

Town of Yarmouth  
**TAXI BYLAW**

Effective: July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1976 – Amended: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
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**BE IT ENACTED** by the Council of the Town of Yarmouth, under the authority of Section 305 of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, Chapter 293, R.S.N.S. 1989 as follows:

This Bylaw is entitled the “Taxi Bylaw”

**1.0 DEFINITIONS**

In this Bylaw:

- a) “COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE” means the Committee of the Whole of the Town of Yarmouth.
- b) “COUNCIL” means the Council of the Town of Yarmouth.
- c) “DISQUALIFYING CONVICTION” means:
  - (1) A conviction that results in order prohibiting the possession of any firearm, ammunition, or explosive substance pursuant to the Criminal Code of Canada;
  - (2) A conviction for an offence in which the commission of violence against a person was used, threatened or attempted;
  - (3) A conviction for any indictable offence;
  - (4) A conviction for an offence of a sexual nature;
  - (5) A conviction for an offence involving the illegal sale of any goods or the illegal possession of any goods for the purpose of sale or trafficking;
  - (6) Conviction for any offence involving the possession, control or use of an automobile and the unlawful possession or use of liquor or narcotics;
  - (7) Convictions for three (3) or more driving offences, or two (2) or more convictions for such offences within any 12-month period unless, in the reasonable opinion of the Taxi Authority, the convictions were for offences unrelated to the possible safety of passengers or other persons using streets or highways irrespective of whether persons were actually endangered at the time of the infractions; or
  - (8) Convictions in another country or jurisdiction similar in nature to those described in the preceding paragraphs of this subsection.
- d) “INSPECTOR” means a Bylaw Enforcement Officer as appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer.
- e) “LIMOUSINE” means a motor vehicle not equipped with a taxi meter or roof light used or intended to be used to carry passengers for hire, which is a four-door, full size, luxury

class vehicle, having a standard seating capacity for at least five (5) persons, exclusive of the driver.

- f) "LIMOUSINE DRIVER LICENSE" is a license, issued to an individual driver engaged and working for the holder of a Limousine Company License in the operation of a limousine.
- g) "LIMOUSINE COMPANY LICENSE" is a license issued to the owner of each limousine to be used for the business of transporting persons for new hire.
- h) "DRIVER" means a taxi driver or limousine driver and "DRIVER'S LICENSE" means a license for a driver pursuant to this Bylaw;
- i) "OPERATE" means to operate or drive a taxi or limousine, whether such vehicle is involved in the transportation of passengers or not.
- j) "PERSON" has the meaning given to it by the Interpretation Act, R.S.N.S., 1989, Chapter 235 and amendments thereto.
- k) "TAXI" means taxicab and has the meaning given to Taxicab by the Motor Vehicle Act, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 293, and amendments thereto.
- l) "A TAXI COMPANY LICENSE" is a license issued to a person under whose company name operates one (1) or more taxis.
- m) "A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENSE" is a license issued to an individual driver engaged and working for the holder of a Taxi Company License in the operation of a taxi.
- n) "TOWN" means the Town of Yarmouth.
- o) "VEHICLE" has the meaning given to it by the Motor Vehicle Act.
- p) "FARE" is defined as the passenger boarding the Taxi to travel to one destination/ one way.
- q) "STOP" is defined as each additional location the passenger requests the taxi operator stop en route to the destination.

## **2.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**2.1** The Committee of the Whole shall promote and encourage service to the public, professionalism, and the interest of the taxi and limousine industries as an integral part of the urban transportation system.

**2.2** The Committee of the Whole may receive recommendations and submissions, conduct investigations, and ultimately make recommendations to the Council on the following topics:

- a) rates and fees under this Bylaw;

- b) limitation of the number of taxi or limousine drivers in the Town;
- c) the role of the taxi and limousine drivers in the Town;
- d) problems generally in the taxi and limousine industries; and,
- e) changes to this Bylaw or other legislation relevant to the taxi and limousine industries; however, the Committee of the Whole shall have no power to resolve or mediate in individual disputes within the taxi or limousine industries.

