

**City of South Portland
Office of the City Clerk
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Taxicab Driver's Application

§14-60

_____ to June 30, 20__

Name of Applicant: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Applicant's Resident Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Name of Employer: _____ Employer Telephone: _____

Address of Employer: _____

Requirements:

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| 1. Sufficient evidence of age requirement of 18 (Driver's license) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Demonstration of reading, writing and English skills | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Valid Maine driver's license # _____ Exp. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Valid letter from a Maine licensed physician, indicating fitness to drive a taxicab | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Two recent photographs (Passport picture size: 2"x2") | <input type="checkbox"/> |

State any and all municipalities in which you have operated a taxicab: _____

Has your right to drive a taxicab ever been suspended or revoked by any municipality? _____

If so, explain: _____

Have you ever been arrested, indicted, convicted or court martialed for any violation of the law? _____

If yes, state particulars and disposition: _____

I certify that all statements made in this application are true and I agree and understand that any misstatements of material facts may result in refusal of license or revocation of license if one has been granted. I authorize the City of South Portland to make a police records check pursuant to 16 MRSA §620(6).

Applicant Signature

Date

License Fee: \$25.00

Processing Fee: \$20.00

*Background check: \$25.00

Total: \$70.00

**All Applicants (New & Renewal) - Background Check Fee
\$25.00/per name*

Municipal Use Only

Date of Application: _____ Date Paid: _____ Receipt #: _____

Police Chief

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Comment _____

CODE OF ORDINANCES – CHAPTER 14

Sec. 14-60. Taxicab driver's license required; license applications; issuance of license; appeal upon denial of application; badge and identification cards; term of license; filing of list of drivers.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a taxicab for hire in the City of South Portland without first having obtained a taxicab driver's license in accordance with the provisions of this section unless such person holds a valid license issued under a municipal ordinance whose provisions and requirements are substantially similar to the provision of this section. Such license shall be issued by the City Clerk upon satisfaction by the applicant of the requirements set forth in subsections (a) and (b) below. Such license shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance (unless earlier suspended or revoked under Section 14-65(c) of this Article) and must be renewed annually in the same manner and subject to the same terms and conditions as an initial application. A taxicab driver's license shall be nontransferable.

- (a) *Application for license.* Application for a taxicab driver's license shall be made on a form furnished by and filed with the City Clerk. A nonrefundable license fee as specified in the Schedule of License, Permit and Application Fees established by City Council order shall accompany the application. A completed application form shall be signed and verified by the applicant and shall contain:
- (1) The address of the applicant for purposes of any and all notices and other mailings required to be given under this Article;
 - (2) A record of conviction of any criminal offense punishable by incarceration for any period of time, regardless of whether a sentence of incarceration was in fact imposed or served, or a statement that no such conviction exists;
 - (3) The identity of each municipality in which the applicant has operated a taxicab for hire, whether the right to operate in any such municipality has ever been suspended or revoked, and a detailed explanation of the reasons for and circumstances surrounding any such suspension or revocation;
 - (4) A record of conviction of any OUI, DTE, speeding or other moving violation within the previous ten years, the date of such conviction, the punishment imposed, and the location of the court in which such conviction was entered, or a statement that no such conviction exists;
 - (5) Authorization by the applicant to all persons and governmental agencies having information relevant to subsections (a)(1) through (a)(4) above to release upon request of the City Clerk such information which may aid his determination of whether to issue, suspend or revoke a taxicab driver's license; and
 - (6) Such other information as the applicant deems appropriate or as the City Clerk may reasonably require to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to ensure the safe care, custody and transportation of passengers.
- (b) *Evidence in support of application.* In addition to filing a completed application form, an applicant for a taxicab driver's license must satisfy each of the following requirements:
- (1) Present sufficient evidence that the applicant is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - (2) Demonstrate that the applicant can fluently read, write and speak the English language;
 - (3) Present a valid State of Maine driver's license;
 - (4) Present at the time of the initial license application a valid letter from a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maine

indicating the applicant's fitness to safely operate a motor vehicle, and a supplemental letter every year thereafter stating the licensee's continuing fitness to safely operate a motor vehicle;

- (5) Submit two (2) recent photographs of himself measuring not more than one and one-half (1 1/2) inches by one and three-quarters (1 3/4) inches;
 - (6) Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Police Chief or his designee that the applicant is competent to operate a motor vehicle safely and in accordance with all applicable traffic laws and ordinances; provided, that conviction of a predicate offense to habitual offender status under the laws of Maine during the year immediately preceding the date of the application shall create a rebuttable presumption that the applicant does not satisfy the requirements of this paragraph;
- (c) *Badge and identification card.* A taxicab driver's license shall be signed by the City Clerk. Upon the issuance of such a license, the City Clerk shall deliver to the licensee a badge bearing the words "City of South Portland Taxicab Driver's License", which badge shall be worn conspicuously by the licensee at all times while performing his/her job functions as a taxicab driver. The City Clerk shall also deliver to the licensee an identification card bearing a recent photograph of the licensee and the licensee's name. The taxicab driver's license must be placed in the taxicab in a location easily visible and readable to the passenger(s).
- (d) *Current list of taxicab drivers.* Each owner shall on the first day of each certificate year file with the City Clerk a current list of all taxicab drivers in the owner's employ and of the license number assigned to each such driver. Each owner shall promptly notify the City Clerk of any additions or subtractions to such list during the certificate year.
- (e) *Appeal of denial of license.* If an application for a taxicab driver's license is denied because of failure to comply with the terms of this section, the unsuccessful applicant may appeal such denial to the City Council within ten (10) days after notification thereof is mailed to the applicant. An appeal from the decision of the City Council may be taken to the Superior Court as provided by applicable law.