



# City of Lynn, Commonwealth of Massachusetts APPLICATION FOR A TAXI SERVICE LICENSE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Honorable, Committee on Licenses, Lynn City Council:

The undersigned hereby applies for a Taxi Business to be operated pursuant to the provisions of the City of Lynn ordinances relating thereto:

Name of Applicant 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of Business \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number of Business \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: Corporation \_\_\_\_\_ Partnership \_\_\_\_\_ Sole Proprietor \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Vehicles:**

Vehicle #	Yr/Make/Model	Color	Plate Number

I certify that the aforementioned information is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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 APPLICANT 1 SIGNATURE

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 DATE

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 APPLICANT 1 SIGNATURE

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 DATE

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

- Personal & Property Taxes Paid with Workman's Compensation Information.
- Occupancy Permit
- CORI Report
- \$200.00 Application Fee Paid
- Medallion Fee - \$500.00 each
- Committee Approval

Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by:  Cash  Check

Clerk's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_





# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAXI SERVICE BUSINESS**

A license must be obtained before operating a TAXI Service Business. The license is valid from the date of issue through December 31st. Each Taxi must be assigned a Medallion number. There are only **50 Medallions** issued in the City of Lynn.

## **Steps to complete for License:**

1. Application for Taxi Service Business \$200.00 fee
2. New Taxi Medallions are \$500.00 each and the Renewal fee is \$100.00 yearly per vehicle medallion.
3. Application for License to operate taxi vehicle (\$10.00 per driver)
4. Cori Request Form (Criminal History)
5. Mass Dept of Revenue form
6. Worker's Comp Insurance Form and Property Tax Form

## **Please Provide Current:**

1. Insurance Policy for vehicles
2. Driving Record for each operator
3. Vehicle Registration Form(s)
4. Lease or other evidence that you have access to the property where vehicle(s) will be garaged (if you do not own property)

## **For New Applicants OR Applicants with New Locations:**

1. Contact Inspectional Services Department (Room 401) to obtain an "OCCUPANCY PERMIT"



# CITY OF LYNN

*In City Council* SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

## **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO LICENSING AND REGULATIONS OF TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF LYNN**

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Lynn and by the authority of the same as follows, to wit:-

**SECTION 1.** The Ordinance relative to licensing and regulations of taxicabs in the City of Lynn, heretofore amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Section 19: No owner or driver of a taxicab shall charge any passenger or passengers therein any higher rate than the following:

First mile or any fraction thereof	\$ 3.75
Each additional 1/4 mile or fraction thereof	\$ .75
Increase in zones	\$ .35
Waiting time per hour	\$24.00
Fuel Surcharge (Per Fare)	\$1.00

A twenty-five percent (25%) discount under the Senior Citizen's discount program will be available and given on all fares charged in the City of Lynn and the Towns of Swampscott and Nahant.

**SECTION 2.** All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect Thirty-One (31) days after its final approval as adopted and advertised.

**Signed by the Mayor: Sept. 17, 2008**  
**Effective (31 days) : Oct. 18, 2008**



# CITY OF LYNN

In City Council \_\_\_\_\_ MAY 11, \_\_\_\_\_ 20 04

## **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO LICENSING AND REGULATIONS OF TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF LYNN**

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In City Council \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

## IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING AND REGULATIONS OF TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF LYNN

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Lynn and by the authority of the same, as follows, to wit:-

**SECTION I.** The ordinance relative to licensing and regulations of taxicabs in the City of Lynn, heretofore amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Section 19: No owner or driver of a taxicab shall charge any Passenger or passengers therein any higher rate than the following:

First mile or any fraction thereof.....	\$ 2.85
Each additional ¼ mile or fraction thereof.....	\$ .50
Increase in zones.....	\$ .35
Waiting time per hour.....	\$17.00

A twenty-five percent (25%) discount under the Senior Citizen's discount program will be available and given on all fares charged in the City of Lynn and the Towns of Swampscott and Nahant.

