

**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
MOTOR VEHICLE FOR-HIRE AUTHORITY**

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### **Sec. 1. – Motor Vehicle For-Hire Authority**

The mission of the Authority is to unify the rules and regulations governing motor vehicles for hire engaging in business within the participating municipalities of Harrison County, Mississippi and such other purposes as are set out in the inter-local agreement creating and establishing the Authority by the municipalities of Harrison County. The Authority shall be governed by a Board whose members shall consist of representatives of the municipalities as follows:

- A. Members of the Authority shall be as follows:
  - (1.) One (1) Representative appointed by the governing authorities of the City of D’Iberville, Mississippi;
  - (2.) Two (2) Representatives appointed by the governing authorities of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi;
  - (3.) Two (2) Representatives appointed by the governing authorities of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi;
- B. Interim terms begin when appointed by the respective municipalities and end September 30, 2014. The initial terms of the Authority Representatives shall be as follows:
  - Two (2) years for the Representative appointed by the City of D’Iberville (ending September 30, 2016); and three (3) years for the Representative appointed by the City of Biloxi and the City of Gulfport (ending September 30, 2017). Subsequent terms of the Representatives shall be for a period of three (3) years beginning October 1st and ending September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Each Representative of the Authority shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified, or until he or she resigns or is removed from office in accordance with the bylaws. Any Representative shall be eligible for reappointment. A Representative may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President of the Board. Any resignation of a Representative shall take effect upon receipt and acceptance by the Board.

- D. Any Representative who does not attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Authority may be removed from office by the Board upon a majority vote of the Board. Any Representative so removed shall be replaced with an appointment from the governing authority which originally appointed the removed Representative to serve out the remainder of the term of the removed Representative.
- E. Each Representative shall give bond in the sum of not less than Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000), with sureties qualified to do business in Mississippi. The condition of each bond shall be that each Representative will faithfully perform all duties of his or her office and account for all monies or other assets which shall come into his or her custody as Representative of the Authority. The premiums for such bonds shall be an expense of the Authority.
- F. At the initial meeting of the Authority, the authority shall elect a President, a Vice President, and Treasurer. Thereafter, the Authority will annually, at the last meeting of the fiscal year, elect a President, Vice President, and Treasurer who shall serve in their respective offices for the next fiscal year. The Vice President shall act in the absence or disability of the President.
- G. All voting members of the Authority shall serve without salary but shall be entitled to receive per diem as provided for in Section 25-3-60, Miss Code of 1972 (as amended), and actual and necessary expenses incurred while in the performance of any duties as a member of the Authority as provided in Section 25-3-4, Miss. Code of 1972 (as amended).
- H. Interim appointments shall be made only for the balance of the unexpired term remaining. Regular Authority Meetings will be held in a public place to be designated by the Authority. The Authority may otherwise meet upon notice, pursuant to state statute, to each of its members when such special meeting is required to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and a majority of the Authority shall constitute a quorum thereof, as long as the majority of them are voting members. It shall be the duty of the Authority to proceed at once to administer the provisions of inter-local agreement as amended, and for this purpose the Authority shall formulate and cause to be printed such application forms and such other forms as may be required to properly carry out the duties of the Authority.
- I. **Definition of Motor Vehicle for Hire.** The term "motor vehicle for hire" or vehicle for hire, when used herein shall mean any motor vehicle, animal-drawn vehicle, pedicab, or other vehicle designed or used for the transportation of passengers for hire, the charges for the use of which are determined by agreement, mileage, or by the length of time for which the vehicle is engaged. The following are excluded from the definition of "motor vehicle for hire":
- (a) Limousines or any other vehicle owned solely by a funeral home and used for the performance of funeral services. However, if the limousine or other vehicle owned by a funeral home is used for other transportation-for-hire purposes for which a fee is charged, such vehicle is not excluded;
  - (b) Ambulances and other medical transport service vehicles; however, nonemergency transportation vehicles are not excluded;
  - (c) Vehicles provided by an employer or an employee association for use in transporting employees back and forth between the employees' homes and to the employers' place of business, with employees reimbursing the employer or employee association in an amount calculated to offset the reasonable expenses of operating the vehicle;
  - (d) Vehicles owned and operated for the purpose of transporting the driver and/or others on a prearranged basis between their homes and places of employment or places of common destination and only charging a fee calculated to reasonably cover expenses (i.e.

carpool, vanpool, etc.);

(e) Vehicles owned and operated by the federal or state government, by a political subdivision of the state or by a person under contract with the county or any city within the county for operation of the vehicle;

(f) Vehicles owned and operated by hotels/motels which provide free transportation service to guests. However, vehicles operated by hotels/motels which provide transportation services for a fee are not excluded; and

(g) Vehicles owned by a nonprofit organization and carrying only passengers associated with that organization, if no compensation is received from any other person for carrying the passengers.

## Sec. 2. – Definitions

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

**Accessible Vehicle:** A vehicle that meets the requirements of the Americans with Disability Act (“ADA”) and is equipped with: a lift mechanism capable of lifting a passenger in a wheelchair from street level into the vehicle or a ramp with a slope that is suitable for a wheelchair passenger to enter the vehicle safely; headroom of sufficient capacity to accommodate wheelchair passengers comfortable, and; wheelchair tie-down, but shall not include transportation of passengers in a recumbent position or on stretchers or beds.

**Animal Drawn Vehicle:** Any vehicle that is pulled by carriage horses, dray horses, or other draft animals and is used for the purpose of conveying passengers for hire or for advertising or promotional purposes.

**Bus:** A passenger vehicle designed to seat sixteen (16) or more passengers including the driver.

**Certificate of Registration:** A certificate issued by the Authority authorizing the holder thereof to conduct a taxicab business in the County.

**Cruising:** Driving on, over, or along city or county streets and round businesses soliciting passengers for hire or parking for the purpose of soliciting fares.

**Driver's Permit:** The permission granted by the Authority to a person to drive or operate a taxicab upon the streets of the County.

**Executive Sedan:** A vehicle with a passenger seating capacity not in excess of eight (8) passengers including the driver which operates by a prearranged contract or agreement. A vehicle licensed to operate as an *executive sedan* is prohibited from providing any other service defined herein.

**Holder:** A person to whom a certificate of registration has been issued.

**Information Sign or Sticker:** An adhesive sign that is posted in vehicle for hire that would inform passengers the rates of fare and the telephone number of the Motor Vehicle for Hire Authority.

**Limousine:** A motor vehicle designed or constructed to accommodate and transport passengers for hire on a pre-arranged basis only, with an extended seating capacity, and a fixed partition between the driver and passenger seating area. The vehicle shall have additional rear seating capacity, area, and comforts;

and shall be designed to transport a minimum of five (5) and not more than fifteen (15) passengers (including the driver).

**Limousine Service:** A business which utilizes limousines, limousine luxury busses, or executive sedans as vehicles which are not equipped with a meter and operate only on the basis of written or other prearranged contract. A vehicle licensed to operate as a *limousine service* is prohibited from cruising, operating on call or demand, or providing any other service defined herein.

**Limousine Luxury Bus:** A motor vehicle designed or constructed to accommodate and transport passengers for hire on a pre-arranged basis only, with an extended seating capacity, and a fixed partition between the driver and passenger seating area. The vehicle shall have additional rear seating capacity, area, and comforts; and shall be designed to transport a minimum of sixteen (16) passengers (including the driver).

**Long Hauling:** The practice of a for-hire transportation driver taking a route other than the most direct or efficient route in order to charge the customer a higher fare.

**Manifest:** A daily record of all trips made by a driver, showing time and place of origin, destination, the number of passengers and any other information required by the Authority.

**Non-Emergency Medical Transport:** A vehicle for hire which is engaged by prearrangement; is a van, minivan, bus, or accessible vehicle; and which provides non-emergency transportation service to ambulatory, wheelchair, or disabled passengers to and from medical appointments.

**Open Stand:** A public place alongside the curb of a street or elsewhere in the County which has been designated by the Authority as reserved exclusively for the use of taxicabs.

**Pedicab:** A bicycle-like vehicle duly licensed to be operated and used primarily for the purpose of providing for-hire transportation over a route or to a destination and upon which one or more persons may ride as passenger(s) while being propelled exclusively by the manual strength of a company hired person.

**Person:** Includes an individual, a corporation, or other legal entity, a partnership and any unincorporated association.

**Prearranged:** Transportation that has been arranged or reserved via telephone, facsimile, internet, or smartphone app, at least one hour, prior to the vehicle for hire beginning to render the transportation service and any service ancillary to the transportation such as loading baggage.

**Shuttle Bus:** A non-metered van type motor vehicle that has a manufacturer's seating capacity of not less than 16 passengers (including the driver) and is used for the transportation of persons. This classification shall not apply to any motor vehicle otherwise defined as a taxicab, flat-rate vehicle for hire, limousine, or non-emergency medical transport.

**Shuttle Vehicle:** A non-metered van type motor vehicle that has a manufacturer's seating capacity of not less than 9 passengers and not more than 15 passengers (including the driver) and is used for the transportation of persons. This classification shall not apply to any motor vehicle otherwise defined as a taxicab, flat-rate vehicle for hire, limousine, or non-emergency medical transport.

**Shuttle Service:** A business offering or providing transportation for hire by a shuttle vehicle when the driver is furnished as part of the service and the service is offered on a prearranged basis, a preapproved regularly scheduled basis, or a preapproved route.

