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TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

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TAXI OPERATOR'S LICENSE APPLICATION

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

AGE: _____ HEIGHT: _____ EYE COLOR: _____ HAIR COLOR: _____

MASSACHUSETTS OPERATOR'S LICENSE #: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED OR SUMMONED TO COURT WITHIN THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS? IF SO, SPECIFY DATE(S); OFFENSE(S) CHARGED; DISPOSITION AND NAME OF COURT:

IF GRANTED LICENSE I AM TO BE EMPLOYED BY: _____
(Please furnish letter of intent to employ by Taxi Company)

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A PREVIOUS DRIVER'S LICENSE AND / OR TAXI DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED? IF SO, GIVE THE DATE(S), CIRCUMSTANCE(S) AND LOCATION(S):

I THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY APPLY FOR A LICENSE TO OPERATE TAXI(S) IN THE TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY YHR ATTACHED TOWN RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWN TO CONDUCT A CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION (CORI) BACKGROUND CHECK.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

CORI CHECK: _____ TAXI LICENSE ISSUED: _____

ACTIVE MV LICENSE: _____ TAXI LICENSE NUMBER: _____

INSURANCE CERTIFICATE: _____

CHIEF OF POLICE RECOMMENDATION: _____

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

TAXI LICENSE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1. No person shall engage in the business of transporting persons for hire in a taxi from place to place within the Town of East Bridgewater ("Town") without first having obtained a license from the Board of Selectmen authorizing him to engage in such business and designating the number and identity of such vehicle(s) that may be used under such license.

Section 2. The Board of Selectmen may, in its discretion, grant, revoke, withhold and/or suspend a taxi license at its sole discretion.

Section 3. There shall be paid for the use of the Town the sum of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars Business License Application Fee and an annual renewal fee of seventy- five (\$75.00) dollars for each taxi license holder.

Section 4. All licenses shall expire at the close of December 31st of the year of issuance. There shall be no pro-rating of application and/or license fees.

Section 5. No taxi license shall be issued by the Board of Selectmen until the applicant shall have presented, to be filed with the application, a certificate of an insurance company authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth stating that the vehicle to which the license applies is properly insured under the laws of the Commonwealth. Such certificate shall state the name & address of owner of the vehicle, the names of the company in which the license is insured, the amount and character of insurance, and a statement that the insurance policy is applicable to passengers lawfully riding in the vehicle under the provisions of these rules and regulations. Such insurance shall be to the amount or limit of at one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per person and three-hundred thousand (\$300,000) overall coverage on account of any one accident resulting in personal injury or death. The certificate shall further certify that such policy shall not be cancelled without giving the Board of Selectmen ten (10) business days' notice thereof. When notice of cancellation of an insurance policy is received by the Board of Selectmen, the licensee shall be notified and unless he/she submits a new certificate of a valid insurance policy prior to the expiration, he/she shall return and surrender his license and plates to the Town. Failure on the part of the licensee to surrender promptly his license and plates shall be reason and cause for a minimum one (1) year suspension and/or revocation of the license by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 6. A taxi may transport passengers on request from persons on any street or public way or from private property when requested.

Section 7. No person having charge of a taxi shall utter any objectionable outcry for the purpose of soliciting passengers or attracting the attention of the public, nor shall the driver of such vehicle seek employment by repeatedly driving his vehicle to and from within a short distance, or by otherwise interfering with the proper and orderly access to or egress from, any public area or other place of public gathering.

Section 8. No driver in charge of a taxi shall refuse unreasonably to carry a passenger.

Section 9. No person having charge of a taxi shall take up or carry any passenger after the taxi has been occupied or engaged by a prior passenger, against the objection of such prior passenger.

Section 10. No person having charge of a taxi shall convey, or permit to be placed therein, any person known to the driver to be sick or infected with a contagious disease.

Section 11. The fare to be taken by or paid to the owner or driver, or other person having charge of any licensed taxicab shall not exceed the following schedule:

First ninth (%) mile or any fraction thereof.....	\$3.00
Each additional ninth (%) mile or fraction thereof.....	\$0.75
Waiting time per hour.....	\$28.00

Passengers going to the airport shall be responsible for all tolls, both ways, for the Mystic Tobin Bridge, Callahan Tunnel or Ted Williams Tunnel, and any other airport charges, if applicable.

Section 12. No person liable for the payment of a fare to a licensee under this provision shall refuse to pay or attempt to evade payment of the same.

Section 13. Any person engaged in the business of transporting persons for hire in a vehicle from place to place within the Town shall cause each driver to carry a "waybill" approved by the Chief of Police which shall be subject to inspection of the police at all times. Such "waybill" shall be kept on file for not less than one year by the licensee.

Section 14. All taxis in the Town shall display an "identity sign" on top of the taxi, visible from front and rear, and illuminated at night marked as follows:

- a. Name of Company;
- b. Telephone number of the Company; and
- c. Taxis may, on the roof of the vehicle, display above the identity light a sign not more than twelve (12) inches high and no wider than thirty (30) inches and there shall be no other advertising devices on the vehicle.

Section 15. All taxis in the Town shall have a printed metal sign displaying the license number of such vehicle attached to the rear thereof. The number shall be printed in numerals not less than three (3) inches in height, and one-half (1/2) inch in width. Such signs shall be furnished by the Chief of Police at the expense of the licensee.

Section 16. All vehicles licensed under this provision shall be kept in good condition suitable for occupancy, smoke and alcohol free and mechanically fit for the safety of passengers. The interior and exterior shall be clean and sanitary at all times.

Section 17. Licenses to drive taxis shall be obtained from the Board of Selectmen and shall expire one year from the date of issue.

Section 18. Applications for licenses to drive or operate taxis shall be made at the Board of Selectmen's Office. Applications shall set forth such information as the Board of Selectmen may require in addition to the following information:

- a. Name of applicant;
- b. The applicant's address, age, height, weight and color of hair and eyes;
- c. The applicant's driver's license number, expiration date, previous criminal and driver's license history;
- d. A letter of intent from Taxi Company.

Section 19. The applicant for a license under these rules and regulations shall, at their own expense, furnish the Chief of Police with two (2) passport photographs; two (2) inches by two (2) inches in dimensions, of themselves before the license is issued. One photo shall be affixed to the license and the other shall be kept in the Town file.

Section 20. The license issued under these rules and regulations shall contain a description and information

of the person licensed along with the two (2) inch by two (2) inch photograph of the licensee.

Section 21. The license issued under these rules and regulations shall be conspicuously posted in the taxi in such a manner that it can be readily seen by the passenger.

Section 22. Any suspension/revocation of a driver's license shall serve to automatically suspend the taxi driver's license.