

ORDINANCE NO. 341

Original

AN ORDINANCE relating to and regulating taxicabs, for-hire cars and route service cars; amending Sections 1, 2, 25, 26 and 27 of Ordinance No. 46; adding Sections 30a and 30b thereto; and repealing Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 thereof.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 1 of Ordinance No. 46 is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following:

Section 1(i). Definition. The term "route service car" whenever used in this ordinance shall be held and construed to mean and include every motor vehicle maintained and used for the transportation of persons on a fixed schedule over a fixed route and for a fixed fee or compensation.

Section 2. That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 46 be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Permit to Engage in Business. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of operating any vehicle defined in Section 1 of this ordinance without first having secured an appropriate permit so to do.

Every person desiring to engage in business in the City of Bellevue in the operation of a taxicab, for-hire car, or route service car, shall make written application to the Bellevue City Clerk for the appropriate permit for each vehicle. Such application shall be made upon forms furnished by the City. The application shall set forth information concerning:

- (a) the class of permit sought,
- (b) a description of the vehicle by make, model, color and serial number,
- (c) the name of owner, and
- (d) the name under which the vehicle will be operated.

The application shall be referred by the City Clerk to the Chief of Police for investigation. If the Chief of Police shall find from his investigation and from the information obtained that the applicant is financially and morally reliable and the bona fide owner of the vehicles for which permits are sought and has met all the requirements of this ordinance, that the name under which he is to operate and the color scheme used upon the vehicle does not tend to deceive the public as to the identity of his vehicle, that the vehicle is safe and equipped with valid state licenses, and that the same is properly covered by public liability insurance and licenses required by state law, and that the convenience and necessity of the public will be served by the issuance of such permit, such permit shall be issued for such number of vehicles as shall be authorized under Section 38 of Ordinance No. 46, as amended.

The owner may seek a permit for one or more vehicles by one application but a separate permit must be issued for each vehicle. All permits shall designate the class of operation of such vehicle and it shall be unlawful to use such vehicle in any class of operation other than that authorized by the permit.

The permit so issued shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year in which issued, and can only be used as authority to operate the vehicle thereon described and in the class of service for which issued. Upon approval by the Chief of Police that the licensed vehicle is permanently taken out of service and replaced by another vehicle, a permit for the substitute vehicle may be issued without additional charge when such substitute vehicle has been made to comply with all the requirements of this ordinance and the original permit is surrendered up to the City Clerk.

Color or Designation of Vehicles. It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any vehicle, subject to the provisions of this ordinance, to adopt or use a color scheme, trade

or business name or device which is identical with or closely simulates that of any other taxicab company or operation agency which would likely mislead or deceive the public as to the true identity of the vehicle.

Section 3. That Section 25 of Ordinance No. 46 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 25. City Driver's License Required. Every person desiring to drive, operate or have charge of a taxicab, for-hire car, or route service car licensed within the City of Bellevue, shall first procure a City Driver's License by making written application to the Bellevue City Clerk. Such application shall be made upon forms furnished by the City, shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$2.50, and must be subscribed and sworn to by the applicant in the presence of a Notary Public, or other officer duly authorized to administer oaths.

Section 4. That Section 26 of Ordinance No. 46 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 26. Qualification of Applicant. Each application for City Driver's License shall state the full name, age, place of birth, marital status, and present address. If the applicant was not born in the United States, he shall state his citizenship and the date of establishment as a citizen of the United States, if that be the case. Such applicant shall further certify under oath as to whether he has previously held any form of driver's license of a public vehicle and whether any such previous licenses have been revoked. Such applicant shall certify whether he has ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, and if so, shall set forth general facts disclosing the date and nature of such conviction. Every applicant shall be at least 21 years of age, be possessed of such mental and physical qualifications as will, in the opinion of the licensing and permit officer, warrant the issuance of such license.

Section 5. That Section 27 of Ordinance No. 46 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 27. Procedure For Procurement of License. Immediately upon the filing of such application with the City Clerk for a City Driver's License, the applicant shall submit himself to the Bellevue Police Department for the taking of finger and thumb prints and head and shoulder photographs. Without charge to the applicant, the Police Department shall develop at least two photographic prints of the head and shoulders of the applicant, which prints shall be filed with the City Clerk, one print shall be attached to the application and one print thereof shall be attached to the license, if the same is issued. Upon the filing of such application for City Driver's License, the City Clerk shall refer the application to the Chief of Police for investigation and report. The Chief of Police shall check the fingerprints with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and make such other inquiry or investigation as he may see fit. When such investigation is complete, the Chief of Police shall make written report, or endorsement upon the original application of the approval or disapproval of the issuance of the City Driver's License. If the issuance of the license is approved by the Chief of Police, the City Clerk shall forthwith issue to such applicant a City Driver's License which shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year in which it is issued. If the report of the Chief of Police is unfavorable to the applicant, no license shall be issued. Upon the issuance and delivery of such license, the licensee shall pay to the City Clerk the additional sum of \$2.50, to be known as the license fee. There shall be no refund of application fees or the license fees, as provided in this ordinance.

Section 6. Ordinance No. 46 is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following:

Section 30a. Temporary Permit. Upon the filing of an application for a City Driver's License, and prior to the report of the Chief of Police, the City Clerk may, upon recommendation of the Chief of Police issue a temporary license for a period of not to exceed 30 days. Such temporary license shall not require the payment of any license fee or charge.

Section 7. Ordinance No. 46 is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following:

Section 30b. No provision of Ordinance No. 46, or any amendments thereto, is intended to have any application to: (a) Busses or transportation vehicles operated by School Districts, or (b) Commercial busses duly licensed under and subject to the provisions of state law.

Section 8. Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 of Ordinance No. 46 of the City of Bellevue, Washington, be and the same are hereby repealed.

PASSED by the City Council on the 22nd day of December, 19 59, and signed in authentication of its passage this 22nd day of December, 19 59.

Kenneth Albee
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Joseph M. [Signature]
City Attorney

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CITY OF BELLEVUE
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John A. [Signature]
City Clerk

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