

## CHAPTER 5.37 - HORSE TAXIS

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### 5.37.010 - Definitions.

- A. A "horse taxi" is a non-motorized vehicle drawn by a horse, pony, mule, donkey or the like, such as a horse carriage, used for the transportation of passengers and incidental baggage for compensation upon the streets of the City of Port Angeles, available for use by the general public.
- B. An "animal" in this chapter refers to horses, ponies, mules, donkeys or the like, used to draw a horse taxi.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

### 5.37.020 - Activities requiring license.

No person may own, operate, use or drive a horse taxi unless the vehicle is licensed under this chapter, and no person may drive a horse taxi without a driver's license issued under this chapter.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

### 5.37.030 - Vehicle license/application.

An applicant for a horse taxi license must submit:

- A. Proof of ownership or lessee's interest in the vehicle;
- B. The name and address of the owner of the vehicle;
- C. The make, model, year of manufacture, color and identifying insignia or number of the vehicle;
- D. A certificate of public liability insurance, naming the City as an additional insured in an amount of not less than the coverage limits required by the State of Washington for for-hire vehicles. Proof of said insurance shall require the filing with the City Clerk of a certificate of insurance providing the required coverage. Such policy shall provide a minimum 30 days' written

notice to the City of the cancellation of the policy or change in the liability limits. The insurance liability limits herein shall be subject to automatic increase if the minimum coverage required by state law is increased for state for-hire vehicles permits; and,

E. The schedule or schedules of rates and charges in the form required by section 5.37.060

F. A plan for the proper disposal of manure and other debris related to the horse taxi operation.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.035 - License issuance for operation of business.**

No business license to operate a horse taxi shall be issued except by the City Clerk, or her designee, after review of the license application and inspection reports of the Chief of Police, or his designee. The City Clerk may, in her discretion, approve or deny the application. Any applicant denied a license by the City Clerk shall have the right to appeal as outlined in section 5.04.060 of the Port Angeles Municipal Code.

(Ord. 3039 § 2, 12/17/1999; Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.040 - Business license expiration.**

A horse taxi business license expires on June 30th of each year.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.050 - Business license transfer.**

A horse taxi business license is not transferable to another person or vehicle.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.060 - Rates and charges.**

A. The City does not regulate the rates and charges of horse taxis except to require that they be uniform for all vehicles of the same company, that certain measures be taken before rates are changed, that they not illegally discriminate against any person or class. of person, and that the rate schedule include certain items.

B. Before putting into effect any changed rates, a licensee must file a new schedules with the City Clerk or his/her designee at least 15 days in advance of such change.

C. If applicable, a licensee must include in the required rate schedule charges for:

1. Waiting time, on an hourly basis;
2. Initial drop on all trips, including the first tenth of a mile.
3. Distance based on uniform increments of one-tenth of a mile;
4. Each additional passenger; and,
5. Additional baggage.

- D. Any separate rates for service charged by the licensee must clearly specify when and under what conditions the respective rates will apply.
- E. A licensee may by written contract establish a fare for specific transportation different than the specified rate.
- F. The fare schedule shall be posted in a conspicuous place in every vehicle.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.070 - Required records.**

Every holder of a horse taxi license must keep the license and all documents showing compliance with the requirements of this Code available for inspection by the City Clerk or his or her designee at the office address shown on the license. If the holder operates only one horse taxi, the records may be kept on the holder's person or with the taxi, in which case they shall be available for inspection by any police officer of the City. Every licensee must keep the required records at least three years.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.080 - Business operation regulations.**

Every licensee has an affirmative and continuing obligation too insure that:

- A. All records, documents and information required under this Code be kept current and accurate;
- B. No vehicle be operated by a driver under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs;
- C. Neither the licensee nor any employee engage in any unfair method of competition or deceptive practice; and,
- D. The animal or animals shall be treated in a safe and humane manner in accordance with all state or local laws and receive prompt veterinary care for any illness or injury.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.090 - Police chief requirements.**

- A. Because of the relative lack of speed and maneuverability of horse taxis, the Chief of Police may impose special requirements on the vehicle license, including prohibiting travel on certain arterials in a congested district or narrow streets and restricting the hours of operation on certain streets. Unless the vehicle is equipped with approved lighting, the Chief may prohibit operation during hours of darkness or during times of low visibility. Each vehicle shall be equipped with signs and lights as required by state law.
- B. Although a horse taxi is subject to all traffic laws applicable to vehicles when operating on the public ways, the Chief may approve a specific route set forth in the application including places not normally accessible to motor vehicles.
- C. Subject to the approval of the Police Chief, each owner/operator shall designate and make provision for an off-street area to stand, park or discharge and load passengers. If the owner/operator of a horse taxi has not made provision for an off-street area to stand, park or discharge and load

passengers, the Chief of Police may designate an area or areas along City streets for such purpose after consultation with the City's traffic engineer. When areas have been so designated, horse taxis shall not stand or park in any other area not designated for such use.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.100 - Driver's license application.**