**2.3** A quorum of the Committee of the Whole for each meeting shall be four (4) voting members.

### **3.0 OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS**

**3.1** No person shall:

- a) Pick up and transport passengers for compensation in or through any highway, street, road, lane, alley or other public place of the Town in any taxi or limousine;
- b) Be on any highway, street, road, lane, alley or other public place in the Town in the control of a motor vehicle seeking employment as a taxi or limousine driver;
- c) Wait at any location in the Town, whether in a public place or a private place, in the control of a motor vehicle for the purpose of obtaining employment as a taxi or limousine driver by way of radio messages or any other means;

unless such person is in the possession of a valid taxi or limousine drivers license issued under this Bylaw which is conspicuously displayed in the motor vehicle and is readily visible to any passengers who may be in the vehicle.

**3.2** No person being the owner of a vehicle shall operate such vehicle or permit it to be operated as a taxi or limousine in the Town unless said person holds a valid Taxi or Limousine Company License for such vehicle.

**3.3** Any person in control of a motor vehicle which displays a taxi roof sign which is illuminated, and is on any highway, street, road, lane, alley, or at any other public place in the Town, or is found waiting with any such motor vehicle at any location in the Town, shall be deemed to be available to provide the service of the taxi.

**3.4** The number of "Taxi Driver Licenses" or "Limousine Driver Licenses" issued for the transport of persons for compensations shall be determined by Council from time to time.

### **4.0 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE**

**4.1** Every application for a "Taxi Company License" and/or for a "Limousine Company License" and/or for a "Taxi Driver's License" and/or for a "Limousine Driver's License" under these bylaws shall be made in writing, in a form provided therefore by the Inspector, which is set out as Form A and attached to this Bylaw. The said application shall bear the signature of the person applying, therefore.

**4.2** The application shall, after completion by the applicant, contain:

- a) the type of license required;
- b) the full name, date of birth, address and telephone number (business and residential) of the applicant;
- c) in the case of an applicant for a “Taxi Company License” or a “Limousine Company License,” the number of vehicles to be operated under that “Taxi Company License” or “Limousine Company License” as the case may be;
- d) in the case of a “Taxi Driver’s License” or “Limousines Driver’s License,” the master number and date of expiry of a valid class four (4) Nova Scotia driver’s license;
- e) in the case of a “Taxi Driver’s License” or a “Limousine Driver’s License,” three (3) prints of so-called “passport” size and “passport” quality photographs of the applicant (*One (1) picture of passport size and quality, two (2) of passport quality and sized 2 x 3*);
- f) a description of each vehicle to be used as a “taxi” or “limousine” including the serial number and the registration number as issued to each vehicle pursuant to the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act;
- g) the serial number and the date of expiry of the inspection sticker on the vehicle as issued pursuant to the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Inspection Regulations;
- h) the number of years the applicant has been licensed to operate and has operated a motor vehicle;
- i) the amount of insurance in force on the vehicle to be operated, with the name of the insurance company, the name of the agent issuing the insurance, the policy number and the date of expiry of the policy, a copy of which shall be affixed to the completed application;
- j) a certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner certifying the applicant is fit to act and carry out the duties of a driver under these bylaws and dated not more than six (6) months before the application for any new driver and dated not more than three (3) years for existing drivers. The Town retains the right, for reasonable cause, to request from any driver at any time an updated medical certificate. Said certificate shall be submitted in Form A-1 as attached to the Bylaw;
- k) a copy of a driver’s license as issued by a Registrar of Motor Vehicles;
- l) the fee as set out in Schedule Two (2) of the Bylaw;

- m) a copy of the Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check and the Child Abuse Registry Check.
- n) such other information as stipulated in Form A and A-1 attached hereto as required by the Inspector.

**4.3** The application referred to in Section 5.2 above shall be completed in Form A attached to this Bylaw.

**4.4** It shall be an offense for any person to make a false statement of fact in any such application.

## **5.0 DUTY OF LICENSE**

**5.1** Every person who holds a license under these bylaws, whether owner or driver, must at all times while engaging in the taxi or limousine business or driving a taxi or limousine for compensation:

- a) ensure that any driver holds a valid class four (4) license under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act, R.S.N.S., 1989, Chapter 293 and amendments thereto;
- b) have in force on the vehicle licensed and operated, public liability, property damage and cargo or passenger hazard insurance in the amount of one Million dollars (\$1,000,000) per vehicle; and,
- c) keep the vehicle with respect to which the license is in force, in a clean condition and in good mechanical condition while in use as a taxi or limousine.

