

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY CODE

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SEC. 19-1. GENERAL PROVISION.

It shall be unlawful to operate or cause to be operated public vehicles, as herein defined, within the limits of the County of Pittsylvania except as herein set forth: Unless this ordinance indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them as follows:

- (A) "Public Vehicle" means any motor vehicle used for transportation for hire or reward of passengers upon the road, streets, or any public thoroughfare in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, other than busses being operated under franchise and over fixed routes between fixed termini.
- (B) "Person" means any person, firm, corporation, or association.
- (C) "Owner" means any person having control of the operating or maintenance of a public vehicle or of the collection of revenue derived from its operation.
- (D) "Driver" means any person operating a public vehicle.
- (E) "Certificate" means the certificate or permit of Public convenience and necessity granted by the Board of Supervisors of Pittsylvania County.
- (F) "Board" means the Board of Supervisors of Pittsylvania County, Virginia.
- (G) "Sheriff" means the Sheriff of Pittsylvania County, Virginia.
- (H) "Permit" means a written permission that the holder is entitled to drive a public vehicle in this County.

SEC. 19-2. APPLICATION.

- (A) Any owner or proposed owner of a public vehicle shall make application, in duplicate, to the Board, and shall furnish the following information, under oath:
 - 1. Full name, age, if individual, home and business address of applicant.
 - 2. The trade name under which the applicant is to do business.
 - 3. The financial ability and responsibility of applicant.
 - 4. Number and kind of vehicle to be used and the seating capacity, and design and color scheme of each.

5. Conviction of pleas of guilty, if any, for violation of any laws or ordinance, whether federal, state or local.

6. Experience of applicant in transporting passengers for hire and operating motor vehicles.

7. Reasons why applicant believes public convenience and necessity requires granting application.

8. Such application shall be filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the Board on or before the first (1st) day of November of each year.

- (B) The Clerk of the Board shall, upon receipt of such application, furnish one (1) copy to the Sheriff who shall make an investigation of the applicant and owner as to the information given in the application and as to the moral character and responsibility of the applicant, and report in writing to the Board within ten (10) days from receipt of same.
- (C) The Board shall hear requests for application between November 1st and December 1st annually, after notice at least five (5) days beforehand, but such hearings maybe continued from time to time without notice; in event application is made during the calendar year, after the regular annual hearing, as above provided, a hearing shall be had as soon as practicable after filing the application, and after giving five (5) days notice to the applicant of the date of said meeting.
- (D) The Board, after application and hearing shall determine whether the public convenience and necessity requires the operation of the public vehicle and the suitability of such owner and in its discretion may grant or refuse the certificate applied for, or to grant a certificate for a less number of vehicles then specified in the application and the Board shall forthwith notify the applicant of the action taken. In event the application is granted, the Clerk shall forthwith transmit such certificate to the applicant giving the name of the owner, address, number, kind and description of vehicles and expiration date of the certificate. All certificates shall expire on the first (1st) day of December of the succeeding year in which issued, unless revoked or suspended, and said certificates shall not be transferable. No license shall be issued until the certificate has been issued.
- (E) Every public vehicle shall operate from a stand or central point or place of business within the county, and after a certificate has been issued and license obtained, each owner shall report to the Sheriff of this County the address of the stand or central place of business of such owner; and the owner of any public vehicle shall not operate in this County unless such owner operates from a stand or has a central place of business within the limits of the County.

SEC. 19-3. PUBLIC VEHICLE DRIVERS PERMIT.

