

39. (Identification.)

The full name of the owner of each taxicab for which a permit is required 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 appear conspicuously on the vehicle.

40. (Insurance or Bond.)

(a) No taxicab for which a permit is necessary shall be operated unless the company owning it (1) obtains from some responsible insurance company authorized to transact business within this state, a liability insurance policy approved by the commission in all respects including policy provisions, form and amounts, which insures the owner and operator against liability to passengers or members of the general public for property damage or personal injury (including death) resulting from any accident or casualty in which the taxicab becomes involved or (2) deposits with the commission a bond with some responsible casualty or surety company authorized to do business in this state, approved in all respects by the commission, including provisions, form, surety and amounts, made out to the State of Maryland as obligee for the use and benefit of the said persons, undertaking to indemnify them against the said contingencies.

(b) No cancellation or revocation of any insurance policy or bond required by the previous subsection shall be effective except after five days from the actual receipt by the commission of written notice from the revoking party. The commission may at any time require new or additional bond or insurance as a condition of operation if in its judgment the existing protection is inadequate in any respect.

41. (Rates, Schedules, Meters.)

(a) Every taxicab company shall post in each of its taxicabs a schedule of its fares which shall be so printed and arranged that passengers may readily determine the exact fare payable by them, and it shall be unlawful to collect any fare otherwise than as appearing on, or determinable from, the said schedule.

(b) Each taxicab for which a permit is required shall be equipped, while in service, with an accurate taximeter properly installed and connected, which shall be the exclusive means of measuring the charges for service. Such meters shall be subject to inspection and test by the commission.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of the previous subsection, a fixed charge, calculated on a mileage basis to be approved by the commission, may be made for any trip by taxicab between a point within the municipal corporation in which the taxicab is normally operated, and some point outside thereof.

(d) If any taxicab, for which no permit is required, charges on the basis of a fixed charge made by zone, the extent of the zone shall be conspicuously expressed in mileage in the schedule required by subsection (a) of this section.

42. (Unlawful Operation and Agreements.)

No taxicab shall be operated except by the owner thereof or his employee. No person shall enter into any contract, agreement,