## **6.0 TAXI STANDARDS**

**6.1** A taxi, for use as a taxi pursuant to this Bylaw, shall only be approved for a vehicle which:

- a) is a four-door sedan or a four-door station wagon or a four-door utility style vehicle or mini van;
- b) is equipped with an engine of at least four (4) cylinders, a hybrid vehicle with a minimum of four (4) cylinders or a fully Electric Vehicle with a minimum of 200HP motor;
- c) has a height from the top of the floor to the underneath side of the roof of at least one hundred and fourteen centimeters (114 cm);
- d) has a width from the inside of the one door post to the inside of the door post on the opposite side of at least one hundred and thirty centimeters (130 cm);
- e) has a length from the dashboard, excluding extremities, to the front of the back seat of at least one hundred and fifty-five centimeters (155 cm);
- f) has been inspected and approved by the inspector;

- g) is in good and safe mechanical condition;
- h) provides proof of insurance in the amount as prescribed by Section 6.0; and,
- i) a fee as per Schedule Two (2) attached to this Bylaw has been paid.

## **7.0 LIMOUSINE STANDARDS**

**7.1** A limousine, for use as a limousine pursuant to this Bylaw, shall only be approved if the vehicle meets the specifications as set out in Section 2.0 (e) of this Bylaw.

## **8.0 APPLICATION REVIEW PROCEDURES:**

**8.1** The application review will be initiated by the Inspector once all requirements have been provided as identified in form A and receipt of payment provided. Application fee is paid to Town of Yarmouth and shall be accompanied by the licensing fee as required by Schedule Two (2) of this Bylaw.

**8.2** The Inspector shall inspect the vehicle and shall endorse the application as to whether the license should be issued.

**8.3** Licenses shall be granted by the Inspector if all requirements of this Bylaw are satisfied.

**8.4** A license shall not be granted if:

- a) the amount of the license fee, pursuant to Schedule Two (2), has not been paid;
- b) the application has not been completed in full;
- c) the amount of insurance as required in Section 6.0 is not in effect;
- d) the vehicle fails to meet the Inspector's approval;
- e) the applicant is not in possession of a valid class four (4) license or is not of the age required under the Motor Vehicle Act for a person operating a taxi or limousine;
- f) The criminal record check submitted as part of the application discloses a Disqualifying Conviction; or,
- g) The vulnerable sector check or the child abuse registry check submitted as part of the application is not satisfactory to the Inspector;

**8.5** A license may not be granted if the applicant is not of suitable character as in the opinion of the Inspector as determined from enquiries made by the Inspector during investigation of the applicant's background.

## 9.0 STATE OF CONDITION

9.1 The owner of any taxi company or limousine company licensed under this Bylaw shall not operate or permit to be operated any taxi or limousine that does not meet the following standards of repair and cleanliness:

- a) the body of the vehicle shall not be damaged or unsightly, and shall be clean and in good repair as to its exterior;
- b) the interior of the vehicle shall be clean and sanitary and shall not contain any refuse;
- c) the upholstery shall be clean, free of holes, cuts and tears and shall not show excessive wear;
- d) the side windows in a vehicle which are intended to open and close shall be in good repair and in working order;
- e) the vehicle shall be equipped with a front and rear bumper, both of which shall be securely mounted;
- f) no portion of the vehicle shall be bent or broken, and no such portion shall protrude in such a manner as to be a hazard to persons or vehicles;
- g) no fender, grille, or bumper on the vehicle shall be removed or missing. The owner/operator is responsible to ensure that every vehicle has all, or no, hubcaps at all times;
- h) no door or trunk lid shall be removed or missing;
- i) all door handles and catches on the vehicle shall be in good working order;
- j) every seat in the vehicle shall be equipped with a seatbelt, shall be securely mounted and shall maintain its position and its adjustments;
- k) every vehicle shall have an interior dome light which shall be in good working order and shall operate when any of the passenger compartment doors are opened and may be operated by a switch;
- l) every door, trunk lid and engine bonnet shall close securely;
- m) all other portions of a vehicle not covered in Section 10.0 (a) through (l) shall comply with the provisions of the Regulations Respecting the Standards of Vehicle Equipment, said regulations having been made pursuant to Section 200 of the Motor Vehicle Act, (c. 293, R.S.N.S 1989); and,
- n) the Inspector may solicit, at public expense, the services of a qualified, licensed mechanic to assist in the inspection of vehicles subject to licensing under this Bylaw.

