

VEHICLES TO BE USED IN DAILY OPERATIONS ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

MAKE	VIN	MODEL	PLATE

RATES TO BE CHARGED:

APPLICANT’S CERTIFICATION AND STATEMENT OF FACTS

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I am in full compliance with all applicable state laws regarding taxi cabs and vehicles for hire. I affirm that I have not been convicted of any crime and that I have no physical impairments that would interfere with my ability to safely operate a vehicle for hire.

By signing this application, I acknowledge that I have received, read, and fully understand the ordinance governing vehicles for hire. I agree to comply with all requirements of said ordinance and understand that failure to do so may result in the revocation of my license privileges.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Submit your completed application, fee, and a recent photo to:

Morris Township/Township Clerk
P.O. Box 7603
Convent Station, NJ 07961-7603

§ 478-7(B): Background Check Required:

- The Police Department will conduct a background check, including fingerprinting.
- **Action Required: Please schedule an appointment with the Police Department for fingerprinting.**

Chapter 478. Vehicles for Hire

§ 478-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated: HACK, CAB, TAXI and LIVERY

Includes any vehicle which is made available for public hire in the Township of Morris.

HACKMEN, DRIVERS or CABBIES

Includes any person, either owner or otherwise, who operates any vehicle made available for public hire.

TAXICAB

As distinguished from hack, cab, livery, or limousine, a motor vehicle engaged in the business of carrying passengers for hire which is operated or run over any of the streets of the Township of Morris and particularly accepts and discharges such persons as may offer themselves for transportation from points or places within the Township of Morris and which does not have a regular run and which does not have to be engaged by appointment and which is publicly offered on the streets of the Township.

[Added 3-10-1971 by Ord. No. 7-71]

§ 478-2. Authority to grant licenses.

The Township Committee of the Township of Morris is hereby authorized to grant licenses, under the Seal of the Township, to such persons as it shall determine to be proper and duly qualified, according to the provisions of this chapter, to keep and use for hire hacks, cabs, taxis and liveries for the transportation of passengers within the Township of Morris, and also to hackmen or drivers of licensed vehicles other than the owners thereof.

§ 478-3. Expiration of license; contents of license.

All licenses granted under the provisions of this chapter shall expire on the first day of January next after the same shall be granted and shall respectively state the purpose for which the same shall be granted, the number of the license and the name of the person licensed.

§ 478-4. License fees.

[Amended 1-23-1980 by Ord. No. 3-80]

There shall be a fee charged for each license as aforesaid on the issuance of the license, as follows:

A. For a hack license: \$50 per year.

B. For each hackman or driver of a licensed vehicle other than the owner thereof: \$25 per year.

§ 478-5. Suspension or revocation of license.

[Amended 12-18-2024 by Ord. No. 26-24]

A. Licenses may be suspended or revoked by the Township Committee after a hearing and for any of the following reasons:

- (1) Fraud or misrepresentation during the application process.
- (2) Engaging in dishonest conduct related to the licensed activity.
- (3) Violating any provision of this chapter.
- (4) Conviction of a serious crime or offense involving moral turpitude.
- (5) Operating in a way that endangers public health, safety, or welfare.

B. Notice of hearing. The Municipal Clerk will notify the licensee of the hearing at least five days before the scheduled date, by certified mail, explaining the grounds for revocation.

C. Hearing; determination. At the hearing, the licensee shall have the right to appear and be heard on his own behalf, to cross-examine opposing witnesses and to have a permanent record made of the proceedings at his own expense. The Township Committee may revoke or suspend the license if it is satisfied by a preponderance of the evidence that the licensee is guilty of the acts charged. In cases where the license is about to be or is revoked or not renewed by reason of failure to pay taxes, the Township Committee may, in its discretion, permit the license to be renewed or rescind the revocation where the licensee enters into an agreement with the Township to pay current taxes upon renewal of the license and repay back taxes in periodic and regular payments over a period not to exceed 15 months.

D. Reinstatement of revoked licenses. The Township Committee may issue another license to a person whose license has been revoked or denied if after hearing it is satisfied by clear and convincing evidence that the acts which led to the revocation or denial will not occur again; otherwise, no person whose license has been revoked or denied nor any person acting for him/her, directly or indirectly, shall be issued another license to carry on the same activity.

§ 478-6. Register of licenses to be kept.

The Township Clerk shall keep a register of all licenses granted under this chapter, showing the number and date of each license and the name of the person licensed.

§ 478-7. Application for license; issuance.