- (A) No person shall drive or operate a public vehicle within the limits of this County unless he shall have obtained permit to be known as "Public Vehicle Drivers Permit", which shall be in addition to the certificate heretofore required of the owner.
- (B) All applications for Public Vehicle Drivers Permit shall be made in writing, under oath, to the Sheriff of Pittsylvania County and shall show the following; full name and address of applicant, age, place of birth, previous address and employment for past two (2) years, height, weight, color, sex, whether married or single or divorced, and if married whether living with wife: physical condition, whether applicant uses intoxicants or has used same within past two (2) years, whether applicant has been convicted of or plead guilty to the violation of any federal, state or local law, and if so, the nature of the offense and penalty imposed, experience as operator of motor vehicle, and whether or not the applicant has complied with the laws of Virginia with respect to operation of motor vehicles and holds a valid permit. The Sheriff shall promptly make an investigation of the facts in such application and make a written memorandum of his findings which shall be kept on file. If the Sheriff finds that the applicant is of good moral character and is duly qualified, he shall issue a Public Vehicle Drivers Permit, on a card showing the name, address, number, employer, and expiration date. Each permit issued by the Sheriff shall expire on the 1st day of December each year, and must be renewed. Each person making application for a Public Vehicle Drivers Permit shall pay to the Sheriff the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) at the time of the application which shall be paid into the County Treasury, to be deposited to the credit of the general fund.

SEC. 19-4. ANNUAL LICENSE.

Every operator of a Public Vehicle to whom a certificate has been issued, shall be required to pay an annual license to the County of Pittsylvania in the sum of twenty-five (\$25.00) for each cab or car, and no license shall be issued until the applicant shall present the certificate herein before required, and such license may be prorated by the Commissioner of Revenue. Provided, however, that no licensed tax for operation of any motor vehicle for any motor vehicle for which a similar license is imposed or tax levied by the County, City or Town of which the owner or operator of the motor vehicle is a resident except, however, that such permit shall be required and paid for the operation of any such public vehicle if the owner or operator thereof shall maintain a taxi-cab stand within Pittsylvania County for soliciting business and a taxi-cab stand as used herein, shall mean a set place where calls may be received in soliciting business and the use of public vehicle in Pittsylvania County.

SEC. 19-5. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Every operator before any certificate shall be issued or license paid, shall file evidence of financial responsibility with the Clerk of this Board, showing that the Public Vehicle operated is covered by insurance in some duly licensed company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a surety bond approved by the Board, conditioned on such owner responding in damages for liability incurred on account of any injury to person or property

resulting from operator of said public vehicle in the following amounts; for one (1) person in one (1) accident fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars, two (2) persons or more thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars, and property damages in one (1) account three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

SEC. 19-6. CERTIFICATE, LICENSE, AND PUBLIC VEHICLE DRIVER'S PERMIT TO BE POSTED.

After the said owner has been issued a certificate, the license. Issued thereon, together with the Public Vehicle Driver's Permit and the photograph of the driver, shall be at all times used and posted at a conspicuous place, in the public vehicle so that the same may be clearly observed by passengers riding in the same.

SEC. 19-7. FINE FOR VIOLATION.

Every owner or operator or driver of a public vehicle covered by this ordinance, who violates provision hereof or any regulation of the Board made pursuant to this ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction therefore shall be fined not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for the first offense and five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for the subsequent offense.

SEC. 19-8. SCHEDULE OF RATES.

Any person granted a certificate or license under this act, to operate a public vehicle in Pittsylvania County shall file with the Board a schedule of rates changed, each operator, shall also post a copy of same conspicuously in the public vehicle in view of any occupant of the said public vehicle. No change shall be made in the rates charged without having first filed with the Clerk of the Board a statement showing the said changes and the date which same will go into effect, and in no event shall said charges exceed the maximum amount as herein set out.

SEC. 19-9. ADDITIONAL RULES.

The Board may from time to time by resolution, promulgate and enact such rules and regulations applicable to the safe operation of public vehicles within Pittsylvania County as in its discretion are necessary for the public safety, evidence and welfare, and which shall be in addition to the provisions of this ordinance.

SEC. 19-10. ADOPTION.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant and by virtue of an act of the General Assembly of 1945 designated as Chapter 45 and as amended by Chapter 45 of the Acts of 1946 and Chapter 32 of the Acts of 1947 and other general laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. **(B.S.M. 10-6-47)**