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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9 OF ART 1 OF AN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE 27TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1940, BEARING THE FOLLOWING CAPTION: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF TAXICABS AND TAXICAB DRIVERS IN THE CITY OF ABILENE; PRESCRIBING LICENSE FEES FOR TAXICABS AND DRIVERS THEREOF; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE:

That an ordinance bearing the above named caption and recorded in Ordinance Book No. 4, pages 53et/^{Seo} shall be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 9. The owner or operator of any taxicab to whom is issued a permit as is provided in this ordinance, shall make and keep accurate books or records, showing the amount of the gross receipts from the operation of such taxicab, which books and records shall be subject to the examination of authorized representatives of the City of Abilene. There is hereby levied on the owner or operator of each taxicab operating in the City of Abilene a license or permit fee not to exceed two per cent (2%) on the gross receipts per annum, the payment of which shall be 2%, payable quarterly for the preceding three months, on the first days of January, April, July and October. If the payments for the first three quarters, exceeds 2% per annum on the gross receipts, then the excess shall be deducted from the payment of the last quarter; or if there is a deficit, such shall be paid on the last quarter. If the owner, or operator, operates more than one taxicab, all may be included in one statement of the gross receipts, a sworn statement of which will be filed with the City Tax Assessor-Collector with each statement and to which officer said payment of the license or permit fee shall be paid. The tax for the first quarter of the current year, shall run from the effective date of this amendment to the 1st day of April, 1948. A failure to pay said license or permit fees within ten days after the same is due or a false statement as to the amount of gross receipts of said taxicab or taxicabs, shall be sufficient grounds for the revocation of the operator's permit.

Otherwise said Ordinance as originally passed shall be in full force and effect.

The fact that the ordinances of the City of Abilene for the operation of taxicabs are inadequate and do not conform to the provisions of Art. 6698, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, and amended by the 50th Legislature, (1947), creates an emergency, which requires the suspension of the rule in Sec. 32 of the City Charter, requiring that ordinances be read and passed at two separate and distinct regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners be suspended, and said rule is hereby suspended and said ordinance is read and passed twice in the same meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Passed this the 13th day of February, A.D. 1948.


Mayor

Attest:


City Secretary

Approved as to form before passage.


Corporation Counsel