**Specialty Limousine:** An antique or special interest vehicle which is maintained in excellent condition. “Antique vehicle” shall mean a vehicle that is twenty-five (25) years old or older and is recognized by the Antique Automobile Club of America. “Special interest vehicle” shall mean a vehicle that, due to limited production, outstanding design, unique character, and/or technical achievement, is of special interest. The determination of whether a vehicle qualifies as an antique, classic, or special interest vehicle shall be made by the Authority.

**Taxicab:** Any metered, on-demand vehicle with a minimum of four (4) doors which carries seven passengers or less (eight including the driver) for-hire where the destination and route traveled may be controlled by a passenger and the fare is calculated on the basis of an initial fee, distance traveled, waiting time, or any combination thereof.

**Taximeter:** A meter instrument or device attached to a taxicab which measures mechanically or electronically the distance driven and the waiting time upon which the fare is based.

**Transportation Network Company:** A business that solely relies on the use of an online-enabled platform, such as a smart phone app, to connect passengers with drivers.

**Waiting Time:** The time during which a taxicab is under the direction of a passenger, and the taxicab is moving slower than the per-mile rate allowed by this article.

### **Sec. 3. - Penalty for Violation**

- A. To provide an additional enforcement mechanism, the participating municipalities may adopt an ordinance declaring that any person or persons who may violate any of the rules or regulations established by the Authority shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and/or sentenced up to thirty (30) days in jail, in addition to any revocation, suspension of any permit, license, certificate of registration, or any other documentation issued by the Authority. Failure of any owner or operator to comply with any requirements as to insurance coverage as may be imposed by the Authority shall be cause for revocation or suspension of his/her permit, or a fine not exceeding one thousand (\$1,000.00), or both.
- B. The penalties issued herein shall be in addition to the suspension and revocation penalties of the Authority granted by these Rules. However, the suspension and revocation penalties are considered administrative penalties for a violation or infraction of these Rules. Nothing herein should be interpreted to construe that the Authority has the authority to adjudicate a misdemeanor.

### **Sec. 4 – Certificate of Registration Required**

No individual or company shall operate or permit a vehicle owned or controlled by him or her to be operated as a vehicle for hire upon the streets of the participating municipalities of Harrison County without having first obtained a Certificate of Registration from the Authority. However, persons operating such vehicles for the purpose of servicing or maintaining such vehicles or for other non-passenger ferrying purposes other than personal services are exempted from this regulation.

Otherwise personal use of such vehicles by non-permitted drivers is prohibited. The language of this section notwithstanding, nothing herein is intended to prohibit a driver permitted by this Authority from using a vehicle titled in that driver's name, for which a Certificate of Registration has been issued, for personal purposes.

## **Sec. 5. - Issuance of Certificate of Registration**

- A. **Companies.** Before conducting business as a Company which owns and operates Motor Vehicles for Hire, such company must be issued a Company Certificate of Registration.

The application for such certificates shall be pursuant to forms and instructions prescribed by the Authority and will include background checks for each owner, officer or agent. It shall also include documentation of corporate existence, names addresses and titles of each owner, officer or agent; social security numbers, dates of birth, and places of birth of each owner, officer or agent and copies of government issued IDs of each owner, officer or agent. Finally, the Application shall provide any other information necessary prescribed by the Authority necessary for checking the background of each company owner, officer or agent including releases authorizing such investigations.

- B. **Vehicles.** The owner or driver of any vehicle for hire operating in the participating municipalities of Harrison County shall, before causing or permitting the vehicle for hire to be operated, register such vehicle with the Authority, giving its year, make, model, vehicle identification number and license tag number for the current year, and furnishing to the Authority proof of a public liability policy in the required amounts of coverage written by an insurance company authorized to do business in the state, for each vehicle for hire. The Authority shall register such vehicle for hire in the name of the owner in a record kept for that purpose, giving the vehicle for hire a number, provided that the registration number shall not be required to be changed at subsequent registrations, but there shall at all times be in force and effect the insurance coverage specified in this subsection.

Additional vehicles may not be put in service until a new Vehicle Certification of Registration is obtained from the Authority.

- C. **Investigation.** The Authority shall make inquiry into the background and history of the applicant, which shall include, but not be limited to, a criminal background investigation, drug screening, and a driving record investigation. If found satisfactory, the applicant may be issued a Certificate of Registration.
- D. **Issuance of Permit.** In the event that such investigations reveal no negative history or positive results for illegal substances, a permit for such an applicant may be issued at the discretion of, and by, the Authority Administrator subject to ratification by the Authority at its next scheduled meeting. However, in the event that such investigations reveal negative criminal or driving history or positive results for illegal substances, the Authority Administrator must present the results of the investigation to the Authority and Certificates of Registration for such applicants may only be issued upon Authority approval
- E. **Duration and Renewal.** Certificates of Registration (both company and vehicle) shall be valid for a period of one year, expiring February 1.
- F. **Company Fees.** There shall be a non-refundable \$200.00 fee paid to the Authority with each application for a Company Certificate of Registration. The fee for any new Company

Application received after February 1 shall be prorated through February 1 of the following year.

There shall be a non-refundable \$200.00 fee paid to the Authority with each application for a renewal of a Company Certificate of Registration. A renewal application for a Company Certificate of Registration must be submitted prior to February 1 of each year.

An application submitted for a Company Certificate of Registration, by a Company which previously held a Certificate which has lapsed or otherwise been terminated, shall be considered a new application.

- G. **Vehicle Fees.** There shall be a fee paid to the Authority with each application, including renewal applications, for a Vehicle Certificate of Registration. The fee shall be \$396.00 per year, but may be paid on a monthly basis at a rate of \$33.00 per vehicle per month. Monthly fees due the Authority are due on the first day of each month and are considered late if not paid by the close of business on the tenth (10th) day of each month in which the fee was originally due. There shall be no invoice with regard to the requirement for the payment of Vehicle fees other than these Rules. Failure to pay all monthly fees due from a Company by the close of business on the tenth day of the month shall result in an automatic revocation of all Certificates issued to that Company including the Company Certificates of Registration and all Vehicle Certificates of Registration.
- H. **Certificate of Registration Application Instructions and Forms.** Certificate of Registration application, instructions and forms shall be prescribed by the Authority and shall include any and all necessary release forms needed to investigate the applicant.
- I. **Holds and Moratoriums.** The Authority shall have the authority to issue temporary holds or moratoriums on the issuance of Certificates of Registration.

#### **Sec. 6. - Transfer of Certificate of Registration.**

No Certificate of Registration may be sold, assigned, hypothecated, mortgaged or otherwise transferred without the consent of the Authority.

#### **Sec. 7. - Suspension or Revocation of Certificate of Registration.**

- A. A Certificate of Registration issued under the provisions of this article may be revoked or suspended by the Authority if the holder has violated any of the provisions of this article.
- B. Prior to suspension or revocation, the holder shall be given notice of the proposed action to be taken and shall have an opportunity to be heard.
- C. Company Certificates of Registration and all Vehicle Certificate of Registrations issued under a company shall be considered automatically revoked for failure to pay monthly vehicle fees.
  - a. Otherwise, upon receipt of evidence of any other violation of this article by a Certificate of Registration holder, the Authority Administrator shall notify such individual that the revocation or suspension of his/her Certificate of Registration is under consideration and shall invite the holder to submit documentary evidence or written statements relevant to the issue and after due consideration of all the evidence the Authority shall issue a decision regarding its action and shall notify the holder as soon as practicably possible.
  - b. Effect of Revocation



- a. In the event that a Certificate of Registration or Driver’s Permit is revoked, and that certificate or permit had never been previously revoked, then the Company or individual for which or whom, the Certificate had been revoked shall not be eligible to submit a new application for such Certificate or Permit for a period of no less than 30 days and no more than 90 days from the date of revocation.
- b. In the event that a Certificate of Registration or Driver’s Permit is revoked and that certificate or permit had been previously revoked once, then the Company or individual for which or whom the Certificate had been revoked shall not be eligible to submit a new application for such Certificate or Permit for a period of no less than 90 days and no more than 180 days from the date of revocation.
- c. In the event that a Certificate of Registration or Driver’s Permit is revoked and that certificate or permit had been previously revoked on two or more occasions, then the Company or individual for which or whom, the Certificate had been revoked shall not be eligible to submit a new application for such Certificate or Permit for a period of no less than 180 days and no more than 365 days from the date of revocation.
- d. The exact period for which an individual shall remain ineligible for submitting a new application shall be determined by the Authority within the guidelines stated above.
  - i. In the case of a revocation that occurs automatically by operation of the Rules (for example for failure to pay fees as required), the revocation shall begin immediately; however, the length of the period for which a Company and or Driver shall remain ineligible for submitting a new application shall be determined by the Authority the first meeting of the Authority after the effective date of revocation and that period shall run from the effective date of revocation.
  - ii. In the case of a revocation imposed or issued by the Authority the length of the period for which a Company and or Driver shall remain ineligible for submitting a new application shall be determined by the Authority at the time it issues or imposes the revocation.

D. **Appeals.** If the Authority refuses to grant an operator’s permit or license to an applicant, or reinstate a suspended or revoked license, or if any individual fees aggrieved by a decision under this article, an appeal may be taken to the City Council of the municipality where the applicant resides or where the applicant’s employer is located. If the applicant neither resides nor is employed by an employer located in any of the participating municipalities, appeal shall be taken to the City Council of one of the municipalities participating in the Inter-local Agreement. Appeals to the appropriate City Council shall be perfected by the filing of a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk of the appropriate participating municipality within ten (10) days of the refusal to grant or the decision from which the party is aggrieved. The City Council, sitting as an appellate body, shall determine whether the best interest of the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the participating municipalities would be served by permitting said applicant to pursue such vocation in the participating municipalities.

