

CITY OF LAWRENCE
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Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Lawrence that the Revised Ordinances of the City of Lawrence are hereby amended by **ADDING** a new **Title XII (Authorizations for Operation of Taxis and Livery Vehicles, Arrest, and Seizure of Evidence)** to appear in **Chapter 5.48 (Taxicabs and Other Vehicles for Hire)** and by **ADDING** the following new Sections to said new Title XII as follows:

Title XII: Authorizations for Operation of Taxis and Livery Vehicles, Arrest, and Seizure of Evidence

Sec. 5.48.910 – Authorized Operation of Taxi or Livery

In the City of Lawrence, no person, firm, or corporation driving or having charge of a taxicab, livery vehicle or other private vehicle shall offer the vehicle for hire for the purpose of transporting, soliciting and/or picking up a passenger or passengers unless said person is licensed as a hackney driver and said vehicle is licensed as a taxi or livery vehicle by the Hackney Division of the Lawrence Police Department. In addition, no person, firm, or corporation having charge of a taxicab, livery vehicle or other private vehicle shall operate identifiable taxi top lights for the purpose of transporting, soliciting and/or picking up a passenger or passengers unless said person is licensed as a hackney driver and said vehicle is licensed as a taxi or livery vehicle by the Hackney Division of the Lawrence Police Department.

Sec. 5.48.920 – Authorization to arrest and seize evidence

Any Police Officer witnessing a violation of sec. 5.48.910 may arrest the driver of the vehicle and seize evidence of said violation. Such evidence shall include but is not limited to, meters, whether mechanical or electrical, for the computation of fares. Any Officer who seizes such items as evidence of a violation of sec. 5.48.910 shall take them to a place of safety until they are produced or used as evidence in any trial or other Court proceedings. All such property seized shall be disposed of as the Court orders, and may be forfeited, sold or destroyed in the discretion of the Court.

Sec. 5.48.930 – Authorization to arrest and seize evidence

No owner or association of owners, whose principal place of business is located in the City of Lawrence, and who owns a taxicabs or livery vehicles licensed in the City of Lawrence, shall be allowed to dispatch taxicabs or livery vehicles within the City of Lawrence unless said taxicabs or livery vehicles are licensed by the Hackney Division of the Lawrence Police Department and the operators of said taxicabs or livery vehicles possess a valid hackney driver's license issued by the Hackney Division of the Lawrence Police Department. However, nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting a driver of a taxicab or livery licensed outside the City of Lawrence from driving through the City of Lawrence, or from accepting within the City of Lawrence, a passenger, passengers, packages or other merchandise if summonsed by or at the request of said passenger or client by telephone, or by radio dispatch from the owner or operator's principal place of business outside the City of Lawrence provided that the name, pick-up address, and destination of said passenger or client are immediately supplied by the driver to any inquiring Police Officer.

Sec. 5.48.940 – Penalty

Anyone found in violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for each violation.

And by further amended by **DELETING** the said **Section 5.48.030 (Scope)**:

5.48.030 - Scope.

Unless otherwise specifically provided, the city ordinance contained herein shall apply to every licensee and vehicle licensed by the City of Lawrence pursuant to this chapter. Sections 5.48.240 through 5.48.470, with the exception of section 5.48.520, shall also apply to taxicabs, livery vehicles, and their affiliated companies whose principal place of business is located outside the City of Lawrence.

AND, replacing the following **Section 5.48.030 (Scope)** in its place and stead:

Sec. 5.48.030 – Scope

Unless otherwise specifically provided, the city ordinance contained herein shall apply to every licensee and vehicle licensed by the City of Lawrence pursuant to this chapter. Sections 5.48.240 through 5.48.470, with the exception of section 5.48.520, *and the provisions of Title XII herein*, shall also apply to taxicabs, livery vehicles, and their affiliated companies whose principal place of business is located outside the City of Lawrence.

Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

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