

HOWARD COUNTY

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND that Section 14.109, "Schedule of Rates" of Title 14, Subtitle 1, "Taxicabs" of the Howard County Code is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsections A, B, C, D and E of Section 14.101, Section 14.102, 14.104, 14.105 and 14.107 be and are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

Section 14.101 - Permit Required; Regulations; Appeal; Penalty.

A. No person, association or corporation shall, or or after the effective date of this Act, operate a taxicab or taxicabs, in Howard County, except as hereinafter provided, until such person, association or corporation shall have obtained a permit from the DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS of Howard County to operate such taxicab, or each of such taxicabs.

B. Such permit shall be issued only after written application for the same has been made to the DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS of Howard County. It shall be the duty of the DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, upon such application, to investigate the expediency of granting such permit, the number of taxicabs to be used, and the rate to be charged, and, if, in the judgment of the DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, it is deemed best for the public welfare and convenience that said permit should be granted, said DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS is hereby empowered and authorized to grant such permit, subject to such conditions and terms, and for such duration of time, not exceeding the period of one year, as he may deem advisable. If the said DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS deems the granting of such permit prejudicial to the welfare and convenience of the public, then the said DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS is hereby empowered and authorized to refuse the granting of same. However, any person feeling aggrieved by any decision of the DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS may appeal said decision to the Board of Appeals in accordance with its rules.

C. The said DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS is further empowered and authorized to make such rules and regulations, including the fixing of the rates to be charged, with the approval of the PUBLIC WORKS BOARD FOR HOWARD COUNTY AFTER PUBLIC HEARING, AS HE may deem necessary to govern the control and operation of taxicabs and to enforce the same by such penalties or forfeitures as HE may reasonably prescribe, including the