**Sec. 8. - Vehicle Equipment and Maintenance; Inspections.**

A. **Inspection Prior to Use.** Prior to the use and operation of any vehicle for hire under the provisions of this article, the vehicle for hire shall be thoroughly examined and inspected by personnel authorized an ASE Certified Technician with certifications in a minimum of three (3) areas (to include Engine, Brakes, and Suspension & Steering) and found to comply with such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Authority. These rules and

regulations shall be promulgated to provide safe transportation and shall specify such safety equipment and regulatory devices as the Authority shall deem necessary therefore.

- B. **Inspections.** Every vehicle for hire operating under this article shall be inspected annually not more than thirty (30) days prior to the application (initial and renewal) of such Vehicle Certificate of Registration. The inspection form and parameters shall be approved by the Authority and include a date stamped photograph of the front, rear, right side, and left side of the vehicle.
- C. Vehicles for hire are to be kept in clean, sanitary and undamaged condition. Every vehicle for hire operating under this article shall present a favorable appearance and be free from offensive odors. Vehicles that have been damaged, whether or not they remain roadworthy, shall be restricted from operating. All vehicles are subject to inspection at any time by the Authority or a designee of the Authority.
- D. **Inspection Permit and Decal.** Upon a vehicle for hire passing the required inspection, the holder shall be issued an inspection permit showing the date of the inspection, the vehicle's registration number and license tag number. The permit shall be legibly signed by the person conveying the permit, and shall be in the form of or accompanied by a decal issued by the Authority, to be displayed in the right lower corner of the front windshield of the inspected vehicle.

**Sec. 9. – Vehicle Classification and Liability Insurance.**

- A. No Certificate of Registration shall be issued or continue in operation unless there is in full force and effect a liability insurance policy for each vehicle authorized in the amount specified for each category and a commercial general liability insurance policy. Such policy shall be in the name of the Company and inure to the benefit of any person who shall be injured or who shall sustain damage to property proximately caused by the negligence of a holder or his employees, subcontractors, or agents. The policy or proof, thereof, shall be filed in the office of the Authority, and the policy shall be issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the state.
- B. The insurance policy or proof thereof filed with the Authority as required by this section shall contain a provision or endorsement to the effect that the policy shall not be canceled for any cause by either party thereto unless and until 10 days' written notice is given to the Authority, and that such 10 days' notice, when given, shall commence to run from the date notice is actually received at the Authority. The Authority shall be listed on the policy as to be notified by the insurance company of any policy limit changes, cancelation, or lapses of coverage. Failure to have liability insurance in force on any vehicle authorized to be used by the holder is cause for revocation and cancellation of the Certificate of Registration. The Authority and the cities of the participating municipalities shall be listed as an additional insured on all insurance policies.
- C. Vehicle Classifications are determined by passenger carrying capacity (specifications include the driver):
  - a. Category "A"                      Eight (8) passengers or less & Accessible Taxicabs of seven (7) passengers or less                      \$500,000 CSL
  - b. Category "B"                      Nine (9) to fifteen (15) passengers                      \$1,500,000 CSL
  - c. Category "C"                      Sixteen (16) or more passengers                      \$5,000,000 CSL
  - d. Category "T"                      Non-Accessible Taxicab of seven (7) passengers or less
    - i. Bodily Injury: One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) each person
    - ii. Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) each occurrence
    - iii. Property damage liability fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) each occurrence
    - iv. In lieu of subparts (C) i., ii., and iii., hereinabove, bodily injury and property

damage combined with limits of \$350,000 per occurrence.

- D. General Liability Insurance in the amount of no less than \$500,000 per occurrence shall be required for any Certificate of Registration issued for the operation of an Accessible Vehicle.

**Sec. 12. - Advertising on Vehicles.**

With the approval of a majority vote of the Authority, a company or individual owning or operating a vehicle for hire to permit advertising matter to be affixed to or installed in or on such vehicle for hire. Authority reserves the right of refusal and has right to order removal of advertising. Signage that obstructs the view of the driver or passenger(s) and is, in the opinion of the Authority, a safety hazard is prohibited.

**Sec. 13. - Refusal of Passenger to Pay Legal Fare.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to pay the legal fare of any vehicle for hire after having hired the vehicle, and it shall be unlawful for any person to hire any vehicle with the intent to defraud the person from whom it is hired of the value of such service.

**Sec. 14. No Smoking Policy.**

Smoking is prohibited in any vehicle for hire. No Smoking signs will be posted in the vehicle in a location visible to passengers.

**Sec. 15. – Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport Rules & Procedures.**

The Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (the “Airport”) has the authority to establish rules and procedures as to govern motor vehicles for hire operating at the Airport. These rules and regulations may supersede the minimum specifications of the Authority’s rules and regulations. Specifically, fares originating or terminating at the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport shall not exceed the maximum rate for the locations specified on the Airport Rate Map as established by the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority (Attachment B).

**Sec. 16. - Existing Certificates of Registration and Driver's Permits.**

- A. All Company Certificates of Registration to operate or own a motor vehicle for hire company issued by the Harrison County Motor Vehicle for Hire Commission outstanding as of the effective date of this article shall be considered valid until January 31, 2015 so long as the Certificate holder is in good standing with the Commission on July 1, 2014. The process for the renewal of the Company Certificate of Registration that expire on January 31, 2015 will follow the specifications outlined within this article. Any existing Company Certificate of Registration that will expire prior to January 31, 2015 will need to be renewed prior to the date of expiration and will be valid until January 31, 2015. The fee for this Certificate of Registration shall be \$100.00.
- B. All Vehicle Certificates of Registration to operate or own a motor vehicle for hire company issued by the Harrison County Motor Vehicle for Hire Commission outstanding as of the effective date of this article shall be considered valid until January 31, 2015 so long as the Certificate holder is in good standing with the Commission on July 1, 2014. The process for the renewal of the Vehicle Certificate of Registration that expire on January 31, 2015 will follow the specifications outlined within this article. Any existing Company Certificate of Registration that

will expire prior to January 31, 2015 will need to be renewed prior to the date of expiration and will be valid until January 31, 2015. The fee for this Certificate of Registration shall be \$25.00.

- C. All Driver's Permits issued by the Harrison County Motor Vehicle for Hire Commission will be considered valid so long as the permit holder is in good standing with the Commission on July 1, 2014. All holders must apply for and be issued a transfer permit from the Authority by October 17, 2014. The fee for the transfer Driver's permit shall be \$10.00. Any Driver's Permit not transferred October 17, 2014 will be considered revoked.

## **ARTICLE II. – DRIVER REGULATIONS**

- 1. – Driver’s Permit Required**
- 2. – Application for Driver’s Permit;**
- 3. – Temporary Permit**
- 4. – Display of Permit and Badge**
- 5. – Transfer of Driver’s Permit or Badge**
- 6. – Suspension or Revocation of Driver’s Permit; Reporting Requirements**
- 7. – Dress Code/Hygiene**
- 8. – Customer Service Training**
- 9. – Random Drug Testing**
- 10. - Accessible Vehicle Endorsement**

### **Sec. 1. - Driver's Permit Required.**

No person shall operate a vehicle for hire upon the streets of the municipalities within Harrison County, no person who owns or controls a vehicle for hire shall permit it to be so driven, and no vehicle for hire licensed by the Authority shall be so driven at any time for hire, unless the driver of the vehicle shall have first obtained and shall have then in force a driver's permit issued by the Authority under the provisions of this article.

### **Sec. 2. - Application for Driver's Permit**

In order to secure a driver’s permit, an applicant must provide the following information on a form (application) provided by the Authority. The applicant must:

- A. Be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- B. Possess and maintain a current, valid Class D or higher driver's license issued by the State of Mississippi. The license class must be applicable to the vehicle for-hire being driven.
- C. Be a citizen of the United States or an alien admitted for permanent residence who has otherwise been granted employment authorization by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- D. Submit a written statement from a Company Certificate of Registration holder stating that the applicant will be affiliated as a driver with that holder upon issuance of the permit.
- E. Not have been convicted, been on probation, parole, or served time on a sentence for a period of five years prior to the date of application, for the violation of any criminal offense, or felony, of the municipalities of Harrison County, Harrison County, the state of Mississippi, any other state, or of the United States. If at any time during the application process the applicant is charged with any criminal offense, consideration of the applicant shall be suspended until entry of a judgment or dismissal.
  - i. A conviction of prostitution or physical violence within the last ten (10) years will result in a denial of a permit.
  - ii. A conviction of homicide, attempted homicide, aggravated rape, aggravated battery, simple rape, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated burglary, armed robbery, attempted aggravated battery, attempted aggravated rape, attempted aggravated robbery, aggravated assault, and/or the sale/distribution or possession with the intent to distribute a dangerous or controlled substance at any time will result in a denial of a permit. The Authority reserves the right to deny a driver permit on the basis of a conviction not specifically enumerated above, if in the opinion of the Authority, that such conviction shall render such applicant unfit for driving a

motor vehicle for hire.

- F. Not have been convicted of three or more moving violations within a period of two years prior to the date of application.
- G. Not have been convicted of three or more violations of these rules and regulations within a period of two years prior to the date of application.
- H. Provide documentation of a medical exam conducted by a licensed physician in the state of Mississippi.
- I. In addition to the above requirements, drivers of animal-drawn vehicles shall be required to provide documentary evidence of working knowledge and general experience involving large animals, such as horses, and animal drawn vehicles.