[Amended 12-8-1966 by Ord. No. 31-66; 9-22-2004 by Ord. No. 13-04; 12-21-2005 by Ord. No. 34-05; 6-17-2015 by Ord. No. 20-15; 12-18-2024 by Ord. No. 26-24]

A. Applications for a license either as an owner or operator under the provisions of this chapter must be made in writing to the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, and before such license shall be issued by said Township Committee, the following requirements must be satisfied:

- (1) The applicant has complied with all state laws pertaining to taxicabs.
- (2) The applicant is a citizen of the United States.
- (3) The applicant is a person of good moral character.

- (4) The granting of such license would not be detrimental to the best interest of the Township as a whole.
- (5) The vehicle shall be in good repair and in a safe condition, with a valid inspection sticker issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.
- (6) Insurance.

(a) No taxicab license will be issued unless the owner submits proof of insurance to the Municipal Clerk. The insurance policy must be from a company authorized to operate in New Jersey and provide at least **\$1.5 million in** coverage for liability related to bodily injury, death, and property damage. For commercial vehicles weighing between 10,001 and 26,001 pounds, the owner must maintain a minimum of \$300,000 in motor vehicle liability insurance for bodily injury, death, and property damage.

(b) The insurance policy shall provide that the insurance company shall notify the Township of Morris 10 days prior to cancellation or substantial change in coverage.

(7) The applicant has not been convicted of an indictable offense, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs or intoxicating beverages and/or reckless driving or have more than six points on their driving record.

(8) A copy of the rates established by the owners shall be prominently displayed in the cabs.

B. In addition, thereto, before any such license shall be issued, the Township Committee shall cause the Police Department of the Township of Morris to make a background check, including fingerprints, of the person, which said report shall be submitted to the Township Committee.

C. The Police Department will provide a written report of its findings to the Municipal Clerk within a reasonable period after the application is submitted. If the report indicates that the applicant's character, ability, or business practices are unsatisfactory or suggest fraudulent activity, the Municipal Clerk will deny the license and notify the applicant. Otherwise, the Clerk will issue the license once the required fee is paid and the Township Committee passes a resolution.

§ 478-8. Operation without license prohibited.

No person shall hire out, keep or use for hire or wages, or cause to be kept or used for hire or wages, any hack, cab, taxi or livery for the transportation of passengers from any point within the Township of Morris, without first being licensed as hereinbefore provided.

§ 478-9. Operation by owner or licensed driver.

No vehicle licensed under the terms of this chapter shall be driven or used within the limits of the Township of Morris except by the owner thereof or by a duly licensed driver as provided herein.

§ 478-10. Maximum number of vehicles permitted.

It is hereby established by the Township of Morris that there shall be **a limit of 25 hacks, cabs, taxis or liveries** operating and licensed in the Township of Morris.

§ 478-11. Information card and photograph of driver required in vehicles; external sign.

A. There shall be fixed in every hack, cab, taxi, or livery, in such a manner that the same may be easily and conveniently read by any person therein, a card containing the following:

- (1) The name and address of the owner of the vehicle.
- (2) The name and address of the operator of the vehicle.
- (3) The number of the license under which the hack, cab, taxi or livery is operated.
- (4) A copy of the rates established by the owner and filed with the Township of Morris.

B. In addition, there shall be displayed in every hack, cab, taxi or livery, in such a manner that same may be easily and conveniently read by any person therein, a recent photograph of the operator thereof. Such photograph shall measure not less than two inches wide and three inches high, being taken from the shoulders up. This photograph shall contain, in letters not less than 1/4 inch high, the name of the person and the number of his license.

C. Every taxicab shall have affixed thereto a sign on the top of the roof, which said sign shall contain the word "TAXI" in letters of at least three inches in height, which shall be visible from the front and rear and which said sign shall always be lighted while the said hack or cab is in use.

[Amended 3-10-1971 by Ord. No. 7-71]

§ 478-12. Operating terms and conditions.

No owner or driver of any hack or cab shall refuse or neglect to convey any person or persons to any place or places within the Township limits without just cause, and no owner or driver, as aforesaid, shall ask, demand or extort any larger sum than he or they may be entitled to receive under the terms of this chapter. Any vehicle shall be kept in good repair and safe condition at all times.

§ 478-13. Authority to designate stands and make regulations.

The Township Committee is hereby authorized to designate such places within the Township of Morris as public stands for hacks or cabs as it may deem expedient and proper and to make such regulations as may be necessary to preserve order and promote public convenience.

§ 478-14. Violations and penalties.

Any person found guilty of violating the terms of this chapter shall be punishable as provided in § 1-3, General penalty, of this Code, in the discretion of the Judge imposing the same.

[1] Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).