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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15, SECTION 21, AND SECTION 22, OF CHAPTER 51, THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, 1957; REQUIRING TAXICAB DRIVERS TO OBTAIN A TAXICAB DRIVER'S LICENSE FROM THE CITY OF ABILENE; REQUIRING A TAXICAB DRIVER'S LICENSE TO BE DISPLAYED TO ANY PEACE OFFICER UPON REQUEST; SETTING A FEE THEREFOR AND CERTAIN OTHER REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING A PENALTY, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

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

SECTION 1: That Section 15, of Chapter 51, of the Code of the City of Abilene, Texas, 1957, be, and it is hereby, amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 51-15. SIGNS There shall be displayed above the windshield in all cabs while in operation, the taxi driver's permit issued by the Police Department by the City of Abilene while such driver is on duty and operating a taxicab. Such permit shall be displayed to any peace officer upon request.

SECTION 2: That Section 21, Chapter 51, of the Code of the City of Abilene, Texas, 1957, be, and is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 51-21. DRIVER'S APPLICATION Every person proposing to drive a taxicab under the provisions of this chapter shall apply for registration as a taxicab driver to the Chief of Police and shall obtain a Taxicab Driver's License as provided by the City of Abilene. The Chief of Police may refuse a person a Taxicab Driver's License in the event he finds said persons; criminal record or traffic record so that he feels said person is unfit to drive a taxicab on the streets of Abilene. Each application shall be accompanied by a fee of three (\$3.00) dollars.

Every applicant shall furnish under oath the following information:

- (1) Name, age, sex, race, marital status, number of children, date and place of birth.
- (2) Residence address in the City of Abilene and telephone number.
- (3) Name and business of taxicab franchise holder to whom applicant for registration has been employed by as taxicab driver with letter from said Company stating subject has been hired as taxicab driver.
- (4) Number of years and months applicant has actually resided in the City of Abilene, next preceeding the date of application, and the number of years and months applicant has resided in the State of Texas; also, whether applicant is a citizen of the United States and whether citizenship is by birth or naturalization.
- (5) Height, weight, color of eyes, complexion, color of hair, body and facial marks, and other physical characteristics useful in identifying applicant and distinguishing applicant from other persons.
- (6) Experience applicant has had in driving a motor vehicle and specifically and by separate statement applicant's experience, if

any, in driving a taxicab, public transportation bus, or other vehicle or means of transportation for passengers or property.

(7) Number and date of issuance of State Chauffeur's License issued to applicant.

(8) Whether applicant has ever been convicted of a felony, or any offense involving moral turpitude, and full information concerning the conviction; and whether applicant has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or has been named as defendant in a civil proceeding to forfeit or suspend his driver's license.

(9) Applicant shall provide three (3) pictures of himself to be used on Taxicab Driver's License.

(10) Applicant shall provide a recent physical examination from a reliable doctor.

SECTION 3: That Section 22, Chapter 51, of the Code of the City of Abilene, Texas, 1957, be, and it is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 51-22. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS Any person, either by himself or agent, who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not to exceed \$200.00 and not less than \$5.00. Any person who shall aid, abet, or assist in the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not to exceed \$200.00 and not less than \$5.00. It shall not be necessary for the complaint to allege, or for proof to be made, that the act was knowingly done; nor shall it be necessary for the complaint to negate any exception contained in this chapter concerning any prohibited act, but any such exception made herein may be urged as a defense by any person charged by such applicant. Any persons holding a Taxicab Driver's License that is found unfit for physical or moral reasons to drive a taxicab on the streets of Abilene can have their License revoked by order of Chief of Police.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall be effective upon final passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING THIS 30th day of April, A.D., 1959.

After said passage a notice of time and place, when and where said ordinance would be given a public hearing and considered for final passage was published in the Abilene Reporter-News, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Abilene, said publication being on the 4th day of May, 1959, the same being more than on week prior to the time designated for said hearing. After such opportunity for the public to be heard, said ordinance was passed

on its SECOND AND FINAL READING on the 14th day of May,
A. D., 1959.

MAYOR

Asst. Minster

ATTEST:

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CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM BEFORE PASSAGE:

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