

THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH BRUCE

BY-LAW #2011-62

BEING A BY-LAW to regulate and govern the owners and drivers of Taxicabs and Limousines in the Municipality of South Bruce.

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, Part IV, Licensing and Registration, Section(s) 150, 155 authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws for licensing, regulating and governing owners and drivers of cabs used for hire within the municipality of South Bruce;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of South Bruce deems it expedient to pass a by-law under this legislation;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of South Bruce enacts as follows:

No person or company shall drive, operate or allow to be driven or operated for him or it, any cab, motor vehicle or other vehicle for carriage of passengers for hire within the limits of the Municipality of South Bruce until he has obtained a license from the Municipality to do so.

Proof of insurance coverage for Public Liability, property damage and passenger hazard in amounts not less than \$2,000,000.00 per vehicle, shall be required prior to the issuance of any license.

A "Certificate of Mechanical Fitness" from a facility approved by the Ministry of Transportation must be provided to the Municipality for each vehicle for which a license is issued on a bi-annual basis, within 30 days of the anniversary of the license issuance, for all vehicles with less than 200,000 kilometers. For all vehicles with more than 200,000 kilometers a "Certificate of Mechanical Fitness" is required annually or every 50,000 kilometers, whichever occurs first. No person shall operate a motor vehicle as a taxicab or Limousine pursuant to this by law unless the owner has submitted to the Clerk or designate a Safety Standards Certificate in respect of such motor vehicle, which certificate shall have been prepared not more than thirty days prior to such submission.

The Municipality reserves the right, through direction of Council, to demand a "Certificate of Mechanical Fitness" for any vehicle for which a taxi license has been issued.

All applications for a licence must first be approved by a resolution of Council.

- 5.1 Council may in its discretion grant or refuse to grant the license applied for, and it is not bound to give any reasons for refusing to grant the license.
- 5.2 The Municipality shall, through direction of Council reserve the right to suspend temporarily or cancel a taxi license. The license holder will be given 30 days to appeal Council's decision.
- 5.3 The fee for this licence shall be \$50.00 per annum for every vehicle so operated.
- 5.4 No one operator shall be entitled to licence more than two vehicles. Licences shall expire one year from the date of issuance.

The owner or operator of a taxi shall have all vehicles used for hire clearly marked with a sign "Taxi".

The rate of fare to be charged may be established by means of a set fare from given locations to a given destination, and/or as agreed upon prior to the commencement of the journey. Owners and operators of taxicabs are prohibited from charging a higher rate or an additional fee for persons with disabilities than for persons without disabilities for the same trip and from charging a fee for the storage of mobility aids or mobility assistive devices.

It shall be the responsibility of the owner or operator to ensure calls are handled in the order in which they are received, that documentation is kept which indicates the number of calls answered, and the value of the service provided.

It shall be the responsibility of the owner or operator to ensure that they place vehicle registration and identification information on the rear bumper of the taxicab. Owner and operator are to make available vehicle registration and identification information in an accessible format of persons with disabilities who are passengers.

It shall be the responsibility of the owner or operator to ensure that all the drivers of taxicabs and limousines under this license have a valid driver's license to carry out this function.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED this
13th day of December 2011

Bill Goetz, MAYOR

Sharon Chambers, CAO/CLERK