

## CONDITIONS AND BYE-LAWS FOR LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES AND DRIVERS

1. In this Licence 'authorised officer' has the same meaning as in Section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

'the Council' means the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport.

'taxi' has the same meaning as in the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 as amended.

'identification plate' means the plate issued by the Council for the purpose of identifying the vehicle as a taxi.

'the Proprietor' has the same meaning as in Section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

'taximeter' has the same meaning as in Section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

2. The identification plate when issued by the Council must be affixed to the exterior of the taxi at the rear of the taxi by the proprietor in accordance with the reasonable instructions of the authorised officer of the Council at the cost of the proprietor.
3. The proprietor of the taxi shall ensure the identification plate is maintained and kept in such condition that the information contained on the identification plate is clearly visible to the public view at all times.
4. The identification plate shall be securely fixed to the vehicle in accordance with the instructions of the authorised officer but in such a manner as to be easily removed by any authorised officer of the Council or a Constable.
5. The proprietor of the taxi shall cause the number of the taxi licence granted by the Council in respect of the taxi to be clearly marked and maintained inside the vehicle in such a position as to be clearly visible at all times to persons being conveyed in the carriage.
6. The proprietor shall ensure that the taxi shall be maintained in a sound mechanical and structural condition at all times and be capable of satisfying the Council's

mechanical and structural inspection at all times during the continuance of the vehicle licence in respect of the vehicle.

7. The interior and exterior of the taxi shall be kept in a clean condition and maintained in a safe condition by the proprietor.
8. The proprietor shall not allow the mechanical and structural specification of the taxi to be varied without the written consent of the Council and the vehicle shall at all times be as the manufacturer's specification.
9. The proprietor of the taxi shall:
  - a) provide sufficient means by which any person in the carriage may communicate with the driver during the course of the hiring
  - b) cause the interior of the vehicle to be kept wind and water tight.
  - c) provide any necessary windows and means of opening and closing with not less than one window on each side of the passenger compartment
  - d) cause the seats in the passenger compartment to be properly cushioned and covered.
  - e) cause the floor of the passenger compartment to be provided with a proper carpet, mat or other suitable covering.
  - f) cause fitting and furniture of the carriage to be kept in a clean condition and well maintained and in every way fit and safe for public use.
  - g) provide facilities for the conveyance of luggage safely and protected from inclement weather.
  - h) provide and maintain to the satisfaction of the authorised officer an efficient fire extinguisher.
  - i) provide at least two doors for use of persons conveyed in such carriage and a separate means of ingress and egress for the driver.
  - j) Provide and maintain a first aid kit containing the following first aid dressings and appliances:
    - 1 First Aid Guidance Leaflet
    - 3 medium size sterile wound dressings No 8
    - 1 large size sterile wound dressing No 9
    - 1 extra large sterile wound dressing No 3
    - 20 assorted sterile adhesive dressings (plasters)
    - 2 triangular bandages 95cm x 134cm
    - 6 safety pins (assorted)
    - 1 pair scissors (blunt ends)
    - 10 alcohol free moist wipes

All materials for dressing and bandages, including cotton wool, shall be those designated in and of a grade or quality not lower than the standards prescribed by the current British Pharmaceutical Code, and all instruments and appliances shall be

of a reliable quality and suitable design and construction and shall be carried in such a position in the taxi as to be readily available for use and be prominently marked and the said dressings and appliances shall at all times be maintained in good condition and available for inspection by an authorised officer of the Council from time to time.

10. Any damage to a taxi materially affecting the safety performance or appearance of the vehicle shall be reported by the proprietor to the Council in accordance with Section 50 (3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
11. The proprietor shall not cause or permit any sign, notice or advertisement to be displayed in, on or from the taxi unless such sign, notice or advertisement has been approved in writing by the Council.
12. The proprietor shall cause to be affixed and maintained in a conspicuous position in or on the vehicle in accordance with the directions of the Council any sign or notices required from time to time by the Council and shall retain in the vehicle the map issued to him in connection with the Greater Manchester Act 1981, Section 166.
13. The Proprietor shall not permit the taxi to be used to carry a greater number of passengers than the number prescribed in the licence and two children under the age of ten shall be counted as one person.
14. The proprietor shall not permit any person other than the driver to ride in the front of the vehicle and animals in no circumstances must be carried therein. Persons are permitted to ride in the front of a Ford Granada or a Volvo 244 providing the seat belt is worn.
15. The proprietor shall cause the taxi to be fitted with a taximeter of a type and make approved by the Council before plying for hire and for it to be located within the vehicle in accordance with reasonable instructions of the authorised officer.
16. The proprietor shall cause the taximeter to be maintained in a sound mechanical condition at all times.
17. The proprietor shall cause the taximeter to be set to display the fare table adopted by the Council from time to time.
18. The proprietor shall not use or permit to be used a taximeter that the Council has not sealed to prevent unauthorised adjustment of taximeter.