J. **Application.** Any person desiring to drive a vehicle for hire within the municipalities of Harrison County shall make written application to the Authority, on a form provided by the Authority, on which shall be shown the home address of the applicant and the applicant's birthplace, date of birth, age, height, weight, color of hair, color of eyes, complexion, and a recent full-face identification-type photograph of the applicant showing the head uncovered, size two inches by two inches.

K. **Investigation.** The Authority shall make inquiry into the background and history of the applicant, which shall include, but not be limited to, a criminal background investigation, a drug testing and a driving record investigation. If found satisfactory, the applicant may receive a Authority issued identification badge/card, which shall have a number and the name of the Authority thereon, as well as a permit to drive a vehicle for hire within the participating municipalities of Harrison County. The number shown on the badge/card and the permit/Certificate shall be the same. The permit shall not be transferable or assignable. Applicants denied due to a failed initial or random drug screen may not reapply for one (1) calendar year proceeding the initial date of application.

The applicant may choose to apply for a background investigation, drug screen, and motor vehicle report through the Authority the fee structure adopted by resolution to cover the costs of such investigation. The applicant may also choose to submit a certified copy of a background investigation from a third party source that is approved and nationally accredited, obtain a motor vehicle report from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (no more than 10 days old), and submit the results of a five (5) panel drug screen through an approved vendor in Gulfport, Biloxi, or D'Iberville, MS. The results of the drug screen must be sent directly from the vendor and be received within twenty four hours of application.

L. **Issuance of Permit.** In the event that such investigations reveal no negative history or positive results for illegal substances, a permit for such an applicant may be issued at the discretion of, and by, the Authority Administrator subject to ratification by the Authority at its next scheduled meeting. However, in the event that such investigations reveal negative criminal or driving history or positive results for illegal substances, the Authority Administrator must present the results of the investigation to the Authority and Permits for such applicants may only be issued upon Authority approval.

M. **Permit Duration.** Driver Permits shall be valid for a period of ~~two years~~ one year from the date of ~~application~~ issuance, unless revoked or suspended pursuant to these Rules.

N. **Permit Fees.** The application fee shall be a non-refundable \$40.00 and it shall be paid at the time of application. Renewal application fee shall be a non-refundable \$40.00 and paid with the submission of any renewal application.

- O. **Driver Permit Application Instructions and Forms.** Driver Permit application instructions and forms shall be prescribed by the Authority and shall include any and all necessary release forms needed to investigate the applicant.

**Sec. 3. – Temporary Permits.**

Temporary permits will not be issued. However, in the event that the Authority Administrator is out of the office for five or more consecutive days, the Authority Chairman or his or her designee shall have the authority to issue a thirty (30) day permit. The Authority Chairman is vested with absolute discretion in exercising this authority; however, in no case may a permit be issued upon evidence of an applicant’s inability to qualify as otherwise set forth herein.

**Sec. 4. – Display of Permit Badge and Certificate.**

Upon receipt of the permit badge and certificate, the driver and owner of the vehicle for hire shall, at all times the vehicle for hire is driven, cause the permit certificate to be displayed in a place clearly visible to the passengers in the vehicle for hire. The driver shall wear the badge on his or her outermost garment above waist level in a visible location at all times she or he is operating the vehicle for hire within the participating municipalities of Harrison County.

**Sec. 5. - Transfer of Driver's Permit or Badge.**

- A. **No Transfer among Individuals.** It shall be unlawful for any driver who secures a driver's permit and badge/card to transfer such permit and badge/card to any other driver, or for any person to use the permit or badge/card of another person while driving or operating a vehicle for hire.
- B. **No Transfer among Companies.** In the event that a driver who has secured a permit while affiliated for one company and she or he begins changes affiliation to a different company, such driver must secure a new driver’s permit and badge which reflects the change in company affiliation. New permits and badges will be issued at a cost of \$15.00 payable to the Authority. An authorized representative from the company the driver will be transferring to must inform the Authority Administrator prior to the issuance of a new permit and badge.
- C. **Termination of Driver Affiliation.** In the event that a driver’s affiliation with a company is terminated and such notice is submitted to the Authority Administrator, the driver’s permit issued to the individual shall be automatically suspended. The suspension shall be lifted upon the driver obtaining affiliation with a registered company.

**Sec. 6. - Suspension or Revocation of Driver's Permit; Reporting Requirements.**

- A. **Grounds.** The Authority may revoke or suspend a driver's permit and certificate and demand the return of the permit and certificate upon proof that the person to whom they were issued permitted any other person to use such permit or certificate, or upon proof that the holder of such permit, was guilty of or commits any of the following while operating or providing services in connection with a motor vehicle for hire governed by these Rules and Regulations:
  - (1) Being intoxicated or under the influence of liquor, or suffering impaired driving ability due to the use of prescription or nonprescription drugs;
  - (2) Disturbing the peace;
  - (3) Violating the speed regulations prescribed by law;

- (4) Carrying or possessing illegal drugs or any weapons in violation of the law;
- (5) Knowingly driving a vehicle that has safety defects;
- (6) Committing three moving violations within one year;
- (7) Driving any such vehicle for hire which has not been registered or for which insurance is not carried as required by this article;
- (8) Failing to have a current and valid commercial driver's license;
- (9) Failing to comply with all Airport, city, county, state and federal laws or regulations or any provision of this article;
- (10) Allowing a driver, without a permit issued by this Authority, to operate a Motor Vehicle for Hire other than drivers who are transporting or testing Motor Vehicle for Hire for service or maintenance purposes.
- (11) Service Conduct Complaint made by Customer/Passenger made in writing and signed by the Customer/Passenger with their name, address, and telephone number.
- (12) Knowingly engaging in acts to deceive the public.
- (13) Conviction of any crime while operating a motor vehicle for hire.

#### **B. Reporting Requirements.**

1. Any driver who receives a ticket for any moving violation or is arrested and charged with a crime or is convicted of a crime must report such occurrence to the Authority within ten (10) working days. Failure to do so may result in the suspension or revocation of that person's driver permit.
2. Companies holding Certificates of Registration issued by the Authority must report the following:
  - i. Issuance of a ticket to an affiliated driver for any violation.
  - ii. The arrest or charging of a crime of an affiliated driver.
  - iii. The conviction of a crime by an affiliated driver
  - iv. An accident involving a motor vehicle for hire owned or controlled by a company.
  - v. The termination of affiliation of a driver from the Company.
3. Companies must report the occurrences described in Section 6.B.2 above within ten (10) working days of first having obtained knowledge of the circumstance. Failure to do so may result in the suspension or revocation of the Company's Certificate of Registration.

#### **C. Suspension or Revocation.**

1. Upon receipt of evidence of any violation of this article by a driver's permit holder, the Authority Administrator shall notify such permit holder that the revocation or suspension of his/her permit is under consideration and shall request the holder to submit documentary evidence or written statements relevant to the issue. After due consideration of all the evidence the Authority shall issue a decision regarding its action and shall notify the holder as soon as practicably possible.
2. Upon a drug related arrest of a driver holding a driver's permit issued by the Authority, the driver's permit of the individual arrested shall be automatically suspended without Authority action. If such a driver voluntarily submits to a drug test to be arranged by the Authority Administrator, and paid for by the permit holder, and the drug test reveals that the holder tests negative for illegal substances, the suspension may be lifted pending legal adjudication of the charges. The arrested Permit Holder will, like all other Permit Holders,



be subject to random drug tests pending legal adjudication of the charges. Upon legal adjudication of the charges, further suspension or revocation of the permit will be considered by the Authority at their next scheduled meeting.

### **Sec. 7. – Dress Code/Hygiene.**

All commercial ground transportation providers and vehicle drivers must be properly attired in clean and sanitary apparel and maintain the following dress and grooming standards while transporting passengers for hire:

- (1.) Male drivers shall wear long pants or knee length hemmed shorts, shoes and shirts with collars and sleeves. Shoes shall be clean and of a style that attachable to the foot; foot apparel such as flip flops, thongs, or shower shoes that are held on by a strap between the toes are not allowed. Hair, beards and mustaches shall be neat, trimmed and present a groomed appearance.
- (2.) Female drivers shall wear long pants or knee length hemmed shorts, skirts or dresses, shoes, shirts or blouse with sleeves. Shoes shall be clean and of a style that attachable to the foot; foot apparel such as flip flops, thongs, or shower shoes that are held on by a strap between the toes are not allowed. Hair shall be neat and present a groomed appearance.
- (3.) Uniforms from other jobs must be changed prior to providing services.

### **Sec. 8. Customer Service Training**

Driver's Permit Holders must attend customer service classes once every two years such classes will be offered by or approved by the Authority and shall be taken at the owner's or driver's expense. Other employees, subcontractors, or agents may attend on a voluntary basis at their own expense. New drivers are required to attend the next regularly scheduled training class to meet the initial training requirement.

### **Sec. 9. Random Drug Testing**

The Authority Administrator is authorized to require and arrange random drug tests of Driver's Permit Holders and or drug tests upon reasonable suspicion of cause for such tests.

### **Sec. 10. Accessible Vehicle Endorsement**

Driver Permit holders must submit evidence of formal training in regard to accessible vehicle operation and passenger assistance. Training must include a review of all legal requirements that apply to the transportation of persons with disabilities, passenger assistance and safety procedures, securing wheelchairs and other mobility devices, and sensitivity awareness.