An applicant for a horse tax driver's license must submit:

A. A statement:

1. of name, age and address for the past five years;
2. of current and last preceding place of employment;
3. whether previously employed or licensed as a horse taxi driver and if so, the reasons why not now so employed.
4. that he/she has been a licensed motor vehicle operator for at least two years.
5. of the ability to read and speak the English language;
6. that he/she is not and has not for the two years preceding been addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor or drugs;

B. Proof:

1. that he/she holds a current, valid Washington State driver's license; and,
2. that he/she has not been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude, or of a felony relating to the fitness or ability to operate a horse taxi within ten years, or driving under the influence of intoxicants or drugs or reckless driving within one year.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.110 - Driver's license expiration.**

Horse taxi driver's licenses expire June 30 of each year.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.120 - Driver's license transfer.**

A horse taxi driver's license is not transferable to another person or vehicle.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.125 - License and other related fees.**

The fee for a vehicle license issued under PAMC 5.37.030 and for a driver's license issued under PAMC 5.37.100 shall be as set forth in PAMC 3.70.010. The fee is not subject to proration.

(Ord. 2932 § 19, 10/11/1996; Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.130 - Issuance.**

The City Clerk, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, is authorized to issue a driver's license for a horse taxi.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.140 - Display.**

Every driver must display his/her license in a conspicuous place inside the horse taxi clearly visible from the passenger compartment at all times when he or she is operating or in charge of the vehicle.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)

**5.37.150 - Driver's regulations.**

It is a violation and grounds for suspension or revocation of a horse taxi driver's license for any horse-drawn taxi driver to:

- A. Commit three or more moving violations while driving a horse taxi during any 12-month period;
- B. Be guilty of a felony involving moral turpitude;
- C. Be guilty of reckless driving or driving offenses while drive a horse-drawn taxi involving the use of alcohol or drugs;
- D. Fail to deliver to the Police Department within 24 hours any property of value left in any vehicle;
- E. Allow a person to enter or alight from the vehicle while it is in motion or pick up or discharge a passenger at any place other than the curb or pavement edge;
- F. Allow a passenger to consume intoxicating liquor or retain an open container of liquor or to consume or use controlled substances while in the horse-drawn taxi;
- G. Pick up any additional passengers without the express consent of the original passenger;
- H. Refuse ton pick up as a passenger any person of proper deportment when the vehicle is available, or discriminate against any person because of race, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age or mental or sensory handicap;
- I. By reason of neglect or intent to cause or allow any animal under his/her care to endure pain, suffering or injury or to fail or neglect to aid or attempt alleviation of pain, suffering or injury he/she has so caused to any animal under his/her care;
- J. Leave any animal under his/her care unattended, whether tethered or untethered, within any area of the City; and,
- K. Fail to promptly collect and properly dispose of manure or other debris related to the horse taxi's operation.

(Ord. 2868 § 1 (part), 5/26/1995)



References: (Include names of at least three persons who have known applicant for at least one year and whom the City may contact to verify information given:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach copies of the following items:

1. Description of taxicabs/for-hire vehicles owned and operated by applicant. Include ownership, number and classification of vehicles to be operated, and name (fictitious or otherwise) under which the applicant intends to operate.
2. Distinguishing color scheme, design, or dress, including any monogram or insignia to be used on such taxicabs/for-hire vehicles.
3. Certificate of Insurance as required.
4. Copy of list of employees as well as copies of employee's Washington State Driver's Licenses.
5. List of proposed rates.

**In the event there are any false statements contained in this application, the license may be denied.**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please submit the license fee, the completed application and any attachments to:

Kari Martinez-Bailey, City Clerk  
 City of Port Angeles  
 321 East Fifth Street  
 Port Angeles, WA 98362

Phone: 360-417-4634  
[cityclerk@cityofpa.us](mailto:cityclerk@cityofpa.us)  
[www.cityofpa.us](http://www.cityofpa.us)

Full Year License Charge:	Partial Year License Charge:	Temporary License Charge:
<p><b>\$25 (July 1 – June 30)</b></p>	<p><b>Application Date:</b>                      July 1-31: \$23                      August 1-31: \$21                      September 1-30: \$19                      October 1-31: \$17                      November 1-30: \$15                      December 1-31: \$13                      January 1-31: \$11                      February 1 - June30: \$10</p>	<p><b>\$10 per month</b></p>