19. The proprietor shall not permit the taximeter to be fitted with an automatic second tariff unless second tariff is brought into force without driver operation.
20. The proprietor shall cause the taximeter to be fitted with a key to bring the machinery into action and cause the word "HIRED" to appear on the face of the meter as soon as the vehicle is hired.
21. The proprietor shall ensure that when the vehicle is "FOR HIRE" the key is to be locked and machinery kept inactive and the meter must show no fare at all times.
22. The proprietor shall ensure the "FOR HIRE" sign on the roof of the vehicle or other illuminated sign is extinguished when the fare commences and the taximeter is brought into operation.
23. The proprietor shall ensure that when the taximeter is brought into operation that fare and permitted extras will be shown legibly on the face of the meter and shall be no more than permitted by the approved tariff.
24. The proprietor shall ensure the "FARE" shall be printed on the face of the meter in clear letters so as to apply the fare recorded thereon.
25. The proprietor shall ensure that the taximeter is in such a position in the carriage that the figures recorded thereon are clearly visible to any passenger being carried therein.
26. The proprietor shall ensure that the taximeter is sufficiently illuminated that when in use it is visible to all passengers.
27. The proprietor shall ensure that the taximeter and all its fittings are affixed to the carriage with seals or by other means so that it shall not be practicable for any person to tamper with the meter except by breaking or damaging or permanently displacing the seals and other fittings.
28. The proprietor undertakes to ensure that the taximeter will not be replaced without prior permission of the Council.
29. The proprietor shall ensure that a copy of the fare table supplied by the Council from time to time is exhibited inside the carriage at all times.

30. The proprietor shall ensure that the fare table is not concealed from view or rendered illegible while the vehicle is plying for hire.
31. The proprietor shall retain the licence of all drivers driving his vehicle and produce the same to an authorised officer or Constable on request.
32. The proprietor shall ensure that no radio equipment is fitted to any of his taxis without the prior written consent of the Council except where that radio equipment will allow the driver to communicate with an operator.
33. The proprietor shall ensure that any radio equipment fitted to his taxi is at all times kept in a safe and sound condition and maintained in proper working order.
34. The proprietor of a taxi shall immediately disclose to the Council in writing details of any convictions and details of any adult cautions by the Police imposed on him during the currency of his licence.
35. The licence holder will attend the Licensing Environment & Safety Committee following any conviction in respect of a criminal offence.
36. A licence in respect of which the licence fee has been paid by cheque shall not be effective until the cheque has been cleared.

## **METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STOCKPORT BYE-LAWS**

Made under Section 68 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Section 171 of the Public Health Act 1875, by the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport with respect to

**HACKNEY CARRIAGES** in the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport

### **Interpretation:**

1. Throughout these bye-laws "The Council" means the METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL OF STOCKPORT "The District" means the area of the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport.

### **Provisions regulating the manner in which the number of the hackney carriage corresponding with the number of its licence shall be displayed:**

2. (a) the proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause the number of licence granted to him in respect of the carriage to be legibly painted or marked on the outside and inside of the carriage or on the plates affixed thereto.  
(b) A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall:
  - i) Not wilfully or negligently cause or suffer any such number to be concealed from public view whilst the carriage is standing or plying for hire.
  - ii) Not cause or permit the carriage to stand or ply for hire with any such paintings, marking or plate so defaced that any figure or material particular is illegible.

### **Provisions regulating how Hackney Carriages are to be furnished or provided:**

3. The proprietor of a Hackney Carriage shall:
  - a) provide sufficient means by which any person in the carriage may communicate with the driver;
  - b) cause the roof or covering to be kept water tight;
  - c) provide any necessary windows and a means of opening and closing not less than one window on each side;
  - d) cause the seals to be properly cushioned and covered;
  - e) cause the floor to be provided with a proper carpet, mat or other suitable covering;
  - f) cause the fittings and furniture generally to be kept in a clean condition, well maintained and in every way fit for public service;
  - g) provide means for securing luggage if the carriage is so constructed as to carry luggage;
  - h) provide an efficient fire extinguisher which shall be carried in such a position as to be readily available for use;

