

CITY OF NORTH BATTLEFORD
SASKATCHEWAN

BYLAW NO. 1762

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF NORTH BATTLEFORD IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN RESPECTING METERED TAXI-CABS.

WHEREAS, Subsection 8(1) of *The Cities Act* authorizes a Council to pass any bylaw that is considered expedient for promoting the health, safety, morality and welfare of the inhabitants of the urban municipality; and

WHEREAS, Subsection 8(3) of *The Cities Act* authorizes a Council, by bylaw, to classify, control, regulate and license any business carried on within the urban municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of North Battleford deems it expedient to provide for the control and regulating of taxi-cabs and taxi-cab drivers within the City of North Battleford;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BATTLEFORD IN OPEN MEETING ASSEMBLED ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This bylaw may be cited as the Taxi-Cab Bylaw.
2. For the purposes of this bylaw, a taxi-cab is an automobile used for the conveyance of passengers for a fee within the City of North Battleford but does not include a public service vehicle or a vehicle of a transportation company having a franchise to operate within the City of North Battleford.
3. Every owner and every operator of a taxi-cab operated within the City shall cause the same to be equipped at all times with a taxi-meter of a type approved by the City.
4. Every taxi-meter shall be equipped with an electric light of sufficient candle power and so focused that during hours of darkness the dial of the taxi-meter will be illuminated adequately at all times when the taxi-cab is under hire.

5. Every owner, or operator of a taxi-cab, or employee of such owner or operator shall:
 - (a) attach the taxi-meter to the taxi-cab as directed by the City License Inspector;
 - (b) when requested by the City License Inspector, submit his taxi-cab for inspection and run the taxi-cab over a measured course for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the meter;
 - (c) have every taxi-meter sealed by the City License Inspector before being placed in use and advise the City License Inspector immediately if it becomes necessary to break the seal;
 - (d) keep a record of each test of a taxi-meter, which record shall be available for inspection by the City License Inspector;
 - (e) post and keep posted in a conspicuous place in each taxi-cab the tariff of fees as herein provided;
 - (f) before being issued a City taxi license, produce a valid safety inspection certificate issued by a taxi inspection station certified by Saskatchewan Government Insurance;
 - (g) having obtained the valid safety inspection certificate referred to in (f) above, carry it in the taxi at all times and display an inspection decal on the right side rear window of the taxi;
 - (h) maintain standards of taxi-cab repair and appearance as established by the City;
 - (i) maintain standards of personal decorum and appearance as established by the City;
 - (j) display in the taxi in such a location where it can be easily seen by a passenger or passengers, his/her photograph attached to a taxi identification card issued and signed by the Chief of Police or his designate;
 - (k) maintain accurate records of the operations of each taxi-cab and make the same available to the City upon request.
6. Any person who violates any of the provisions of Section 5 hereof, in addition to the penalties provided for in Section 15, shall be liable to the suspension or revocation of the City Taxi License until such time as the alleged violation is discontinued or rectified.
7. The operator of a taxi-cab shall proceed by the most direct route to the point of destination unless otherwise requested by the passenger.

8. No person shall tamper with any taxi-meter or the seal thereon after it is sealed as herein provided for and no person shall operate any taxi-cab on which a meter has been tampered with or on which the seal provided for herein is not intact.
9. No operator of a taxi-cab shall, while carrying a passenger, display the flag of the taxi-meter on said taxi-cab at such a position as to indicate that such taxi-cab is not employed, nor shall such operator have the flag of the taxi-meter of the said taxi-cab in a recording position while the said taxi-cab is not actually engaged by a passenger; nor shall the operator fail to throw the flag of the taxi-meter to a non-recording position at the termination of the engagement, provided however, that the operator shall not be required to have the flag of the taxi-meter in the recording position when engaged in carrying passengers on:
 - (a) tours of the City;
 - (b) funeral drives;
 - (c) airline contracts from airport to central business district or central business district to airport.
10. Every taxi-cab licensee shall have a bona-fide place of business in the City with a telephone installed therein.
11. Every person shall charge or collect the following fee and no other for the hire of a taxi-cab within the City:
 - (a) the starting rate on the flag: \$4.00;
 - (b) for each and every additional sixty-nine (69) metres: \$0.10; and
 - (c) for waiting at the request of the passenger twenty-nine dollars (\$29.00) per hour by meter;

NOTWITHSTANDING Section 11 hereof, every person operating a taxi-cab in the City of North Battleford may discount fares in certain appropriate circumstances – examples: for a contract for service and/or senior citizens, for the pick up and delivery of parcels.
12. Section 11 of this Bylaw does not apply to any trip by taxi-cab which extends beyond the limits of the City of North Battleford.
13. All licensed operators and drivers shall:
 - (a) be familiar with the City of North Battleford and the Town of Battleford;

- (b) obtain and annually update a certificate of good character from the Chief of Police, or designated officer of the City's law enforcement agency, in a form prescribed by the City. The certificate shall be updated on the renewal date of the license, or in the case of a new application, the certificate shall be submitted on the date of application.
14. Any applicant for a taxi-cab license shall provide the City with the make, model, serial number and year, of the vehicle or vehicles for which a taxi-cab license is obtained, as well as the name of the registered owner of the vehicle or vehicles. All licensed operators and drivers shall display the taxi-cab number provided by the City, in a prominent place on the vehicle.
15. Any person found guilty of a breach of any of the provisions of this Bylaw shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a penalty of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and costs, and in default of payment to a term of imprisonment not exceeding Thirty (30) days).
16. Bylaw No. 1514 and all amendments to Bylaw No. 1514 are hereby repealed.
17. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

INTRODUCED AND READ A FIRST TIME THIS 24th DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2005.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 24th DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2005.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 13th DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 2005.

"Julian Sadlowski"
MAYOR

"Elaine J. Kostiuk"
CITY CLERK