### **ARTICLE III. - TAXICABS**

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#### **Sec. 1. - Insignia & Identification of Vehicles; Posting of Rates of Fare; Age of Vehicles.**

- A.** Each taxicab shall bear on the outside of each front or each rear door, in permanently affixed letters not less than four inches ~~and not more than ten inches~~ in height, the name and telephone number of the Company under which the Certificate of Registration for that vehicle for hire is (or is to be) issued, and in addition, may bear an identifying design approved by the Authority.
- B.** No taxicab covered by the terms of this article shall be licensed whose color scheme, identifying design, monogram, or insignia to be used thereon shall, in the opinion of the Authority, conflict with or imitate any color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia used on a taxicab or other vehicle for hire already operating under the rules and regulations of the Authority, in such a manner as to be misleading or tend to deceive or defraud the public. If, after a license has been issued for a taxicab under this article, the color scheme, identifying design, monogram, or insignia thereof is changed, in the opinion of the Authority, to be in conflict with or to imitate any color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia used by any other person, owner or driver, in such a manner as to be misleading or tend to deceive the public, the license or certificate covering such taxicab shall be suspended or revoked.
- C.** Each taxicab shall bear on the outside of the front, the back and both sides of the vehicle in an easily noticeable location, in permanently affixed or painted letters of three inches in height, the number found on the Vehicle Certificate of Registration issued to each such vehicle, identified as such.
- D.** Each taxicab shall bear on the outside of each front or each rear door, in permanently affixed letters not less than one inch in height, the rates of fare as prescribed by this article.
- E.** Each taxicab interior shall bear an Information Sign or Sticker provided by the Authority informing passengers the rates of fare and the telephone number of the Authority. The Information Sign or Sticker shall be posted in a location clearly visible to all passengers.
- F.** Affixed to the roof of each taxicab shall be an illuminated dome light not less than four (4) inches in height, bearing the word “TAXI”, “TAXICAB”, “CAB” or the company name (Effective April 1, 2015).
- G.** Effective January 1, 2015, no Certificate of Registration shall be issued to a vehicle of eighteen (18) model years or older. Effective January 1, 2016, no Certificate of Registration shall be issued to a vehicle of sixteen (16) model years or older. Effective January 1, 2017, no Certificate

of Registration shall be issued to a vehicle of fifteen (15) model years or older

**Sec. 2. – Taximeter.**

All taxicabs operated under the authority of this article shall be equipped with taximeters in accurate operating condition, with a lighted face that can be easily read at all times by the passenger. Every taximeter must be inspected by a certified taximeter installer and certified at installation, at the time of any change in rates, and within one (1) year of the last inspection. A Certificate of Inspection must be issued by a qualified taximeter repair service upon each inspection. A copy of the Certificate of Inspection must remain in the taxicab at all times. The Authority Administrator may, upon inspection of the vehicle, require recalibration and certification of the meter by a certified taxi meter installer. Additionally, every vehicle for which a Certificate of Registration is issued shall be subject to a random inspection of its taximeter. Such random inspections shall be conducted at the instance of and by the Authority Administrator.

**Sec. 3. - Metered Rates of Fare Established.**

- A. No owner or driver of a taxicab shall charge a sum for the use of a taxicab greater than the rates prescribed and outlined in ATTACHEMNT A – FEE & RATE SCHEDULE. However, any owner or driver of a taxicab may transport passengers at a prearranged flat rate or hourly rate mutually agreeable to all parties to the agreement prior to the trip commencement.
- B. Airport Fares – Any fare or flat-rate set by the Airport shall supersede the rates set in place by this article so long as the trip originates or terminates at the Airport.
- C. Requests for increases and for decreases in metered rates shall be submitted in writing to the Authority. The Authority shall, within 30 days after receipt of such request, call a meeting to consider the approval or denial of the request.
- D. Every taxicab operated under this article shall clearly display the authorized and maximum rates of fare in such place as to be in view of all passengers. Driver shall use most direct/reasonable route to passenger’(s) destination unless passenger specifies a specific route. Under most circumstances, the most reasonable route will be the route which results in the lowest fare. Drivers are prohibited from long-hauling.

**Sec. 4. - Solicitation, Acceptance and Discharge of Passengers; Prohibited Acts by Driver.**

- A. **Solicitation of Passengers Generally.** No driver shall solicit passengers for a taxicab except when sitting in the driver's compartment of a parked taxicab or while standing immediately adjacent to that driver's vehicle at all times when such vehicle is upon the public street, except that, when necessary, a driver may be absent from the taxicab for not more than 15 consecutive minutes, and provided further that nothing contained in this section shall be held to prohibit any driver from alighting to the street or sidewalk for the purpose of assisting passengers into or out of such vehicle.
- B. **Prohibited Solicitation.** No driver shall solicit patronage in a loud or annoying tone of voice or by sign or in any manner annoy any person or obstruct the movement of any person, or follow any person for the purpose of soliciting patronage. Taxicabs staging or operating on private and

or local government property shall abide by the property owner's rules regarding solicitation, so long as they do not conflict with these Rules and Regulations.

- C. **Receipt and Discharge of Passengers.** Drivers of taxicabs shall pull up to the right-hand sidewalk as nearly as possible, or, in the absence of a sidewalk, to the extreme right hand side of the roadway, and there receive or discharge passengers, except upon one-way streets, where passengers may be discharged at either the right hand or left hand sidewalk, or side of the roadway in the absence of a sidewalk. The driver of the taxicab shall not be held responsible for the unassisted, unauthorized, voluntary exit of a passenger from the taxicab, but shall be responsible for providing the opportunity to safely enter and exit as required in this subsection.
- D. **Cruising.** No driver shall cruise in search of passengers, except in such areas and at such times as shall be designated by the Authority. Such areas and times shall only be designated when the Authority finds that taxicab cruising would not congest traffic or be dangerous to pedestrians and other vehicles.
- E. **Solicitation of Passengers of Other Common Carriers.** No owner or driver of a taxicab shall solicit passengers at the terminal or designated boarding and alighting points on the fixed routes of any other common carrier.
- F. **Additional Passengers.** No driver shall permit any other person to occupy or ride in a non-accessible taxicab unless the person first employing the taxicab shall consent to the acceptance of the additional passenger. No charge shall be made for an additional passenger except when the additional passenger rides beyond the previous passenger's destination, and then only for the additional distance so travelled. No driver shall permit any persons, except individuals employing the vehicle to occupy or ride in the vehicle unless such person is undergoing training to be a driver.
- G. **Maximum Number of Passengers.** No driver shall permit more persons to be carried in a taxicab as passengers than the rated seating capacity of his taxicab permits as stated in the inspection permit for the vehicle issued by personnel authorized by the Authority.
- H. **Refusal to Carry Passenger.** No driver shall refuse or neglect to convey any orderly person upon request, unless previously engaged or unable or forbidden by the provisions of this article to do so.
- I. **Prohibited Acts.** No company, agent, or driver of a taxicab shall engage in the solicitation of business for any hotel, nor attempt to divert patronage from one hotel to another. No company, agent, or driver shall engage in the sale or solicitation of any product or service from or through the use of a vehicle for hire other than the transporting of passengers.
- J. **Haggling Prohibited.** No company, agent, or driver shall engage in the act of solicitation or haggling in a public forum in an attempt to discount, undercut or otherwise subvert a competitor's fare for the purpose of obtaining a customer's business. Arguing or other disruption in a public forum is prohibited.

#### **Sec. 5 - Open Stands—Establishment; Use by Taxicabs.**

- A. Open stands established by the municipalities shall be used by the different drivers on a first come, first served basis. The driver shall pull on to the open stand from the rear and shall advance forward as the cabs ahead pull off. Drivers shall stay within five feet of their cabs. Drivers shall

not solicit passengers or engage in loud or boisterous talk while at an open stand.

- B. Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing a passenger from boarding the cab of his choice that is parked at an open stand.
- C. Private or other vehicles for hire shall not at any time occupy any space upon the streets that has been established as an open stand.

**Sec. 6. - Service Standards.**

All persons engaged in the taxicab business in the participating municipalities of Harrison County operating under the provisions of this article shall render an overall service to the members of the public desiring to use taxicabs. Holders of Certificates of Registration shall maintain a centralized phone number, available 24 hours a day, for the purpose of receiving calls and dispatching cabs. They shall answer all calls received by them for services inside the corporate limits of the participating municipalities of Harrison County as soon as they can do so, and, if the services cannot be rendered within a reasonable time, they shall then notify the prospective passenger of how long it will be before the call can be answered and give the reason therefor. Any holder who shall refuse without good cause to accept a call anywhere within the participating municipalities of Harrison County at any time when such holder has available cabs, or who shall fail or refuse to give overall service, shall be deemed a violator of this article, and the certificate granted to such holder may be revoked after notice and a hearing.

**Sec. 7. - Manifests.**

- A. **Drivers.** Every driver shall maintain and preserve in a safe place, for at least the calendar year next preceding the current calendar year, a daily manifest upon which are recorded all trips made each day, showing the time and place of origin, the destination of each trip, the number of passengers and the amount charged. The forms for each manifest shall be furnished to the driver by the owner and shall be of a character approved by the Authority.
- B. **Certificate Holders.** Every holder of a Company Certificate of Registration shall maintain and preserve in a safe place, for at least the calendar year next proceeding the current calendar year, a manifest showing the time and place of origin, the destination of each trip, the number of passengers and the identity of the vehicle or driver. The manifests shall be available to the Authority and all federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies for inspection and reproduction. The requirements of this section may be satisfied by maintaining electronic copies of the manifests.