## **10.0 ACCIDENT PROCEDURE**

**10.1** The owner of any taxi or limousine which has been involved in an accident or collision shall forthwith notify the Inspector of such accident or collision and shall, not later than 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon of the working day following the accident or collision, deliver or cause the taxi or limousine to be delivered to the Inspector who shall determine whether the taxi or limousine continues to meet the requirements of this Bylaw and who shall suspend the use of the taxi or limousine, whichever the case may be, in the event it is unsafe to operate.

## **11.0 INSPECTOR INSPECTION**

**11.1** The taxi or limousine vehicle owner shall, when required, submit the vehicle for examination by the Inspector, and neither the owner nor the driver shall at any time prevent or hinder the Inspector from entering the vehicle for the purpose of inspecting the vehicle.

**11.2** A taxi or limousine may at any time be inspected by the Inspector to determine that the vehicle complies with the requirements of this Bylaw and the Motor Vehicle Act.

**11.3** Should a taxi or limousine fail to meet the requirements of this Bylaw, the Inspector may notify the owner to cease operating the vehicle as a taxi or limousine until the vehicle complies with the requirements of this Bylaw and is approved by the Inspector.

## **12.0 SUSPENSION OF LICENSE OR VEHICLE APPROVAL**

**12.01** The Inspector may suspend or revoke a Taxi Company License, a Taxi Driver's License, a Limousine Company License, or a Limousine Driver's License for a violation by the license holder of any provision of this Bylaw or offense under any law of the Province of Nova Scotia or Dominion of Canada, or where any vehicle used as a taxi or limousine fails to comply with the requirements of this Bylaw.

**12.02** If at any time, a person holding a Taxi Driver's License or a Limousine Driver's License under this Bylaw ceases to hold a valid class four (4) driver's license for the Province of Nova Scotia, the Taxi Driver's License or the Limousine Driver's License shall be deemed suspended and shall be surrendered forthwith to the Inspector.

**12.03** A person whose Taxi Driver's License or Limousine Driver's License is suspended pursuant to this section may apply for reinstatement when:

- a) the period of suspension has expired; or
- b) his class four (4) license is renewed or reinstated as the case may be.

- 12.04** The Inspector shall suspend the approval of a taxi or limousine forthwith upon having reasonable and probable grounds to believe that such vehicle is not covered by insurance as required by this Bylaw, and the suspension shall remain in force until it is proven to the Inspector that the vehicle is insured as required by this Bylaw.
- 12.05** Except for the provisions of Section 13.4, no license shall be revoked without giving notice to the license holder and the license holder has an opportunity to appeal the decision to the Town Council of the Town of Yarmouth.
- 12.06** The notice required in this section shall be deemed to have been served if sent by registered or certified mail to the taxi company or limousine company license holder at the address of the place of business shown on the application unless said notice is served by hand.
- 12.07** Any license issued or approval given pursuant to these Bylaws that is suspended, canceled or revoked shall be forthwith surrendered to the Inspector.
- 12.08** The Town Council shall hear appeals made by persons whose license has been refused, revoked or suspended under the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 12.09** A person whose license has been suspended or revoked may appeal from the action of the Inspector to the Town Council, and the said Town Council may either:
- c) Approve the action of the Inspector where it is consistent with the provisions of this Bylaw;
  - d) Vary the action of the Inspector where such variance is consistent with the provisions of this Bylaw; or,
  - e) Allow the appeal and set aside the action of the Inspector, where allowing such an appeal is consistent with the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 12.10** The Town Council may, in its discretion, hold such hearings in camera, subject to the requirements of the Municipal Government Act.

