

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE CONDITIONS

General

No changes to the specification, design or appearance shall be made to the vehicle without the prior approval of the Licensing Officer.

The vehicle must be maintained so that the doors open sufficiently wide as to allow easy access to and egress from the vehicle and cause no inconvenience to passengers.

The Licence Holder shall ensure that all fittings and seating are such as to be efficient, safe, tidy and clean.

The vehicle must comply with all relevant road traffic regulations and legislation in force.

Passenger Seats

All passenger seats (including spaces for wheelchairs) shall be of sufficient dimensions as to allow the passenger using the seat to be carried in safety and comfort. In the case of passenger seats, these must be at least 400mm wide for each seat that is to be licensed for the carriage of passengers.

Side facing passenger seats are prohibited.

Fire Extinguisher and First Aid Kit

The licence holder shall ensure that a fire extinguisher and first aid kit is provided in the vehicle and is maintained in good working order and readily available for use.

CCTV

CCTV systems may be installed in the vehicle with the approval of the Licensing Officer.

CCTV systems must be operated in accordance with current legislation including data protection legislation.

Luggage

All luggage must be stored securely and if appropriate the vehicle shall be fitted with suitable equipment to prevent luggage from entering the passenger compartment.

Any roof racks, roof boxes and trailers to be used must have been approved by the Licensing Officer.

Hackney carriages with trailers attached are prohibited from parking on a hackney carriage stand.

Seatbelts

Each passenger seat must have an appropriate, operational seatbelt.

Meter

For requirements relating to meters in Taxis please see Hackney Carriage Bylaws.

Taxi meters may be tested for accuracy at the discretion of the Licensing Officer.

Fares

For a journey that wholly takes place within the controlled district the meter shall be running at no higher than the prescribed rate and the fare charged shall be the fare showing on the meter unless a fare is agreed with the passenger(s) prior to the commencement of the journey. Such an agreed fare shall not exceed the prescribed rate.

For a journey that either wholly or in part takes place outside the controlled area the fare or method of calculation of the fare shall be agreed with the passenger(s) prior to the commencement of the journey.

Hackney Carriage Vehicle Plates

The exterior licence plate shall be displayed on the outside rear of the vehicle and shall be displayed at all times that the licence is in force. The licence plate must be clearly visible at all times.

This requirement does not apply where the plate has been removed temporarily to either allow cleaning or maintenance of the vehicle, or to avoid theft of the plate whilst the vehicle is not in use.

The licence plates shall remain the property of the Licensing Authority and in the event that the licence is suspended, revoked or expired it shall be returned to the Licensing Authority within seven days from the date of a notice served on the licence holder by the Licensing Authority.

Roof Signs

A roof sign must be displayed on the top of the vehicle showing the word 'Taxi'. The sign shall be controlled by the meter and shall be illuminated when the vehicle is available for hire.

The design of the roof sign shall be approved by the Licensing Officer.

Door Panels

There shall be clearly displayed on one or both sides of the vehicle the name of the business, or if there is no business name, the name of the proprietor and the words "HACKNEY CARRIAGE", "CAB" or "TAXI".

Advertising

Advertisements may be permitted to be displayed on the outside rear doors and the rear of the vehicle only. All artwork in respect of advertisements shall be submitted to the Licensing Officer for approval to ensure that no controversial subjects shall be advertised.

Change of address or details of Licence

A holder of a hackney carriage vehicle licence must notify the Licensing Authority in writing within seven days of any changes in the details of their hackney carriage vehicle licence including a change of address.

Vehicle Testing

A hackney carriage over 1 year and under 5 years old must have a Licensing Authority Vehicle Test every 12 months.

A hackney carriage over 5 years old must have a Licensing Authority Vehicle Test every 6 months.

Driver

The vehicle may only be driven by a driver licensed by Tewkesbury Borough Council and who has authority to drive the appropriate category of vehicle on their DVLA driving licence for the vehicle concerned.