

355. On and after July 1, 1947, no taxicab for which such permit shall have been issued shall be operated except by the owner thereof or any employee of the owner, and it shall be unlawful for the owner of any such taxicab to enter into any contract, agreement, arrangement, or understanding, express or implied, with an operator thereof, by the terms of which such operator pays to or for the account of such owner a fixed or determinable sum for the use of such taxicab, and is entitled to all or a portion of the proceeds arising from its operation.

356. The owner shall post in a conspicuous place in each of the taxicabs owned by him, for which a permit shall have been issued, a schedule of the fares to be collected from passengers, and such schedule shall be so printed and arranged that such passengers can readily determine the exact fare payable by them, and it shall be unlawful to collect any fare otherwise than as appearing on, and determinable from, said schedule. Each taxicab for which a permit has been issued shall be equipped, while being used in the taxicab service, with accurate taximeters properly installed and connected, which taximeters shall be used exclusively as the means of measuring the charges for taxicab service rendered. When a fixed charge is made by zone, the extent of the zone shall be expressed in mileage. Such meters shall be subject to inspection and test by the County Commissioners at the expense of the owner.

357. The full name of the owner of each taxicab for which a permit has been issued shall be permanently painted on one door on each side of the cab, in letters at least two and one-half inches high, and the word "taxicab" shall also appear conspicuously upon the vehicle. Whenever any owner shall file an application for the issuance of a permit under the provisions of this sub-title relating to taxicabs, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners to investigate the name, design and colors to be used on any taxicab, and to reject any application when it appears that an effort is being made to mislead the public by imitating any name, design or the distinctive combination of colors of any taxicabs already approved.

358. None of the provisions hereinbefore set forth in the preceding sections of this sub-title shall be construed to apply to a taxicab or taxicabs operating with the approval of the Public Service Commission of Maryland or to a taxicab or taxicabs which are regulated in some other county of Maryland when said taxicab or taxicabs enter Howard County after being called by a person or persons in Howard County or enter Howard County to discharge passengers therein.