

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONCERNING TAXICAB LICENSES AND AMENDING CHAPTER XXI OF THE “CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968”.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Princeton as follows:

1. Section 21-2 of the “Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968” (hereinafter “the Code”), which establishes the license requirements for taxicab licenses, is hereby amended to read as follows (additions to text are underlined):

§ 21-2. License – Required; exception.

No person shall own, drive, operate or cause to be driven a taxicab or other vehicle for hire for the transportation of passengers or baggage within the township without having first obtained a license for that purpose from the Borough of Princeton. The township shall only recognize and accept the number of licenses as established, by ordinance, by the Borough of Princeton. This chapter shall not apply to vehicles hired for private use from vehicle rental companies.

2. Section 21-5 of the Code, which sets forth the insurance requirements for taxicab licenses, is hereby amended to read as follows (additions to text are underlined; deletions are [bracketed]):

§ 21-5. Insurance – Required; taxicab, limousine or livery service.

(a) Each owner, driver or operator of a taxicab licensed hereunder shall file with the township clerk an insurance policy which shall be issued by an insurance company duly licensed or registered to conduct business in this State, a policy

providing for not less than \$35,000 of motor vehicle liability insurance coverage or the amount of motor vehicle liability insurance coverage required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:6B-1, whichever is greater, to satisfy all claims for bodily injury, death or property damages of any person resulting from, or on account of, an accident by reason of the ownership, operation, maintenance or use of such taxicab upon any public street. Additionally, such operation shall be permitted only so long as the insurance policy remains in force to the full and collectible amount of a minimum of thirty-five thousand dollars. Nothing herein shall prohibit an owner from obtaining any additional amount of motor vehicle liability insurance coverage from a company licensed outside the State of New Jersey.

[(a)] (b) Each [taxicab driver and each] owner, driver or operator of a limousine or livery service having its principal place of business in the township shall file with the township clerk an insurance policy of a company duly licensed to transact business under the insurance laws of the State of New Jersey in a minimum sum of fifty thousand dollars against loss by reason of the liability imposed by law upon every [taxicab,] limousine or livery service owner for damages on account of bodily injury or death suffered by any person as the result of an accident occurring by reason of the ownership, maintenance or use of the [taxicab,] limousine or livery service upon any public street. Additionally, such operation shall be permitted only so long as the insurance policy shall remain in force to the full and collectible amount of a minimum of fifty thousand dollars. Said insurance policy shall provide for the payment of any final judgment recovered by any person on account of the ownership, maintenance and use of such [taxicab,] limousine or livery service on any fault in

respect thereto and shall be for the benefit of every person suffering loss, damage or injury as aforesaid pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:16-14.

[(b)] (c) Each [taxicab driver and each operator of a] owner, driver or operator of a taxicab, limousine or livery service having its principal place of business in the township may obtain from the township clerk written proof of the insurance referred to hereinabove. There shall be a fee of twenty dollars charged by the clerk per request for said written proof.

3. Section 21-6 of the Code, which provides for the investigation of applicants, is hereby amended to read as follows (additions to text are underlined):

§ 21-6. Investigation of applicants.

The township shall accept the investigation done by the Borough of Princeton, provided that each owner, driver or operator of a taxicab, limousine or livery service has submitted to the performance of a criminal history record background check. The cost of such background check shall be borne by the owner, driver or operator.

4. This Ordinance shall take upon final adoption, publication, and as otherwise provided by law.

Additions in text are indicated by underlining, deletions by {brackets} except that underlined catchwords are not necessarily additions.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of Princeton Township Committee held on January 23, 2012 and will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Township Committee to be held at the Princeton Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street on February 6, 2012 which begins at 7:00 p.m.



Kathleen Brzezynski

Deputy Clerk