

PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE CONDITIONS

1. The vehicle shall be suitable in type, size and design for the purpose of private hire and shall not lead persons to believe that it is a Hackney Carriage.
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 - (a) The Council's Licence Plate shall be affixed to the rear of the vehicle by the use of the plate platform and/or bracket provided in a position so that the details shown on the plate may be seen clearly and are not illegible, defaced or concealed from public view except where provided for by Statute. Such plate shall be affixed by use of the bracket beneath the registration number plate in accordance with the instructions provided or, in cases where this is not practical, by riveting the plate platform to the bodywork of the vehicle on the rear right hand side on, or just above, the bumper. The vehicle may not be used for the purpose authorised by the vehicle licence without such plate being so affixed.
 - (b) The Proprietor shall cause signs to be affixed and maintained on the near side and off side front doors of the vehicle to the following specifications:-

“The sign shall be 8¼” x 11¾ “ overall with a white background and a border ¼” from the edge, the border to be the same colour as the lettering. The sign shall state only the name, address and telephone number of the operator of the vehicle, and the legend “Licensed Private Hire Vehicle”. The size of the lettering for the address and legend shall be ¾”; the name shall not be greater than 2” and the telephone number shall not exceed 2½”. The colouring of the lettering may be as chosen by the operator”
 - (c) No sign other than the foregoing shall be displayed on the vehicle in such a manner as to be visible to persons outside the vehicle, unless required by law or with the consent of the Council in writing.
3. The vehicle shall:-
 - (a) be equipped with sufficient means by which any person in the vehicle may communicate with the driver;
 - (b) be equipped with any necessary windows and a means of opening and closing not less than one window each side;
 - (c) be kept waterproof;
 - (d) be equipped with properly upholstered seats;
 - (e) be equipped with proper floor covering;
 - (f) be kept in a clean condition, well maintained and in every way fit for service;
 - (g) be equipped with means for securing luggage, if the vehicle is constructed or adapted to carry luggage;
 - (h) be equipped with an efficient fire extinguisher [British Standards Approved] which shall be kept in such a position as to be readily available for use;
 - (i) be equipped with at least two doors for the use of persons being conveyed in the vehicle and a separate means of entry and exit for the driver.
4. A vehicle which has conveyed the dead body of any person shall not be used for hire without the consent of the Chief Environmental Health Officer of the Council.
5. The vehicle shall not be used for the conveyance of any fare which has been importuned by any person.
6. These conditions may be added to or varied by the Council at any time.