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ARTICLE VIII. TAXICABS

Sec. 33-929. Number of taxicabs; authority to operate additional taxicabs.

- (a) A holder shall maintain in service a minimum of three taxicabs.
- (b) The number of vehicles authorized by the permit agreement and the number of vehicle permits issued pursuant thereto shall be reduced to reflect the actual number of vehicles the holder is able to operate and maintain in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the operating permit, the permit agreement, and the rules and regulations established by the director.
- (c) All applicants for permits or additional permits shall be eligible to receive only such additional taxicab permits as are necessary to meet the service needs of the city's population growth. The number of additional taxicab permits for each calendar year shall be determined by a ratio of one taxicab per 1,700 population within the legal boundaries of the city. The population figure for the city will be based upon the annual population estimate as determined by the planning department as of December 31 of the year preceding the allocation period.
- (d) The procedure to distribute the Taxicab permits shall be outlined in the City of San Antonio rules and regulations.
- (e) In addition to the requirements of subsection (c) above, other factors which may be relied on in determining eligibility for additional or new permits include, but are not limited to, whether:
 - (1) One hundred percent of the holder's authorized taxicabs passed the most recent scheduled semi-annual inspection;
 - (2) Holder has complied with this chapter and the rules and regulations established by the director.
- (f) The holder's application for additional vehicle permits may be denied if any of the requirements of the section above are not met or if at any time during the twelve month period immediately preceding the application for additional permits the holder:
 - (1) Failed to pay a fine or fee owed within the time required by this chapter or the director;

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(2) Failed to maintain the license/permit bond or insurance required by this chapter;

(3) Had a vehicle permit revoked or suspended; or

(4) Has failed to assign any previously issued vehicle permits to a vehicle.

(g) A holder who is approved for additional vehicle permits shall execute an amended permit agreement authorizing the additional vehicles. The amended permit agreement shall supersede any such agreements previously executed between the city and the holder. The duration of the amended permit agreement shall be for the same period of time as provided for in the original permit agreement.

(h) A holder receiving new or additional vehicle permits shall, within 180 days of signing the permit agreement have presented the vehicle(s) to the City and passes the initial inspection.

Sec. 33-932. Owner/ Operators.

(a) The director shall issue up to 75 owner/operator permits to individual persons who own a motor vehicle for use as a taxicab service. These permits shall be included in calculating the number of additional permits available pursuant to the Sec. 33-929(c). Owner/Operators are exempt from Sec. 929 (d) - (I).

(b) An applicant for an owner/operator permit must be a continuously active and permitted taxicab driver in San Antonio for at least one year at the time of the application.

(c) The owner/operator vehicle may not be operated as a vehicle for hire by anyone other than the permitted owner/operator

(d) The procedure for distribution of owner/operator permits is outlined in City of San Antonio Taxicab Rules and Regulations.

(e) An individual who is approved for an owner/operator permit must make timely payment of all tax assessments and fees.

(f) Applicants and vehicles for owner/operator permits shall comply with all provisions of Chapter 33 except for the following:

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Sec. 33-007 (f), (h), (i), (l), and (m)

Sec. 33-009

Sec. 33-971.

(g) Within ninety (90) days after receipt of an owner/operator permit, the holder shall operate a city-wide ground transportation service in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the operating permit, permit agreement, and the rules and regulations established by the director, for a period of five (5) years beginning on the date stated in the permits agreement. Thereafter, the owner/operator permit shall be renewed for a period of two (2) years, subject to the provisions in Sec. 33.025.