**Sec. 8. – Electronic Communication Device.**

- A. No holder of a certificate of registration shall begin operation as a taxicab company within the County unless the system is sufficient to transmit communications regarding both customer pickup and delivery, and taxicab location; and the system may be utilized during normal taxicab operations in a manner that is at least as safe as a standard radio communication system. Cellular telephones are an authorized form of electronic communication.
- B. It shall be a violation of this article for any taxicab driver or driver to answer a call other than one made directly to the taxicab company by which he or she is employed or their agent, or to use or possess with the intent to use, for the purpose of answering a call for taxicab service other than one made to such taxicab company, a radio scanner or any other device, regardless of the form of

technology, that permits the monitoring of taxicab dispatch communication other than taxicab dispatch communication from the taxicab company which employs such driver.

**Sec. 9. – Service Requirements for People with Disabilities (ADA)**

- A. Taxicab drivers cannot refuse to serve a person with a disability who can use taxicab vehicles;
- B. Taxicab drivers cannot charge higher fares or fees for carrying individuals with disabilities and their equipment than are charged to other persons;
- C. Taxicab drivers must provide assistance with the stowing of mobility devices (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.).
- D. Taxicab drivers are prohibited from asking a passenger about her or his disability.
- E. Service Animals: Taxicab drivers are prohibited from refusing to allow service animals to enter the vehicle as well as prohibited from refusing to serve a disabled individual with a service animal.
- F. Nothing herein shall be implied to supersede any applicable state or federal law or regulation, the standards of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

**Sec. 10 – Methods of Payment.**

- A. Every taxicab certificate holder shall require its drivers to accept cash and all major credit, debit, and charge cards (collectively “credit cards”) as method of payment for services rendered and shall accept any and all risk of nonpayment. No additional charge shall be levied against a passenger for use of credit cards, nor shall any passenger be refused service for their use of credit cards. Certificate holders or drivers shall not set a minimum or maximum charge for any credit card transaction. Drivers shall provide all credit card paying customs with a truncated copy of their sales draft or charge receipt clearly showing the amount and the date of the transaction, certificate holder’s name and telephone number, the driver’s taxi number, and the transaction’s authorization approval code. The truncated sales draft or receipt shall not include the credit card’s expiration date or any more than the last four (4) digits of the card’s number.
- B. Every taxicab shall be equipped with a fully-functioning wireless device that provides a secure credit card processing method, satisfies all Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (“PCI DSS”) requirements, and (i) encrypts any information transmitted to authenticate a Credit Card payment transaction for approval, (ii) generates a truncated printed sales draft or charge receipt, and (iii) accepts cards affiliated with all major credit card associations including, but not limited to, MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover Network. Manual imprinting machines and hand written transaction documentation are prohibited.

**Sec. 11. - Receipts.**

Upon request of any passenger of a vehicle for hire, the driver thereof is required to and shall furnish a receipt with the vehicle permit number or registration number required to have been obtained and assigned under the provisions of this article, the amount of the fare charged, the date issued, the company name, and the vehicle for hire driver's permit number. The receipt must be

generated from the vehicle's taximeter or the vehicle's Mobile Data Terminal. Handwritten receipts are prohibited.

## **ARTICLE IV. – LIMOUSINES & EXECUTIVE SEDANS**

### **Sec. 1. – Applicability**

### **Sec. 2. – Insignia on Vehicles**

### **Sec. 3. - Rates of Fare**

### **Sec. 4. - Manifests**

### **Sec. 5. - Solicitation of Passengers**

### **Sec. 6. – Maximum Allowable Age of Vehicles**

### **Sec. 7. – Special Events Permit**

### **Sec. 1 – Applicability**

Vehicles for hire are excluded from these rules and regulations only if they are regulated by the Mississippi Department of Transportation and specifically satisfy one of the following definitions:

- (1) Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross weight of 4,536 kg (10,001 pounds) or more, whichever is greater; or
- (2) Has a manufacturer's specified capacity to transport eleven (11) passengers or more (including the driver) for compensation.

### **Sec. 2. - Insignia on Vehicles.**

- A. Each limousine or luxury sedan shall bare a vanity plate on the front of the vehicle with the name and/or logo of the Company Certificate of Registration holder (company name).
- B. This requirement shall be waived if the vehicle bares the company name permanently affixed to both sides of the vehicle.

### **Sec. 3. - Rates of Fare.**

- A. No certificate holder, owner or driver of a limousine or luxury sedan shall utilize the limousine except as part of either an airport limousine service or a standard limousine service, nor shall any holder, owner or driver of a limousine or luxury sedan charge a greater sum for the use of a limousine than in accordance with the current schedule of rates filed by that holder or owner with the Authority on the basis of hourly rates or a per passenger charge.
- B. At all times any limousine or luxury sedan is operated, the driver and owner of a vehicle operated as an airport limousine service shall cause a schedule of the rates of such limousine to be posted in a conspicuous location in the limousine, and the driver and owner of a limousine operated as a standard limousine service shall cause a schedule of rates of such limousine to be available in the limousine for inspection upon demand.
- C. Any holder or owner may change his schedule of rates by notifying the Authority of the amount of the new rates 30 days in advance of the effective date of such change; however, during the 30-day advance notice period no additional notification of change of rates may be filed by the holder or owner.

### **Sec. 4. - Manifests.**

- C. **Drivers.** Every driver shall maintain and preserve in a safe place, for at least the calendar year next preceding the current calendar year, a daily manifest upon which are recorded all trips made



each day, showing the time and place of origin, the destination of each trip, the number of passengers and the amount charged. The forms for each manifest shall be furnished to the driver by the owner and shall be of a character approved by the Authority.

- D. **Certificate Holders.** Every holder of a Company Certificate of Registration shall maintain and preserve in a safe place, for at least the calendar year next proceeding the current calendar year, a manifest showing the time and place of origin, the destination of each trip, the number of passengers and the identity of the vehicle or driver. The manifests shall be available to the Authority and all federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies for inspection and reproduction. The requirements of this section may be satisfied by maintaining electronic copies of the manifests.

**Sec. 5. - Solicitation of Passengers.**

- A. No person shall solicit passengers for a limousine, and no holder or driver shall permit the solicitation of passengers for a limousine, while the limousine is operated or located upon the streets of the County.
- B. No person shall solicit passengers for any passenger-carrying motor vehicle for hire, including limousines, at the terminal or designated boarding and alighting points on the fixed routes of any common carrier, unless the person is so authorized by a federal, state or municipal regulatory board or agency and is acting with the permission of or under contract with the common carrier. Limousines staging or operating on private and or local government property shall abide by the property owners rules regarding solicitations.

**Sec. 6. – Maximum Allowable Age of Vehicle.**

- A. No vehicle shall exceed a 15 model year maximum age limit.
- B. Operators of vehicles may apply to the Authority for an extension of maximum age limit.

**Sec. 6. – Special Events Permits.**

- A. Limousine Operators that wish to provide service for Special Events on a temporary basis may apply to the Authority for a Special Events Permit. Permits, if issued, will be valid for a 30 day period only.
- B. Limousine Operators that apply for a Special Events Permit must be sponsored by a local Limousine Operator that is currently certified by the Authority.
- C. The fee for a Special Events Permit shall be \$300.00 each.

## **ARTICLE V. - SHUTTLES & SHUTTLE BUSES**

### **Sec. 1. - Applicability**

### **Sec. 2. - Insignia**

### **Sec. 3. - Rates of Fare**

### **Sec. 4. - Manifests**

### **Sec. 5. - Solicitation of Passengers**

### **Sec. 6. – Maximum Allowable Age of Vehicle**

#### **Sec. 1 – Applicability**

Vehicles for hire are excluded from these rules and regulations only if they are regulated by the Mississippi Department of Transportation and specifically satisfy one of the following definitions:

- (1) Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross weight of 4,536 kg (10,001 pounds) or more, whichever is greater; or
- (2) Has a manufacturer’s specified capacity to transport eleven (11) passengers or more (including the driver) for compensation.

#### **Sec. 2. - Insignia on Vehicles; Identification of Vehicles; Posting of Rates of Fare.**

- C. Each shuttle or shuttle bus shall bear on the outside of each front or each rear door, in permanently affixed letters not less than six inches in height, the name and telephone number of the Company under which the Certificate of Registration for that vehicle for hire is (or is to be) issued, and in addition, may bear an identifying design approved by the Authority.
- D. No vehicle covered by the terms of this article shall be licensed whose color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia to be used thereon shall, in the opinion of the Authority, conflict with or imitate any color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia used on a vehicle already operating under the Rules and Regulations of the Authority, in such a manner as to be misleading or tend to deceive or defraud the public. If, after a license has been issued for a vehicle under this article, the color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia thereof is changed, in the opinion of the Authority, to be in conflict with or to imitate any color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia used by any other person, owner or driver, in such a manner as to be misleading or tend to deceive the public, the license or certificate covering such vehicle shall be suspended or revoked.
- E. Each shuttle or shuttle bus shall bear on the outside of the front, the back and both sides of the vehicle in an easily noticeable location, in permanently affixed or painted letters of three inches in height, the number found on the Vehicle Certificate of Registration issued to each such vehicle, identified as such.
- F. Each shuttle or shuttle bus interior shall bear an Information Sign or Sticker provided by the Authority informing passengers the rates of fare and the telephone number of the Authority. The Information Sign or Sticker shall be posted in a location clearly visible to all passengers.

