

CUSTOMER SERVICES – LEGAL AND REGULATORY SUPPORT

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS - TAXI DRIVER

Taxi Drivers Licence, Badge and Change of Circumstances

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addition to the journey distance of the existing passenger(s), or that the additional passenger's luggage cannot be accommodated safely within the luggage compartment of the taxi.

- 11 The driver of a taxi, while they are in charge of the taxi, shall not canvass or importune in any public place for employment, except where the taxi is being operated on shared hire, to such extent as is reasonably required to ascertain whether there is any prospective further passengers (in addition to an existing passenger or existing passengers) who wish to participate in the shared hire of the taxi.

- 12 The driver of a taxi need not convey any hirer or passenger who is drunk or otherwise not in a fit and proper state to be carried, or whose condition or clothing is offensive or likely to cause damage to the interior of the taxi, or who refused to cease smoking (including the use of e-cigarettes), in the taxi when requested to do so by the driver, or is accompanied by any animal which is likely to soil the interior of the taxi, or for any other reasonable excuse. The driver shall

Illegal/Immoral purposes

- 20 The driver of a taxi shall not knowingly allow the taxi in their charge to be used for illegal or immoral purposes, permit to be carried in the taxi in his charge any article of a dirty, filthy or noxious nature or of an explosive or dangerous nature, or permit to be carried in the taxi in his charge any person who has vermin on his person.

Stances

- 21 All drivers of taxis arriving at an appointed stance shall take their stations from front to rear in order of their arrival. Hires will be accepted by the drivers in that order except when an intending hirer wishes to engage a specific taxi; in such case the engagement may be accepted in the order indicated by the intending hirer and the onus of providing the hirer's wishes shall be on the driver of the taxi apparently chosen out of order. When the driver of a taxi drives off a stance, the taxi driver immediately behind shall take the place vacated and the drivers of the taxis on the stance behind shall do likewise. It is specifically understood, for the avoidance of doubt, that no driver shall enter a taxi stance except from the rear.
- 22 The driver of a taxi which is being operated on shared hire, may wait at a stance for only such time as is reasonably required to ascertain whether there are any prospective further passengers (in addition to an existing passenger(s) in the immediate vicinity at that time who wish to participate in the shared hire of the taxi; but if no such further passengers are found there and then, the driver shall immediately leave the stance.
- 23 The driver of a taxi, when the taxi is hired or standing for hire, shall either sit in the driving seat of the taxi or stand in the immediate proximity thereto except during any period he may be absent to announce the arrival of his taxi to the hirer or when assisting the hirer with luggage to or from his taxi or for any other necessary purpose

Mobile phones

- 24 The driver of a taxi car shall not use a mobile phone in contravention of the legislation in relation to the use of mobile phones.

Seat Belts

- 25 The driver of the taxi shall ensure that all passengers use seat belts.

Guide Dogs

- 26 Where a vehicle is hired by or for a disabled person who is accompanied by a guide dog, a hearing dog or an assistance dog, or such a person accompanies a hirer, the licence-holder shall carry that dog, allow it to remain with that person, and shall not make any additional charge for doing (but this condition shall not apply should the licence-holder seek a Medical Exemption Certificate from the Authority and comply with its conditions).

- 27 In these conditions:-

“**Exclusive**”, as applied to the hire of a taxi means that a single fare is payable by any one passenger for the whole hire of the taxi, whether or not more than one passenger is carried: and “**Exclusive Hire**” shall be construed accordingly.

“**Shared**”, as applied to the hire of a taxi, means that each passenger is carried at a separate fare payable to the driver; and “**Shared Hire**” shall be construed accordingly; and

“**Taxi-bus**”, means a taxi which is being used, under a special licence granted under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985, to provide a local service which is or required to be registered

under Part I of that Act, has been previously advertised and which has a destination and route which are not entirely at the discretion of the passengers.