## **20.0 DUTIES OF DRIVER**

- 20.01** Every driver shall accommodate the person or persons who desire his service in the order of their applications, and if a vehicle is not available to give the desired service within a reasonable time, the applicant shall be so informed.
- 20.02** A driver shall transport only the person or persons engaging his vehicle and shall not pick up other passengers while so engaged unless directed to do so by the person or persons who first engaged his services.

- 20.03** Every driver, unless engaged by a passenger, shall, upon being applied to in person or by telephone, place himself and his taxi or limousine at the disposal of the person so applying and proceed to any place in the Town as directed, provided that the driver may refuse to drive a person whose conduct may cause a driver to fear for his/her safety.
- 20.04** Every driver shall transport any personal luggage accompanying any passenger and shall place the luggage in and out of the taxi or limousine for the passenger if requested to do so.
- 20.05** Every driver who engages to be at any particular place within the Town at a specified time, whether by day or by night, shall exercise his/her best efforts to be punctual in attendance at the specified time of his/her engagement.
- 20.06** A driver shall uphold the requirements of the Smoke Free Places Act, 2002, c. 12, s. 1.
- 20.07** A driver may determine whether persons may eat or drink while passengers in his vehicle and may also determine where the passenger is to sit.
- 20.08** Every driver shall proceed by the most direct route to the passenger's destination unless otherwise directed by the passenger.
- 20.09** A driver shall not, while in the control of a taxi or limousine, use abusive or insulting language.
- 20.10** A driver shall not consume any alcoholic beverage or use any non-medically prescribed drug while engaged in any of the activities set out in this Bylaw.
- 20.11** Every driver, while in control of a taxi or accessible taxi, shall wear a shirt or military type blouse with a collar and sleeves (no T-shirts), ankle-length trousers or dress shorts which are worn within at least three inches (3") of the knee, socks and shoes, which clothing shall be in a neat and tidy condition at all times. Every driver may, in place of ankle-length trousers, wear a skirt.
- 20.12** A driver of a licensed vehicle shall, at all times in any public place, conduct himself/herself in an orderly manner and shall not be noisy. No solicitation shall be made by calling out or shouting or any other disorderly manner.
- 20.13** Every taxi or limousine owner or driver shall take due care of all property delivered or entrusted to, and accepted by him/her, for conveyance or safekeeping, but shall not be held responsible for any article left in his vehicle, if not entrusted to his/her care personally.
- 20.14** No taxi or limousine driver shall refuse to serve the first person requesting service except where the passenger:
- a) Is indebted for a previous fare or service;
  - b) Has an excessive number of items that will not fit within the vehicle;

- c) Refuses to disclose his destination immediately after entering the vehicle;
- d) Asks to be driven to any place or under any condition that the driver reasonably considers to be unsafe;
- e) Is in possession of an animal other than a seeing eye dog;
- f) Is obnoxious or abusive or acts or uses language in a manner which reasonably leaves the driver to anticipate such behaviour, or refusal to pay part or all of the fare, or physical injury to himself or to the vehicle.

## **21.0 TAXI & LIMOUSINE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 21.1** Every taxi shall have prominently displayed on its exterior, a sign bearing the word "TAXI", and/or the telephone number of the taxi company, or the taxi company's name, and/or the taxi number, which sign shall be lighted after dark and shall be clearly visible at all times.
- 21.2** Every taxi shall have prominently displayed on the right-hand visor within view of the passengers, the Identification Card of the driver on duty. The Identification Card shall include the Inspector's phone number, the driver's name, the taxi company's name and phone number and the expiry date of the taxi license.
- 21.3** Every taxi shall have prominently displayed within view of the passengers, the latest Town of Yarmouth Taxi Rates as approved by the Council for the Town of Yarmouth in Section Sixteen (16) herein, and such display of rates shall be in Schedule Three (3), which is attached to and forms part of this Bylaw.
- 21.4** Every taxi and limousine licensed approved under this Bylaw shall have affixed to the vehicle window a sticker as provided by the Inspector. Said sticker shall bear the taxi inspection year of the taxi or limousine and shall not be transferable to any other vehicle. These stickers shall take the form as prescribed by the Inspector and shall be issued with each taxi license or limousine license and shall be affixed in their prescribed location by the Inspector.
- 21.5** Every "taxi company" under which more than one "taxi" is operating, shall employ a means of communication between a person or persons (dispatchers), who shall receive requests for service from the public and the operators of the vehicles licensed under that "taxi company". A "taxi company" may also employ the use of cellular telephone technology, to substitute the need for dispatchers, in accordance with MVA section 100D (which prohibits use of hand-held devices), so long as while during advertised hours of business, a person or persons requesting service from the "taxi company" may obtain that service.

