

ORDINANCE NO. 2980

TITLE: An ordinance to amend Section 6 of Ordinance No. 2334 providing for the licensing of taxicabs, regulating their operation in the City of Albany.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: AMENDMENT

Section 6 of Ordinance No. 2334 should be amended to read as follows:

"Section 6: TAXIMETER REQUIRED.

a) Taximeter Required. All taxicabs operated under the authority of this ordinance shall be equipped with taximeters fastened in front of the passengers, visible to them at all times day and night; and, after sundown, the face of the taximeter shall be illuminated. Said taximeter shall be operated mechanically by a mechanism of standard design and construction, driven either from the transmission or from one of the front wheels by a flexible and permanently attached driving mechanism. They shall be sealed at all points and connections which, if manipulated, would affect their correct reading and recording. Each taximeter shall have thereon a flag to denote when the vehicle is employed and when it is not employed; and it shall be the duty of the driver to throw the flag of such taximeter into a non-recording position at the termination of each trip. The said taximeters shall be subject to inspection from time to time by the Department of Police. Any inspector or other officer of said department is hereby authorized either on complaint of any person or without such complaint, to inspect any meter and, upon discovery of any inaccuracy therein, to notify the person operating said taxicab to cease operation. Thereupon said taxicab shall be kept off the highways until the taximeter is repaired and in the required working condition.

b) Rates of Fare - Rate Card Required. No owner or driver of a taxicab shall charge a greater sum for the use of a taxicab than in accordance with the following rates:

- (1) Hour rates: Three Dollars (\$3.00) per hour for one or more passengers.
- (2) Mileage rates: Forty-five cents (45¢) for the first two-fifths (2/5) mile or fraction thereof; five cents (5¢) for each additional one-fifth (1/5) mile or fraction thereof.
- (3) Trunks: Twenty-five cents (25¢) for each trunk.
- (4) Hand Baggage: There will be no charge for hand baggage.

Every taxicab operated under this ordinance shall have the rates setting forth the authorized rates of fare displayed in such a place as to be in view of all passengers.

c) Receipts. The driver of any taxicab shall, upon demand by the passenger, render to such passenger a receipt for the amount charged, either by a mechanically printed receipt or by a specially prepared receipt on which shall be the name of the owner, license number or motor number, amount of meter reading or charges and date of transaction.

d) Cancelled Call. Any person canceling a call for a taxicab after the cab has been dispatched in answer thereto shall pay a calling charge of not less than twenty-five cents (25¢).

e) Refusal to pay fare: It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to pay the regular fee of a taxicab after having hired the same.

Passed by the Council: September 13, 1961

Approved by the Mayor: September 13, 1961

W. R. DeLoach
Mayor

Effective Date: October 13, 1961

ATTEST:

Ernest W. Deham
City Recorder