*A twenty-five (\$ .25) cent surcharge may imposed on each fare when the average price of gasoline reaches \$1.50 per gallon, for fourteen (14) consecutive days, as established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources (DOER). At any time the average price drops below \$1.50 per gallon, said surcharge will be discontinued. The City Clerk shall be responsible for monitoring the price of gasoline per gallon and shall notify the taxi companies, in writing, when a surcharge may be imposed and/or if the average price drops below the stated minimum, the City Clerk will inform the taxi companies to cease charging the surcharge.*

*Senior citizens, disabled persons and handicapped persons shall not be subject to twenty-five (\$ .25) cent gasoline surcharge.*

*Any taxi driver that violates the surcharge provision will be subject to suspension of their license by the City Council License Committee upon their first offense. Any subsequent offense will be subject to revocation by the City*



# CITY OF LYNN

In City Council October 17 2000

***Council License Committee. Taxi companies shall be responsible for informing the drivers when surcharge is applicable or not.***

***Taxi companies shall be responsible for submitting a report on a monthly basis to the City Clerk, while the surcharge is in effect.***

***Any taxi company who violates the surcharge provision will be subject to a fine of not more than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for each offense.***

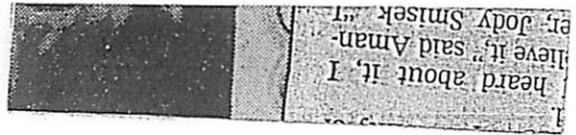
**SECTION 2. Ordinance to be reviewed by the City Council annually, during the month of December.**

**SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.**

**SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect thirty-one (31) days after its final approval as adopted and advertised.**



# CITY OF LYNN



In City Council \_\_\_\_\_ June 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 1996

## IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO LICENSING AND REGULATIONS OF TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF LYNN

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Lynn, and by the authority of the same, as follows, to wit:

**SECTION 1.** The ordinance relative to licensing and regulations in the City of Lynn is hereby amended by deleting the existing Section 4 and inserting the following new section 4:

SECTION 4. Applications for such license shall be made to the Committee on Licenses, Lynn City Council, on forms furnished by it, and shall set forth, under oath, such information as said Committee on Licenses may, from time to time, require including but not limited to, financial data necessary to establish a viable application. There shall be a maximum of fifty (50) medallions issued at a cost of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for new medallions with a renewal fee of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars annually. Every licensed and registered taxicab shall have affixed on same, one (1) metal medallion of a style approved by the Committee on Licenses, bearing the number issued for said taxicab. No plate or number, other than said medallion number, Mass. registration plate and telephone number shall be painted or affixed on the rear of any taxicab. Cost to be paid by taxi company.

Said ordinance shall be further amended by including the following sentence at the end of the existing Section 13.

A placard shall be posted in the interior of all taxicabs, so as to be plainly visible to the occupants there, bearing the words "With proper I.D., Senior Citizens (65 years and older) are entitled to a 25 percent fair discount. Please ask driver."

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty-one (31) days after its final approval as adopted and advertised.



# CITY OF LYNN

In City Council \_\_\_\_\_ July 25 \_\_\_\_\_ 1995

Ordered that

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## AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO LICENSING AND REGULATIONS OF TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF LYNN

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Lynn and by the authority of the same as follows, to wit:-

**SECTION 1.** An ordinance relative to licensing and regulations of taxicabs in the City of Lynn.

**SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this Ordinance, a "Taxicab" shall include every motor vehicle used or to be used for the conveyance of persons for hire, wherein a meter is used and approved, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 98, Section 45.

**SECTION 3.** No person, firm or corporation shall allow any person to operate, pick up and discharge any person within the City of Lynn unless such taxicab is licensed by the Lynn City Council Committee on Licenses.