## **22.0 FEES AND RATES**

- 22.1** No owner or operator of a taxi shall charge for transportation from any one place within the Town of Yarmouth to any other place within the Town of Yarmouth a fare or fares other than as provided in the schedule of fares which is attached to and forms part of this Bylaw. In the case of fixed

rates, Schedule Three (3) will apply and in the case where taxi meters apply, Schedule 1- A will apply.

- 22.2** All licenses issued under this Bylaw shall be valid for one (1) year only, expiring on the last day of April of each year, unless said license is revoked, suspended or cancelled pursuant to this Bylaw. No allowance will be made for license fee reduction in the case where said fee is paid by an applicant for a license which may be valid for less than twelve (12) months. No license fee is refundable upon suspension, revocation or termination for any reason of any license granted under this Bylaw.
- 22.3** No license issued under these Bylaws may be transferred without the prior written permission of the Inspector.
- 22.4** A "Taxi Driver's License" or a "Limousine Driver's License" shall be issued for one (1) driver only; a description thereof shall be given on the license.
- 22.5** If the owner wishes to discontinue the use of an inspected vehicle and to substitute it with another, the Inspector shall, if the latter vehicle complies with Sections 7.0 and 10.0 of this Bylaw, authorize the use of such vehicle instead of the one with respect to which it was originally inspected; provided further that if the owner wishes to discontinue the use of the vehicle that has been inspected as provided herein, he must forfeit his inspection sticker.
- 22.6** No person holding a "Taxi Company License," a "Limousine Company License," a "Taxi Driver's License" or a "Limousine Driver's License" shall knowingly permit any other person not holding a "Taxi Company License," a "Limousine Company License," a "Taxi Driver's License" or a "Limousine Driver's License" to operate either a company or vehicle for the purpose of providing a taxi or limousine service. The penalty for so doing shall be the loss of his license.
- 22.7** Nothing in these Bylaws shall apply to a bus or to a public utility as defined in the Public Utilities Act or to motor carriers who are required to be licensed under the Motor Carrier Act.
- 22.8** Taxi log and limousine log records shall be kept by the owner of the "Taxi Company License" and "Limousine Company License" for a minimum of seven (7) years.
- 22.9** A taxi or limousine company owner shall not change the business name under which the inspected vehicle operates unless written notice is given to the Inspector seven (7) business days prior to the proposed change.
- 22.10** Every taxi company and limousine company owner or representative shall file with the Inspector, the name and address of each driver employed by him, and shall notify the Inspector within seven (7) business days of any new appointments, dismissals, or other changes in employment, of such drivers.
- 22.11** Every taxi company and limousine company owner shall file with the Inspector the particulars of any and all vehicles to be used under his company name and licensed pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw and is to notify the Inspector of any change in the particulars of any vehicle used

under his company within seven (7) business days of said change.

- 22.12** Every person who contravenes the provisions of Section 4.0 of this Bylaw is punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.000) and to imprisonment of not more than two (2) months in default of payment thereof.
- 22.13** Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the foregoing provisions of this Bylaw, except Section 4.0, shall be liable to the penalty prescribed by Section 299 of the Motor Vehicle Act R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 293 and amendments hereto.
- 22.14** Incarceration shall not be an option in default of payment of a fine under Section 16.13. The penalty for non-payment of such fine shall be the suspension of any and all licenses issued or approval given pursuant to this Bylaw in the name of the person so convicted.
- 22.15** Any person holding a license of any type pursuant to this Bylaw, and whose license has been suspended or revoked for a violation of this Bylaw and who is found operating a Taxi or Limousine during the period of the suspension, shall be liable to a further suspension of not less than three (3) months duration.



