

CHAPTER 33 - VEHICLES FOR HIRE

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

DIVISION 6. VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Sec. 33-062. General safety requirements and inspections.

(a) The city may by ordinance, rule or regulation establish requirements for size, condition and accessories of a vehicle for hire used by a holder.

(b) Holders for limousine, tour, and charter services, and taxicabs, shall have each vehicle inspected prior to operation and yearly thereafter in accordance established inspection guidelines and standards of the city. Vehicles with rating capacity of 16 or more passengers that is registered with the Texas Department of Transportation, with Texas Department of Motor Vehicles standards

(c) The director shall inspect pedicabs, group cycles and horse carriages yearly, in accordance with established inspection guidelines and standards of the city, before such vehicle is placed in service, and upon passage of any such inspection, the director shall affix to the vehicle for hire a vehicle permit. The director may inspect a vehicle for hire at any other time which the director determines to be reasonable and necessary for enforcement of compliance with the provisions of this chapter and all other applicable rules, regulations and laws.

(d) No person shall operate a vehicle for hire which has attached thereto an expired vehicle permit.

(e) It shall be a violation for a person to forge, alter, deface or counterfeit a vehicle permit; it shall also be a violation for a person to have in his possession any vehicle permit which has been forged, altered, defaced or counterfeited.

(f) A holder shall make a vehicle for hire available for inspection when ordered by the city. If a holder fails to make a vehicle for hire available for inspection when so ordered, said vehicle shall be immediately suspended from service for up to 30 days. After 30 days, if a holder has failed to make a vehicle for hire available for inspection as ordered by the city, the director shall initiate the revocation of the vehicle permit of said vehicle as authorized by Sec. 33-035 under this chapter.

(g) If a holder makes a vehicle for hire available for inspection when so ordered, and if the director determines that said vehicle is in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or other applicable rules, regulations and laws, then the director shall issue a correction order or vehicle inspection report to said holder as provided by Sec. 33-070 of this chapter.