

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

1. COLOUR OF VEHICLE

With effect from 9th March 2005, vehicles that enter the Eastbourne private hire trade and replacement private hire vehicles shall have paintwork that is a colour other than white.

Exemptions to 1.

- custom built cars
- limousines
- vehicles used exclusively for weddings and funerals

2. MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLE

The vehicle and all its fittings and equipment shall at all times when the vehicle is in use or available for hire be kept in an efficient, safe, tidy, clean condition and all relevant statutory requirements including in particular those contained in Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use Regulations) shall be fully complied with.

3. ALTERATION OF VEHICLE

No material alteration or change in specification, design, condition or appearance of the vehicle shall be made without the approval of the Council at any time while the licence is in force.

4. CCTV EQUIPMENT

CCTV, including digital stills equipment may be installed in this licence vehicle subject to the following provisions:-

1. Approval in writing must be obtained from the Council before CCTV equipment is installed and used in the vehicle;
2. CCTV equipment shall be of a specification approved by the Council; The equipment shall be installed, operated and maintained to the satisfaction of Council;

3. Any material recorded on the equipment shall be used only as evidence in court proceedings or to aid investigation of a crime or to confirm or rebut complaints made against a driver;
4. Material captured by the system shall be accessible only to the Police, specifically authorised Council officers or other persons authorised by the Council;
5. Recorded material must be made available upon demand to the Police and a duly authorised officer of the Council;
6. Notices indicating that the CCTV system is in operation in the vehicle shall be clearly displayed on passenger windows visible from the outside and in the interior of the vehicle. The notices shall state "CCTV OPERATES IN THIS VEHICLE" Such notices shall not be displayed unless the system is in use;
7. Each system must be registered with the office of the Data Protection Registrar with proof of registration supplied to the Council.

5. IDENTIFICATION PLATE

The plate identifying the vehicle as a private hire vehicle and required to be exhibited on the vehicle pursuant to Section 48(6) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 shall be securely fixed to the rear of the vehicle in a conspicuous position and in such a manner as to be easily removable by an authorised officer of the Council or Police Officer.

6. INTERIOR MARKINGS

The proprietor shall cause to be clearly marked and maintained inside the vehicle in such a position as to be visible at all times to persons conveyed therein the number of this licence and the number of passengers prescribed in this licence.

7. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

There shall be provided and maintained in the vehicle at all times when it is in use or available for hire a suitable and efficient fire extinguisher and a suitable first aid kit containing appropriate first aid dressing and appliances, such equipment to be carried in such a position as may from time to time be approved by the Council so as to be readily visible and available for immediate use in an emergency.

8. SIGNS, NOTICES, ETC.

(1) No signs, notices, advertisements, plates, marks, numbers, letters, figures, symbols, emblems or devices whatsoever shall be displayed on, in or from the vehicle except as may be required by any statutory provision (including byelaws) or required or permitted by the Council, provided that this condition shall not apply:-

(i) to the corporate door sign which shall be displayed on both front doors.

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(ii) to a sun-strip of the approved design displayed on the front and/or rear windscreen of the vehicle. The approved design of a sun-strip is as follows:-

The sun-strip should include the name of firm, the telephone number, the words "Private Hire" and no other information whatsoever. The words "Private Hire" should be in normal type face with black lettering on a white background and should not take up more than one third of the width of the sun-strip.

(iii) to optional door signs of a design approved by the Council for display on the rear door panels of the vehicles, when not more than one sign shall be displayed on each side of the vehicle. The proprietor shall obtain the consent of the Council for such signs before they are first displayed.

(iv) to any indication on a taxi meter fitted to the vehicle or to a sign which:-

- (a) is displayed in, on or from the vehicle while it is stationary;
- (b) contains no words or numbers other than the name and address of an operator of the vehicle or the name under which he carries on his business and its address and, in either case, the name of a passenger or passengers to be carried in the vehicle; and
- (c) is displayed in pursuance of a prior arrangement made for the carriage of a passenger or passengers named in the sign.

(2) The proprietor shall cause to be affixed and maintained in the vehicle in a conspicuous position in accordance with the directions of the Council any sign or notice relating to private hire vehicles which the Council may from time to time require.

- (3) There may be displayed within the vehicle for the information of passengers table of fares in a form and printing previously submitted to and approved by the Council.

9. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The proprietor shall notify the Council in writing of any change of his address during the period of the licence within seven days of such change taking place.

10. CONVICTIONS

The proprietor shall within seven days disclose to the Council in writing details of any conviction imposed on him (or, if the proprietor is a company or partnership, on any of the directors or partners) during the period of the licence.

11. DEPOSIT OF DRIVER'S LICENCE

If the proprietor permits or employs any other person to drive the vehicle as a private hire vehicle, he shall before that person commences to drive the vehicle cause the driver to deliver to him his private hire driver's licence for retention until such time as the driver ceases to be permitted or employed to drive the vehicle or any other vehicle of his in which case the licence shall be promptly returned to the driver. Provided that any licence so deposited shall be made immediately available to the driver upon request if he is formally required to produce the licence by any authorised officer of the Council or police officer.

12. TAXI METERS

If any taxi meter fitted to the vehicle is repaired, adjusted or for any reason the seal is broken, or if change is made to the type of tyre fitted to the vehicle or alterations made to the vehicle's transmission gearing ratio the proprietor shall not permit or suffer the vehicle to be used for hire until the taxi meter has been satisfactorily tested and sealed by an authorised officer of the Council.

13. SPECIAL CONDITIONS (if any)

14. APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by these conditions may appeal to the magistrates' court within 21 days of being notified of the Council's requirements. There is a further right of appeal to the Crown Court against a decision of the magistrates.