**SECTION 4.** Applications for such license shall be made to the Committee on Licenses, Lynn City Council, on forms furnished by it, and shall set forth, under oath, such information as said Committee on Licenses may, from time to time, require including but not limited to, financial data necessary to establish a viable application. There shall be a maximum of Forty five (45) medallion issued at a cost of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for new medallions with a renewal fee of one Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars annually. Every licensed and registered taxicab shall have affixed on same, one (1) metal medallion of a style approved by the Committee on Licenses, bearing the number issued for said taxicab. No plate or number, other than said medallion number, Mass. registration plate and telephone number shall be painted or affixed on the rear of any taxicab. Cost to be paid by taxi company

**SECTION 5.** New applications for all licenses may be filed with the Committee on Licenses at any time, but applications for the renewal of licenses already in force shall be filed annually before January 1. They



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shall be made on official forms provided by the City Clerk, containing all information therein required, and said taxicabs shall be examined and reported upon request of the License Committee or its agents. All licenses shall become void on the first day of February 1 annually.

**SECTION 6.** No such license shall be issued until the applicant has deposited with the City Treasurer, a policy of insurance issued by an insurance company authorized to transact business specified in subdivision (b) of the sixth clause of section forty-seven of Chapter one hundred and seventy-five of the General Laws, covering the motor vehicle to be operated by the applicant under his license, conforming to the provisions of sections one hundred and twelve and one hundred and thirteen of said Chapter one hundred and seventy-five, nor until the applicant has also delivered to the City Clerk, a certificate of the insurance company issuing the policy showing that the policy shall not be canceled without giving the City Clerk five days notice thereof.

**SECTION 7.** The policy required by the provisions of this ordinance shall be to the amount or limit of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) on account of injury to or death of any one person, or at least ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on account of any one accident resulting in an injury or death of more than one person, shall be in conformance with the laws of the Commonwealth.

**SECTION 8.** Said Committee on Licenses shall issue to the Licensee with each such license, a plate or placard for each vehicle to be operated thereunder, bearing the words, "Taxi Vehicle License, Lynn, Mass.", setting forth the serial number of the license, the year of its issue, and the number of the cab, to be affixed to the inside of the taxicab. Such plate or placard shall be attached to the interior of the vehicle as to be plainly visible to the occupants thereof.

**SECTION 9.** No person having charge of or driving a taxicab shall refuse to carry any person asking to be carried as a passenger therein, unless the person asking is drunk or disorderly.



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SECTION 10. No person driving a taxicab shall refuse to extinguish any lighted cigarette, cigar or pipe at the request of any passenger carried therein.

SECTION 11. No taxicab shall be allowed to stand or to wait for passengers in any street, square or public place, except on such portions thereof and during such hours as may be designated therefor by said Committee on Licenses. Said Committee on Licenses may from time to time, designate locations in streets, squares and public places where, and the hours during which, such vehicles may so stand, and may cancel or change such locations or hours as and whenever public interests seem to require such change.

SECTION 12. All public stands shall be plainly marked and shall be free and accessible to all taxicabs licensed by the City Council.

SECTION 13. No driver shall park his car in a double line at a public stand, nor shall any driver park his vehicle in such a manner as to interfere with traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, at any location. Such enforcement shall be by the Police Department and or Parking Department.

SECTION 14. No taxicab shall be stopped to take on or to discharge passengers at any place on any street except at the curb; nor shall any person be permitted to sit or ride upon any fender, dash, step, running boards, top or door of any such taxicab.

SECTION 15. Every person having charge of or driving a taxicab shall deliver any article left therein by any passenger to the Chief of Police not later than twenty-four hours after finding the same and shall receive from him a receipt therefor; and, said Chief of Police shall take proper steps to return the same to the owner. All such articles delivered to said Chief of Police and not claimed by the owner within one (1) year from such delivery shall be given to the licensee of the vehicle in which they were left.



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**SECTION 16.** No person operating a taxicab shall establish and maintain therefor, any route between fixed terminals under reduced fare calculated to compete with motor bus or street railway service.

