to the benefit of any person who shall be injured or who shall sustain property damage as a result of the negligence of the holder or his servants or agents. The insurer shall be obligated to pay all final judgments which may be rendered on behalf of the public for injury or damage resulting to persons or property from the negligent operation of the holder's ground transportation service.

(b) Every policy of insurance shall be issued by an insurance company with a minimum A.M. Best rating of B+ and authorized to do business in Texas.

(c) Failure to procure and keep in full force and effect an insurance policy from a company that has an A.M. Best rating of B+ or above, or an A.M. Best rating of A- or above if the holder is a TNC, and that meets the minimum amount of insurance requirements under this chapter shall result in the suspension of the holder's operating permits

Secs. 33-019 - 33-024, reserved.

Sec. 33-034. Revocation and suspension of operating permit.

(a) The director may revoke an operating permit, or suspend such operating permit for a period not to exceed 60 days, where the director has determined it is in the best interest of the public or where the holder:

- (1) Since the date of issuance of his operating permit, has been convicted or placed on community supervision, including but not limited to probation and deferred adjudication, for violations of any city, state, or federal law where said violation relates directly to the duties and responsibilities of the holder including but not limited to the violations listed in Sec. 33-010 of this chapter;
- (2) Since the date of issuance of the Operating Permit, has been indicted for criminal homicide, including murder and manslaughter but excluding criminal negligent homicide, or for any of the offenses listed in Sec. 33-010 of this chapter;
- (3) Has under his employment or contract a driver whose drivers permit has been suspended or revoked under the provisions of this chapter, or where a holder has failed to take reasonable action against one of the holder's drivers;
- (4) Has failed to comply with a correction order issued to him by the director within the time specified in the order;
- (5) Has failed to comply with this chapter or any rules, regulations, orders or directives;
- (6) Has substantially breached the terms of the permit agreement;
- (7) Has failed to pay a permit fee at the time it was due;
- (8) Has failed to pay a monetary penalty at the time it was due;
- (9) Has failed to comply with the license/permit bond requirements of this chapter;
- (10) Has failed to comply with the insurance requirements of this chapter;

(11) Has transferred an operating permit without the city's approval;

(12) Has allowed the operation of a ground transportation service without the city's approval;

(13) Has failed to place in operation pursuant to the provisions of this chapter the number of vehicles authorized in the permit agreement within ~~90~~ 180 days of the date of the issuance of the operating permit.

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