- i) provide at least two doors for the use of persons conveyed in such carriage and a separate means of ingress and egress for the driver;
  - j) provide adequate first aid material which shall be carried in such a position as to be readily available for use.
4. The proprietor of a Hackney carriage shall cause any taximeter with which the carriage is provided to be so constructed, attached and maintained as to comply with the following requirements, that is to say:
- a) the taximeter shall be fitted with a key, flag or other device the turning of which will bring the machinery of the taximeter into action and cause the word "HIRED" to appear on the face of the taximeter
  - b) such key, flag or other device shall be capable of being locked in such a position that the machinery of the taximeter is not in action and that no fare is recorded on the face of the taximeter;
  - c) when the machinery of the taximeter is in action, there shall be recorded on the face of the taximeter in clearly legible figures a fare, not exceeding the rate of fare which the proprietor or driver is entitled to demand for the hire of the carriage by distance in pursuance of the bye-law in that behalf;
  - d) the word FARE shall be printed on the face of the taximeter in plain letters so as clearly to apply to the fare recorded thereon;
  - e) the taximeter shall be so placed that all letters and figures on the face thereof are at all times plainly visible to any person being conveyed in the carriage and for that purpose the letters and figures shall be capable of being suitably illuminated during any period of hiring;
  - f) the taximeter and all the fittings thereof shall be so affixed to the carriage with seals or other appliances that it shall not be practicable for any person to tamper with them except by breaking, damaging or permanently displacing the seals or other appliances;

**Provisions regulating the conduct of the proprietors and drivers of Hackney carriages plying for hire within the district in the several employments and determining whether such drivers shall wear any and what badges:**

5. The driver of a Hackney carriage provided with a taximeter shall:
- a) when standing or plying for hire, keep the key, flag or other device fitted in pursuance of the bye-law in that behalf locked in the position in which no fare is recorded on the face of the taximeter;
  - b) As soon as the carriage is hired by distance and before beginning the journey, bring the machinery of the taximeter into action by moving the said key, flag or other device so that the word HIRED is legible on the face of the taximeter and keep the machinery of the taximeter in action until the termination of the hiring;
  - c) Cause the dial of the taximeter to be kept properly illuminated throughout any part of the hiring which is during the hours of darkness as defined for the purposes of the Road Traffic Act 1972 and also at any other time at the request of the hirer.

6. A proprietor or driver of a Hackney carriage shall not tamper with, or permit any person to tamper with any taximeter with which the carriage is provided, with the fittings thereof, or with the seals affixed thereto.
7. The driver of a Hackney carriage shall, when plying for hire in any street and not actually hired:
  - a) proceed with reasonable speed to one of the stands fixed by the bye-law in that behalf;
  - b) if a stand at the time of his arrival is occupied by the full number of carriages authorised to occupy it, proceed to another stand;
  - c) on arriving at a stand, not already occupied by the full number of carriages authorised to occupy it, station the carriage immediately behind the carriage or carriages on the stand and so as to face in the same direction;
  - d) from time to time when any other carriage immediately in front is driven off or moved forward, cause his carriage to be moved forward so as to fill the place previously occupied by the carriage driven off or moved forward.
8. A proprietor or driver of a Hackney carriage when standing or plying for hire shall not by calling out or otherwise, importune any person to hire such carriage and shall not make use of the services of any other person for the purpose.
9. The driver of a Hackney carriage shall behave in a civil and orderly manner and shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of persons conveyed in or entering or alighting from the vehicle.
10. The proprietor or driver of a Hackney carriage who has agreed or who has been hired to be in attendance with the carriage at an appointed time and place, shall unless delayed or prevented by some sufficient cause, punctually attend with such carriage at such appointed time and place.
11. The driver of a Hackney carriage when hired to drive to any particular destination shall, subject to any directions given by the hirer, proceed to that destination by the shortest available route.
12. A proprietor or driver of a Hackney carriage shall not convey or permit to be conveyed in such carriage any greater number of persons than the number of persons specified on the plate affixed to the outside of the carriage.
13. If a badge has been provided by the Council and delivered to the driver of a Hackney carriage, either with the licence granted to him by the Council, or afterwards, he shall when standing or plying for hire and when hired, wear that badge in such a position and manner as to be plainly visible.