**Driver's License Application Only:**

Taxi: \_\_\_\_ Limousine: \_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname Given

Number of years you have been licensed to operate a motor vehicle: \_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_ months

Has your driver's license been suspended, revoked, or cancelled? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, give date and reason:

Drivers Master License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle License Application Only**

Vehicle description: Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Vin #: \_\_\_\_\_ License plate #: \_\_\_\_\_

NS MVI Inspection: Decal #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_

***1- PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS with application (as applicable):***

\_\_\_\_ ***APPLICANT'S COMPANY'S VEHICLE(S) INSURANCE POLICY DOCUMENTATION. "PINK SLIP"***

\_\_\_\_ ***VEHICLE(S) REGISTRATION(S)***

\_\_\_\_ ***VALID CLASS FOUR (4) DRIVER'S LICENSE AS ISSUED BY NS REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES.***

***APPLICANT'S ORIGINAL DRIVER'S MEDICAL EXAMINATION REPORT FROM N.S. REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES:***

\_\_\_\_ ***NEW APPLICATIONS - DATED SIX (6) MONTHS BEFORE APPLICATION DATE.***

*or*

\_\_\_\_ ***RENEWALS - DATED NOT MORE THAN THREE (3) YEARS BEFORE APPLICATION DATE.***

\_\_\_\_ ***ONE PASSPORT SIZE PHOTO.***

\_\_\_\_ ***TWO 2"X 3" PHOTOS.***

***2- After review of the application, Inspector will provide request forms to initiate background checks as per Bylaw #32.***

***\*IT IS AN OFFENSE FOR ANY PERSON TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT OF FACT IN REGARD TO THE CONTENTS OF THIS APPLICATION\****

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

**(FOR USE BY THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY AND INSPECTOR ONLY)**

**FORM A-1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Contents of the application are confirmed. Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- B. Are the three (3) photographs attached true likenesses? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- C. Driver's Medical Examination Report:
  - New Applications:
    - Dated within six (6) months of the date of this application? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
  - Renewals:
    - Dated within three (3) years of the date of this application? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

D. Are the Criminal Record, Vulnerable Sector and Child Abuse Registry checks attached?  
Notes:

E. Has the **NEW** applicant received a copy of the Taxi Bylaw #32? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

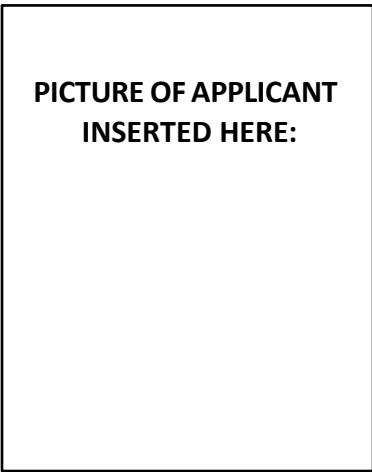
F. Company License approved? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If no why? \_\_\_\_\_

G. Driver's License approved? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If no why? \_\_\_\_\_

H. Vehicle License approved? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If No why? \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Traffic Authority

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspector



## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **TAXI METERS**

1. Fees may be determined and charged by means of a taxi meter provided it is a single taxi meter with a single tariff only which shall be connected to, and operated from, one of the front wheels of the taxi or from the transmission or drive shaft and shall be regulated to show the correct fare for transporting passengers or goods as set out in Schedule 1-A.
2. The taxi meter shall meet the following specifications:
  1. it shall be equipped with a timing device which shall register the fare while the vehicle is engaged but not in motion in accordance with the fare schedule;
  2. it shall be placed in the taxi so that the fare registered on the taxi meter is clearly visible to passengers at all times, and the taxi meter shall be illuminated by a suitable light after dark;
  3. the cover and gear of the taxi meter shall be kept sealed and intact; and,
  4. the taxi meter shall not be calibrated to register any fare which is not in accordance with Schedule 1-A.
3. The holder of a taxi owner's license shall, at his or her own expense, provide to the Taxi Authority a certificate stating that the taxi meter is properly calibrated to show the fares set out in Schedule 1-A.
4. Every taxi driver who transports any passenger or article for hire shall ensure that the meter operates during the entire period of such transportation unless the driver has made agreement with the passenger for transportation at the hourly rate provided for in Schedule 1-A or unless there is a regular service contract in force pursuant to that schedule.
5. The Town may at any time inspect any meter which is installed in a taxi and may apply such tests to the taxi and meter as may be necessary to ascertain the accuracy of the taxi meter.
6. It shall be an offence for any person who has possession or custody of the taxi meter to refuse to allow such tests or to hinder such tests being conducted.