**SECTION 17.** No owner or driver of a taxicab shall charge any passenger or passengers therein any higher rates for any service than those that are, from time to time, fixed by said Committee on Licenses. A schedule of said rates then in force shall be delivered to every owner or a taxicab and new schedules fixed by said Committee on Licenses, shall be so delivered whenever said rates may be changed and shall be similarly posted.

**SECTION 18.** All owners and drivers of taxicabs shall be subject to such further rules, orders and regulations as may be, from time to time, promulgated by said Committee on Licenses. The License Committee shall forward any such regulations to the Ordinance Committee for review.

**SECTION 19.** No owner or driver of a taxicab shall charge any passenger or passengers therein any higher rate than the following:

First mile or any fraction thereof.....	\$ 2.85
Each additional 1/4 mile or fraction thereof.....	\$ .50
Increase in zones.....	\$ .35
Waiting time per hour.....	\$17.00

A twenty-five percent (25%) discount under the Senior Citizen's discount program will be available and given on all fares charged in the City of Lynn and the Towns of Swampscott and Nahant.

**SECTION 20.** No owner or person having charge of management of a taxicab shall employ or permit or allow any person to drive the same, and no person shall drive the same, other than a person thereto



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licensed by said Committee on Licenses. Application for a license to drive taxi-cabs shall be made to the said Committee on Licenses on forms furnished by it and shall set forth, under penalties by the City Clerk of the City of Lynn, shall be numbered in order as granted, and unless sooner revoked or suspended, shall continue in force until the first day of January, next after the date thereof. The fee for such license shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). No such License shall be granted to any person unless he shall be a resident of this Commonwealth and a citizen of the United States or shall have declared his intention to become such citizen, nor unless he shall present a valid operator's license, issued to him by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and driving record.

**SECTION 21.** The Committee on Licenses for the City of Lynn shall in accordance with law, annually grant taxicab licenses to suitable persons, firms and corporations who are owners of such vehicles (if the individual or one member of the firm resides in Lynn, and if the principal place of business of the corporation is in Lynn) to set up and use them as taxicabs.

**SECTION 22.** No taxicab license or permit or medallion provided for in this rule shall be sold, assigned or transferred without first obtaining the consent of the Committee on Licenses in writing.

**SECTION 23.** The driver must provide a waybill to the owner, <sup>who must keep,</sup> on a form approved by the Committee on Licenses, and produce upon demand of the same or the Inspector of Taxicabs or any officer, a record of all trips made by said vehicle and containing all information requested on form approved by the Chief of Police for a period of each calendar day, said forms to be held for ninety (90) days.

**SECTION 24.** All trade names used by licensed owners shall be approved by the Committee on Licenses.



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**SECTION 25.** Any licensee who shall cease to be the operator of a taxicab shall at once surrender his license to the Committee on Licenses.

**SECTION 26.** No person shall be licensed to be an owner who is not of the age of twenty-one years or over, nor shall the operator be under the age of eighteen years, or those who are known to be addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs, during the past five (5) years. The License Committee shall use its own discretion upon the granting of licenses to any driver with a criminal record and shall require license renewals and record checks annually.

**SECTION 27.** The Committee on Licenses shall refuse a license for, or, if already issued, revoke or suspend the license of any taxicab found by him to be unfit or unsuited for public patronage.

**SECTION 28.** Before a taxicab shall be licensed it shall be thoroughly inspected in regard to mechanical condition and general appearance, and all taxicabs licensed shall be inspected to meet the above requirements, no earlier than May 1 or later than June 1 of each year. Inspection to be done by the Department of Public Works at the cost of the owner. All licensed taxicabs shall have a card of such size and form as may be required by the Committee of Licenses which shall show the license number assigned and said vehicle by the Committee of Licenses and a statement to the effect that in cases of complaint, the Committee of Licenses shall be notified, giving the number of the taxicab. All taxicabs must be kept in good condition, suitable for occupancy and mechanically fit for the safety of passengers. The interior and exterior shall be clean and sanitary at all times. All taxicabs shall be thoroughly cleaned, inspected and repaired by the owner at least once a week.