14. The driver of a Hackney carriage so constructed as to carry luggage shall when requested by any person hiring or seeking to hire the carriage:
- a) convey a reasonable quantity of luggage
  - b) afford reasonable assistance in loading and unloading
  - c) afford reasonable assistance in removing it to or from the entrance of any building, station or place at which he may take up or set down such person.
15. The driver of a Hackney carriage who is standing, plying or driving for hire shall at any time when required by an Officer of the Council or any Police Constable, or any person who is in or upon the carriage, produce a copy of these bye-laws, clean and in good order for perusal and inspection by that Officer, Constable or person.
16. Each of the several places specified in the following list shall be a stand for such a number of Hackney carriages as is specified in the list.
- Chestergate, Stockport south side from its junction with Mersey Square to a point 115 metres in an easterly direction. Space for 23 taxis
- Princes Street, Stockport North west side from a point 40 feet in a southwesterly direction from the southwesterly kerbline of Brown Street extending in a southwesterly direction for 15 metres. Space for 3 taxis
- St Petersgate, Stockport North side of St Petersgate from a point 45 feet in an easterly direction from the easterly kerbline to the entrance road to the North West Water Authority's premises, extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres (Between 18.30 and 24.00 hours only). Space for 2 taxis.
- Tiviot Dale, Stockport East side from its junction with Bridge Street and Percy Street for 27 metres in a northerly direction. Space for 5 taxis
- Castle Street, Edgeley North side from a point 12 metres west of its junction with York Street for a distance of 12 metres. Space for 2 taxis.
- Castle Street, Edgeley North side from a point 5 metres east of the westerly kerbline of Worrall Street, for a distance of 12 metres. Space for 2 taxis.
- Grand Central Way, Stockport on the westerly side from a point 73 metres from its junction with Railway Road for a distance of 20 metres. Space for 4 taxis.
- Grand Central Way, Stockport Storage rank on the easterly side 12 metres from the junction with Railway Road for a distance of 20 metres. Space for 4 taxis. (Between 0900 to 0330)
- Railway Road, Stockport On the north side, from a point 10 metres east of its junction with Grand Central Way for 45 metres in an easterly direction, Space for 9 taxis. (Between 2330 and 0330)

**Provisions fixing the rates or fares to be paid for Hackney Carriages within the District and securing the due publication of such fares:**

17. The proprietor or driver of a Hackney carriage shall be entitled to demand and take for the hire of the carriage the rate or fare prescribed by the Council. The rate or fare being calculated by the distance unless the hirer expresses at the commencement of the hiring his desire to engage him by time. Provided always that where a Hackney carriage furnished with a taximeter shall be hired by distance, the proprietor or driver thereof shall not be entitled to demand and take a fare greater than that recorded on the face of the taximeter, save for any extra charges authorised by the fare table, which it may not be possible to record on the face of the taximeter, including the extra charge for hirings begun between midnight and 06.00am which shall be specified in the Council's statement exhibited inside the carriage.
18.
  - a) The proprietor of a Hackney carriage shall cause a statement of the fares fixed by the Council from time to time in that behalf to be exhibited inside the carriage, in clearly distinguishable letters and figures.
  - b) The proprietor or driver of a Hackney carriage bearing a statement of fares in accordance with these bye-laws shall not willingly or negligently cause or suffer the letters or figures in the statement to be concealed or rendered illegible at any time while the carriage is plying or being used for hire.

**Provisions securing the safe custody and re-delivery of any property accidentally left in a Hackney carriage and fixing the charges to be made in respect thereof:**

- 19 The proprietor or driver of a Hackney carriage shall immediately after the termination of any hiring or as soon as practicable thereafter, carefully search the carriage for any property which may have been accidentally left therein.
- 20 The proprietor or driver of a Hackney carriage shall if any property, accidentally left therein by any person who may have been conveyed in the carriage, be found or handed to him:
  - a) carry it as soon as possible and in any event within 48 hours if not sooner claimed by or on behalf of its owner to a Police Station in the Metropolitan Borough and leave it in the custody of the Officer in charge at the office on his giving a receipt for it.
  - b) Be entitled to receive from any person to whom the property shall be re-delivered an amount equal to five pence in the pound of its estimated value (or the fare for the distance from the place of finding to the Office of the Council whichever be the greater) but not more than five pounds.

**Penalties:**

21. Every person who shall offend against any of these bye-laws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine, not exceeding five pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction thereof.

**Repeal of Bye-laws:**

22. The following bye-laws are hereby repealed:

| Date Bye-Law Made | By Whom Made                                                                                                               | Date Confirmed                                                                   |
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| 30 May 1975       | Stockport MBC<br>for the former urban<br>districts of Hazel Grove,<br>Bramhall, Cheadle &<br>Gatley, Bredbury &<br>Romiley | 25 July 1975<br>by One of the Her<br>Majesty's Principal<br>Secretaries of State |
| 7 July 1965       | Stockport County<br>Borough Council                                                                                        | 11 November 1965<br>by the above                                                 |
| 11 December 1972  | Marple Urban<br>District Council                                                                                           | 24 October 1973<br>by the above                                                  |
| 10 November 1970  | Stockport County<br>Borough Council                                                                                        | 18 January 1971<br>by the above                                                  |
| 7 January 1969    | Stockport County<br>Borough Council                                                                                        | 28 February 1969<br>by the above                                                 |

Given under the COMMON SEAL of THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL OF  
STOCKPORT

This 23 February 1976

The Secretary of State confirmed the foregoing Bye-laws and fixed the date under which the  
Bye-laws are to come into operation as 2 April 1976