#### **Sec. 3. - Rates of Fare.**

- A. No certificate holder, owner or driver of a shuttle or shuttle bus shall utilize the vehicle except as

part of an airport shuttle service, tour shuttle service, or a standard shuttle service, nor shall any holder, owner or driver of a shuttle charge a greater sum for the use of a shuttle than in accordance with the current schedule of rates filed by that holder or owner with the Authority on the basis of hourly rates or a per passenger charge.

- B. At all times any shuttle is operated, the driver and owner of a shuttle operated as an airport shuttle service shall cause a schedule of the rates of such shuttle to be posted in a conspicuous location in the shuttle, and the driver and owner of a shuttle operated as a standard shuttle service shall cause a schedule of rates of such shuttle to be available in the shuttle for inspection upon demand.
- C. Any holder or owner may change his schedule of rates by notifying the Authority of the amount of the new rates 30 days in advance of the effective date of such change; however, during the 30-day advance notice period no additional notification of change of rates may be filed by the holder or owner.

**Sec. 4. - Manifests.**

- A. **Drivers.** Every driver shall maintain and preserve in a safe place, for at least the calendar year next preceding the current calendar year, a daily manifest upon which are recorded all trips made each day, showing the time and place of origin, the destination of each trip, the number of passengers and the amount charged. The forms for each manifest shall be furnished to the driver by the owner and shall be of a character approved by the Authority.
- B. **Certificate Holders.** Every holder of a Company Certificate of Registration shall maintain and preserve in a safe place, for at least the calendar year next proceeding the current calendar year, a manifest showing the time and place of origin, the destination of each trip, the number of passengers and the identity of the vehicle or driver. The manifests shall be available to the Authority and all federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies for inspection and reproduction. The requirements of this section may be satisfied by maintaining electronic copies of the manifests.

**Sec. 4. - Solicitation of Passengers.**

- A. No person shall solicit passengers for a shuttle, and no holder or driver shall permit the solicitation of passengers for a shuttle, while the shuttle is operated or located upon the streets of the county.
- B. No person shall solicit passengers for any passenger-carrying motor vehicle for hire, including shuttles, at the terminal or designated boarding and alighting points on the fixed routes of any common carrier, unless the person is so authorized by a federal, state or municipal regulatory board or agency and is acting with the permission of or under contract with the common carrier. Shuttles staging or operating on private and or local government property shall abide by the property owners rules regarding solicitations.

**Sec. 5. – Maximum Allowable Age of Vehicle.**

- A. No vehicle shall exceed a 15 model year maximum age limit.
- B. Operators of vehicles may apply to the Authority for an extension of maximum age limit.

## **ARTICLE VI – NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT**

### **Sec. 1. - Applicability**

### **Sec. 2. – Insignia on Vehicles; Identification of Vehicles**

### **Sec. 3. – Rates of Fare**

### **Sec. 4. – Manifests**

### **Sec. 5. – Solicitation of Passengers**

### **Sec. 6. – Maximum Allowable Age of Vehicles**

#### **Sec. 1 – Applicability**

Vehicles for hire are excluded from these rules and regulations only if they are regulated by the Mississippi Department of Transportation and specifically satisfy one of the following definitions:

- (1) Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross weight of 4,536 kg (10,001 pounds) or more, whichever is greater; or
- (2) Has a manufacturer’s specified capacity to transport eleven (11) passengers or more (including the driver) for compensation.

#### **Sec. 2. - Insignia on Vehicles; Identification of Vehicles.**

- A.** Each Non-Emergency Medical Transport vehicle shall bear on the outside of each front or each rear door, in permanently affixed letters not less than six inches and not more than eighteen inches in height, the name and telephone number of the Company under which the Certificate of Registration for that vehicle is (or is to be) issued, and in addition, may bear an identifying design approved by the Authority.
- B.** No Non-Emergency Medical Transport vehicle covered by the terms of this article shall be licensed whose color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia to be used thereon shall, in the opinion of the Authority, conflict with or imitate any color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia used on any motor vehicle for hire already operating under the Authority, in such a manner as to be misleading or tend to deceive or defraud the public. If, after a license has been issued for a Non-Emergency Medical Transport vehicle under this article, the color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia thereof is changed, in the opinion of the Authority, to be in conflict with or to imitate any color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia used by any other person, owner or driver, in such a manner as to be misleading or tend to deceive the public, the license or certificate covering such Non-Emergency Medical Transport shall be suspended or revoked.
- C.** Each Non-Emergency Medical Transport vehicle shall bear on the outside of the front, the back and both sides of the vehicle in an easily noticeable location, in permanently affixed or painted letters of three inches in height, the number found on the Certificate of Registration issued to each such vehicle, identified as such.
- D.** Each Non-Emergency Medical Transport vehicle shall bear an Information Sign or Sticker provided by the Authority informing passengers the telephone number of the Harrison County Motor Vehicle for Hire Authority. The Information Sign or Sticker shall be posted in a location clearly visible to all passengers.

#### **Sec. 3. – Rates of Fare.**

- A. Each Non-Emergency Medical Transport licensee shall file all rates and charges with the Authority. All rates and charges, including any adopted senior citizen discount rate, shall be conspicuously displayed in the interior of the for-hire vehicle so as to be readily discernible to the passenger.
- B. Non-Emergency Medical Transport vehicles must charge for service based on a written contract, flat charge per trip, by zone, or by an hourly rate with minimum increments of one-half (½) hour.

**Sec. 4. - Manifests.**

- A. **Drivers.** Every driver shall maintain and preserve in a safe place, for at least the calendar year next preceding the current calendar year, a daily manifest upon which are recorded all trips made each day, showing the time and place of origin, the destination of each trip, the number of passengers and the amount charged. The forms for each manifest shall be furnished to the driver by the owner and shall be of a character approved by the Authority.
- B. **Certificate Holders.** Every holder of a Company Certificate of Registration shall maintain and preserve in a safe place, for at least the calendar year next proceeding the current calendar year, a manifest showing the time and place of origin, the destination of each trip, the number of passengers and the identity of the vehicle or driver. The manifests shall be available to the Authority and all federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies for inspection and reproduction. The requirements of this section may be satisfied by maintaining electronic copies of the manifests.

**Sec. 5. – Solicitation of Passengers.**

- A. No person shall solicit passengers for a Non-Emergency Medical Transport vehicle, and no holder or driver shall permit the solicitation of passengers for a Non-Emergency Medical Transport vehicle, while the vehicle is operated or located upon the streets of the participating municipalities of Harrison County.
- B. No person shall solicit passengers for any passenger-carrying motor vehicle for-hire at the terminal or designated boarding and alighting points on the fixed routes of any common carrier, unless the person is so authorized by a federal, state or municipal regulatory board or agency and is acting with the permission of or under contract with the common carrier.

**Sec. 6. – Maximum Allowable Age of Vehicles**

- A. No vehicle shall exceed a 15 model year maximum age limit.
- B. Operators of vehicles may apply to the Authority for an extension of maximum age limit.

## ARTICLE VII – ANIMAL DRAWN VEHICLE

- Sec. 1. – Applicability of Article
- Sec. 2. – Liability Insurance
- Sec. 3. – Identifying Number & Animal Health
- Sec. 4. – Rates of Fare
- Sec. 5. – Manifests
- Sec. 6. – Solicitation of Passengers
- Sec. 7. – Carriage
- Sec. 8. – Animal Working Conditions
- Sec. 9. – Stalls & Stables

### Sec. 1. – Applicability of Article

- A. No rule or regulation outlined within this article is to supersede existing municipality restrictions or other applicable ordinances pertaining to animal drawn carriages.

### Sec. 2. – Liability Insurance.

- A. No Certificate of Registration shall be issued or continue in operation unless there is in full force and effect a liability insurance policy for each Animal Drawn Vehicle authorized in the amount of a minimum of \$500,000 as combined single limit coverage for bodily injury and property damage resulting from any one accident. Such policy shall inure to the benefit of any person who shall be injured or who shall sustain damage to property proximately caused by the negligence of a holder or his employees, subcontractors or agents. The policy or proof thereof shall be filed in the office of the Authority, and the policy shall be issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the state.
- B. The insurance policy, or proof thereof filed with the Authority as required by this section shall contain an endorsement or other provision which requires and confirms the Authority to be notified immediately in writing upon termination, cancellation or temporary suspension of the policy. Failure to have liability insurance in force on any Non-Emergency Medical Transport vehicle authorized to be used by the holder is cause for revocation and cancellation of the vehicle certificate of registration. **Notification of a lapse in the insurance required herein shall cause an automatic suspension of the Certificate of Registration for which the insurance has lapsed.**

### Sec. 3. – Identifying Number & Animal Health.

- A. Each animal must have a tattooed identifying number on the inside of its lip or ear, or on the left rump.
- B. A current veterinary health certificate for each animal showing the tattoo number shall be furnished to the Mississippi SPCA office when such animal is placed in service, and no more than 12 months thereafter. The certificate will show that a veterinarian licensed in the state has given the animal a Coggins test with negative results as required by state law and declares this animal to be fit for carriage service.
- C. No animal shall be permitted to pull any carriage unless the animal is in good health and meets at least the following requirements:

- a. All animals purchased subsequent to the effective date of the ordinance from which this section was derived shall be mules and must weigh at least 1,000 pounds.
- b. The animal has no open sores or wounds, is not lame nor has any other ailment. Any animal found to have an ailment shall not be used without the approval of a veterinarian.
- c. The hooves of the animal must be properly shod and trimmed.
- d. The animal must be groomed daily and not have fungus, dandruff or a poor or dirty coat.
- e. The animal must have adequate flesh and muscle tones.