**SECTION 29.** It shall be the duty of the City of Lynn police officers to observe the movements of taxicabs, especially at night, and at all times to see that the rules governing such taxis and their drivers are obeyed. Licensed drivers shall be respectful to and are required to



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answer fully and civilly any questions put to them by police officers in the performance of their duty.

**SECTION 30.** The Committee on Licenses will regard as unsuited to hold a license, any driver who violates any State or Federal liquor law, within the past five (5) years including the use and distribution of any type of drugs, or who gives direction, information or service to a man or woman seeking a place or a person for immoral purposes, or any driver who offers such direction, information or service.

**SECTION 31.** Every driver of any licensed taxicab shall report to the police station any suspicious actions of passengers or conditions which he may observe.

**SECTION 32.** Every driver having charge of a taxicab shall have with him his Taxi driver's license, and a copy of these rules and regulations to be shown to a passenger on request, and shall have in an easily accessible place in the vehicle, the license for such vehicle. A copy to be available at every taxi company. All drivers upon being granted a license, shall be given said rules and regulations, and upon receipt that they understand, they must sign for a copy of the said rules and regulations pertaining to taxis.

**SECTION 33.** Every driver having charge of a licensed taxicab in a public place shall be suitably dressed, neat and clean in appearance.

**SECTION 34.** If a license is lost, mislaid or destroyed, the licensee to whom the same was issued, shall immediately report such loss to the Inspector of Taxicabs, who will furnish a new license upon payment therefor of Five (\$5.00) Dollars.



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**SECTION 35.** When requested by a passenger, or whenever there is a dispute over the fare, a driver shall have a receipt to the said passenger. Said receipt shall contain the full name and license number of the driver, the date and time of the giving of the receipt and the amount received and the origin and destination.

**SECTION 36.** The local authorities shall, whenever there has been a violation of any law or ordinance, give to the driver, a citation. The Committee on Licenses shall have the authority to strip a driver of his credentials consisting of badge and driver's license card, if in the judgment of the Committee on Licenses, there has been a violation to warrant such action. Police officers are to make a report of all facts connected with any arrest or violation.

**SECTION 37.** All complaints and violations of these rules against taxicab drivers and owners by the public or police officers shall be brought before the Committee on Licenses who shall hear the facts; and, if the taxicab driver or owner is found guilty of the complaint or violation, the Committee on Licenses may suspend or revoke the license of the offending owner or driver. If the owner of any taxicab is found guilty of the offense charged while he is driving the said taxicab, the license of the said taxicab shall be suspended or revoked. in addition to any action that may be taken in regards to his driver's license, and said taxicab shall not be used during said period of suspension or revocation.

**SECTION 38.** Any person or corporation violating any of the provisions of the foregoing sections shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for each offense; and, any licensed owner or driver who violates any of the provisions of the foregoing sections shall, in addition to said penalty, thereupon become liable to suspension or forfeiture of his license, and may be disqualified to hold a license thereafter.



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In City Council July 25, 1995 19 \_\_\_\_\_

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SECTION 39. All rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee on Licenses in regard to taxicabs-and taxi stands, prior to the effective date of these taxicab rules and regulations, are hereby repealed as of said effective date.

SECTION 40. All licensed taxicabs shall have sealed meters approved by the Sealer of Weights & Measures.

SECTION 41. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 42. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty-one (31) days after its final approval as adopted and advertised.

*May 23, 1933, As amended July 9, 1957, March 26, 1968, June 10, 1969, June 12, 1975, July 13, 1976, August 12, 1980, May 22, 1984, April 25, 1989, November 14, 1989, November 27, 1990*

***Please see all previous Taxi Ordinances (back to 1970"s) in City Clerk Office for reference.***