The owner of a taxi who operates or permits the taxi to be operated in which is installed a taximeter which shows a variation in the correctness of the fare thereof such as results in an increase of more than five per cent (5%) in the fares being charged shall be guilty of an offence and should in addition to any other penalty reimburse the Town for tests carried out by others.

**SCHEDULE 1-A**

**RESERVED FOR FARES TO BE CHARGED WHEN USING TAXI METERS**

## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **LICENSE APPLICATION FEE**

The amount of license fees shall be as follows: (Fees are HST exempt)

- a) For a "Taxi Company License" for one vehicle - \$100.00; each additional vehicle \$100.00.
- b) For a "Limousine Company License" for one vehicle - \$100.00; each additional vehicle \$100.00.
- c) For a "Taxi Driver's License" or a "Limousine Driver's License - \$50.00 per license.
- d) For a Transfer of "Taxi Owner's License" from one vehicle to another - \$25.00.

### SCHEDULE 3

#### PASSENGER RATES:

<b>SCHEDULE OF RATES</b>	
<b><u>TO BE DISPLAYED IN VEHICLE</u></b>	
*HST included	
6:00am to 12:00am (midnight)	\$10.00
12:00am (midnight) to 6:00am	\$11.00
Each stop after first stop	\$1.00 per stop
Package Delivery In Town Limit	Regular fare + \$2.00
Outside Town Limit	Regular fare + \$5.00
Cruising or waiting	\$60.00 per hour or \$1.00 per minute
<b>Fare:</b> is defined as the passenger boarding the Taxi to travel to <b>one</b> destination/ <b>one</b> stop	
<b>Stop:</b> is defined as <b>each additional</b> location the passenger requests the Taxi stop en route to the destination/stop.	

Discounted fares for the conveyance of children to and from school may be made by private arrangement with the owner or driver of the licensed vehicles.

Discounted fares for the conveyance of elderly, disabled, and/or physically handicapped residents of the Town (within the Town of Yarmouth) may be approved by Council.

**TOWN OF YARMOUTH  
TAXI DRIVER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: **TX#:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_

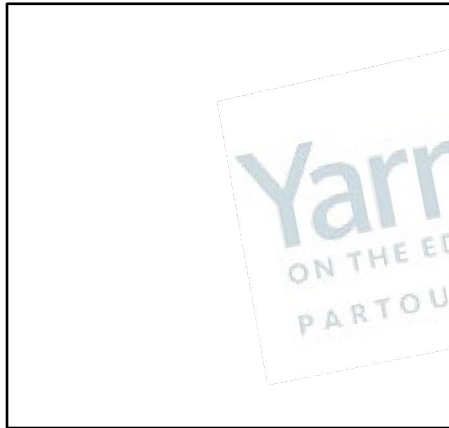


\_\_\_\_\_  
TAXI INSPECTOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF DRIVER

# Identification Card

(TAXI, DRIVER and/or OWNER)



**PHOTO**

**Drivers Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Taxi Company:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Expiry Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TX#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have any questions or concerns during this fare, you may contact the Taxi Inspector at 902-742-1505.**

**Clerk's Annotation for Official Bylaw Book**

Date of Approval: July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1976

Date of Adoption: July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1976

Date of Amended Bylaw: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 1981

Date of Amended Bylaw: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 (\$1.00 increase per passenger)

Date of Amended Bylaw: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (\$1.00 increase base)

Date of Amended Bylaw: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (corrected numbering)

Date of Amended Bylaw: November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (hybrid vehicles)

Date of Amended Bylaw: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (rate increase)

Date of Amended Bylaw: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 (rate increase)

I certify that this "Taxi Bylaw" was adopted by Council as indicated above.

Town Clerk:

Date:

**Amended**

Date of First Reading	February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Notice of Intent to Consider	February 23 <sup>rd</sup> & March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022
Date of Second Reading	March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
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