**Sec. 4. – Rates of Fare.**

- A. Each Animal Drawn Vehicle licensee shall file all rates and charges with the Authority. All rates and charges shall be readily discernible to the passenger.
- B. Animal Drawn Vehicles must charge for service based on a written contract, flat charge per trip, by zone, or by an hourly rate with minimum increments of one-half (½) hour.

**Sec. 5. – Manifests.**

- A. Every certificate holder shall maintain a daily manifest upon which are recorded all trips made each day, showing the time and place of origin, the fare charged, and the destination of each trip. The forms for each manifest shall be approved by the Authority.
- B. Every holder of a Certificate of Registration shall retain and preserve all manifests in a safe place for at least the calendar year next preceding the current calendar year, and the manifests shall be available to the Authority and all federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies for inspection and reproduction.

**Sec. 6. – Solicitation of Passengers.**

- A. No person shall solicit passengers for an Animal Drawn Vehicle, and no holder or driver shall permit the solicitation of passengers for an Animal Drawn Vehicle, while the vehicle is operated or located upon the streets of the participating municipalities of Harrison County.
- B. No person shall solicit passengers for any passenger-carrying motor vehicle for-hire at the terminal or designated boarding and alighting points on the fixed routes of any common carrier, unless the person is so authorized by a federal, state or municipal regulatory board or agency and is acting with the permission of or under contract with the common carrier.

**Sec. 7. – Carriages.**

- A. Each company operating carriages must identify each carriage with the name of the company prominently displayed on each side or the rear of each carriage.
- B. Each company will have its listed telephone number printed on the carriage to assign responsibility for complaints.
- C. Carriages must be properly lubricated, and wheels must spin freely.

**Sec. 8. – Animal Working Conditions.**

- A.** No animal shall be worked under any of the following conditions, and any owner that allows such conditions to exist will be found in violation of this article:
  - a. The carriage the animal is pulling is holding more than nine people, including the driver.
  - b. The animal works more than seven hours in any 24-hour period with 15-minute rest periods between each trip.
  - c. The animal pulling a carriage is moved at a speed faster than a slow trot.
  - d. The animal is worked with equipment causing an impairment of vision other than normal blinders.
  - e. The animal is subject to any condition or treatment which will impair the good health and physical condition of the animal.
  
- B.** The Driver of a horse drawn vehicle operated under this article shall maintain stands in a sanitary condition at all times.
  
- C.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or other entity to utilize any animal for the purpose of pulling any vehicle unless such animal is equipped with diapering apparatus that prevents the droppings of such animal from being deposited or otherwise left on public streets. It shall be the responsibility of the driver of a licensed animal drawn vehicle to see that the diapering apparatus is maintained in working order.
  
- D.** Adequate water will be provided in the working area and stables at all times.
  
- E.** Should the Administrator of the Authority determine that special circumstances exist which would jeopardize the safety of the animal, such as bad weather or other environmental problems, he may order the temporary suspension of the operation of all animal-drawn vehicles until such time as the special circumstances abate.
  
- F.** Harness
  - a. No animal will be worked with a harness or bit that is not approved by the Mississippi SPCA.
  - b. The harness must be oiled and cleaned so as to be soft at all times.
  - c. The harness will be properly fitted and maintained and kept free of makeshift like wire, sisal rope, and rusty chain.

**Sec. 9. – Stalls & Stables.**

- A.** Ventilation will be provided for stalls with animals in hot weather.
- B.** Ceilings in stalls and stables must be at least nine feet high from bedding and flooring. Future construction will provide for ceilings at least ten feet high from bedding flooring.
- C.** Bedding in stalls and stables must be at least six inches deep and dry enough so as not to show wetness under the pressure of the animal's hoofs.
- D.** Foot hazards and sharp surfaces will not be permitted in any area or building where they may come in contact with the animals.
- E.** Roofs must be kept free of leaks where animals are kept.
- F.** Each animal must have a stall large enough for the animal to turn around.
- G.** Food must be kept free of contamination.
- H.** Animal areas must be treated to destroy and repel insects.



## ARTICLE VIII – PEDICAB

### Sec. 1. – Applicability of Article

### Sec. 2. – Liability Insurance

### Sec. 3. – Vehicle Requirements

### Sec. 4. – Rates of Fare

### Sec. 5. – Manifests

### Sec. 6. – Solicitation of Passengers

### Sec. 7. – Driver Standards

### Sec. 8. – Passengers

#### Sec. 1. – Applicability of Article

- A. No rule or regulation outlined within this article is to supersede existing municipality restrictions or other applicable ordinances pertaining to pedicabs or bicycle traffic.

#### Sec. 2. – Liability Insurance.

- A. No Certificate of Registration shall be issued or continue in operation unless there is in full force and effect a liability insurance policy for each Pedicab authorized in the amount of a minimum of \$500,000 as combined single limit coverage for bodily injury and property damage resulting from any one accident. Such policy shall inure to the benefit of any person who shall be injured or who shall sustain damage to property proximately caused by the negligence of a holder or his employees, subcontractors or agents. The policy or proof thereof shall be filed in the office of the Authority, and the policy shall be issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the state.
- B. The insurance policy, or proof thereof filed with the Authority as required by this section shall contain an endorsement or other provision which requires and confirms the Authority to be notified immediately in writing upon termination, cancellation or temporary suspension of the policy. Failure to have liability insurance in force on any pedicab vehicle authorized to be used by the holder is cause for revocation and cancellation of the vehicle certificate of registration.  
**Notification of a lapse in the insurance required herein shall cause an automatic suspension of the Certificate of Registration for which the insurance has lapsed.**

#### Sec. 3. – Vehicle Requirements.

- A. Each pedicab in operation must meet the following minimum specifications:
  - a. Unibody frame construction;
  - b. Three wheels;
  - c. Rubber on all wheels;
  - d. A width of no more than 55 inches and length of no more than ten feet;
  - e. Absent of electric or gasoline-powered engine;
  - f. Headlights that have a beam of at least 300 feet;
  - g. Flashing taillights that are visible from at least 500 feet;
  - h. Reflectors on the spokes of all three wheels;
  - i. Hydraulic, mechanical disk, or drum brakes that are unaffected by wet conditions;
  - j. Body to bare reflective markers and/or lighting as per municipal ordinances pertaining to bicycles.

- B.** Each driver shall be required to maintain the pedicab and his or her person in a neat and clean condition at all times. Interiors of all pedicabs must be kept free of all debris. They must be maintained free and clear of all paraphernalia and other items not necessary for the operation of such pedicab.

**Sec. 3. – Rates of Fare.**

- A.** Each Pedicab licensee shall file all rates and charges with the Authority. All rates and charges shall be readily discernible to the passenger.
- B.** Pedicabs must charge for service based on a written contract, flat charge per trip, by zone, or by an hourly rate with minimum increments of one-half (½) hour.

**Sec. 4. – Manifests.**

- A. Drivers.** Every driver shall maintain and preserve in a safe place, for at least the calendar year next preceding the current calendar year, a daily manifest upon which are recorded all trips made each day, showing the time and place of origin, the destination of each trip, the number of passengers and the amount charged. The forms for each manifest shall be furnished to the driver by the owner and shall be of a character approved by the Authority.
- B. Certificate Holders.** Every holder of a Company Certificate of Registration shall maintain and preserve in a safe place, for at least the calendar year next preceding the current calendar year, a manifest showing the time and place of origin, the destination of each trip, the number of passengers and the identity of the vehicle or driver. The manifests shall be available to the Authority and all federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies for inspection and reproduction. The requirements of this section may be satisfied by maintaining electronic copies of the manifests.

**Sec. 5. – Solicitation of Passengers.**

- A.** No person shall solicit passengers for a Pedicab, and no holder or driver shall permit the solicitation of passengers for a Pedicab, while the vehicle is operated or located upon the streets of the participating municipalities of Harrison County.
- B.** No person shall solicit passengers for any passenger-carrying motor vehicle for-hire at the terminal or designated boarding and alighting points on the fixed routes of any common carrier, unless the person is so authorized by a federal, state or municipal regulatory board or agency and is acting with the permission of or under contract with the common carrier.

**Sec. 6. – Driver Standards.**

All drivers are required to wear the photo identification badge issued by the Authority. This identification shall be worn during all duty hours and shall be worn to be plainly visible at all times. Every driver must wear a uniform T-shirt, jacket, collared shirt, or sweater with the pedicab company's logo.

**Sec. 7. – Passengers.**

It shall be unlawful to load more passengers in a pedicab than there is seating space available, except that children who are two years of age or younger and held in the arms of an adult may be carried in excess of the above. No pedicab shall be loaded with passengers in such a manner as to obstruct the view of the operator or otherwise interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle.

**ATTACHMENT A –RATE SCHEDULE**  
**Motor Vehicle For-Hire Authority**  
**Fare Rate Schedule for Motor Vehicles For-Hire**

**Taxi Cab Rates**

Cab Operator Drop Fee (First 1/9 mile)	\$3.00
Each additional 1/9 mile or fraction thereof	\$0.25
Per hour waiting fee	\$30.00/hr.
Gulfport/Biloxi International Airport (if applicable) Drop Fee	\$3.00

**Limousine Rates**

Current Schedule of Rates Filed With the Authority

**Shuttle Rates**

Current Schedule of Rates Filed With the Authority

**Non-Emergency Medical Rates**

Current Schedule of Rates Filed With the Authority

**Animal Drawn Carriage Rates**

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**Pedicab Rates**

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