

NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARD CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1976

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1. Conduct of Driver

The driver shall:-

- (a) Afford all reasonable assistance with passengers' luggage
- (b) At all times be clean and respectable in his dress and person and behave in a civil and orderly manner.
- (c) Not act to the detriment of any person on account of their gender, sexuality, race, religion, physical or mental disability or any other reason.
- (d) Take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of passengers conveyed in, entering or alighting from the vehicle driven by him, and in the case of children and vulnerable adults travelling alone, shall ensure that they are delivered to the care of a responsible Adult.
- (e) Not without the express consent of the hirer drink or eat in the vehicle.
- (f) Not without the express consent of the hirer, play any radio or sound reproducing instrument or equipment in the vehicle other than for the purpose of sending or receiving messages in connection with the operation of the vehicle.
- (g) At no time cause or permit the noise emitted by any radio or other previously mentioned equipment in the vehicle which he is driving to be a source of nuisance or annoyance to any person, whether inside or outside the vehicle.

2. Passengers

The drivers shall:-

- (a) Not convey or permit to be conveyed in a private hire vehicle a greater number of persons than that prescribed in the licence for the vehicle.

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- (b) Not allow there to be conveyed in the front of a private hire vehicle:
 - (i) any child below the age of ten years; or
 - (ii) more than one person about that age.
- (c) Not without the consent of the hirer of a vehicle convey or permit to be conveyed any other person in that vehicle.

3. Written Receipts

The driver shall, if requested by the hirer of a private vehicle, provide him with a written receipt for the fare paid.

4. Lost Property

- (a) The driver shall immediately after the termination of any hiring of a private vehicle or as soon as practicable thereafter, carefully search the vehicle for any property which may have been accidentally left there.
- (b) If any property accidentally left in a private hire vehicle by any person who may have been conveyed therein is found by or handed to the driver, the driver shall carry it within 24 hours, if not sooner claimed by or on behalf of its owner, to the office of the Council and leave it in the custody of the officer in charge of the Licensing Section in the Legal and Democratic Division on his giving a receipt for it.

5. Animals

The drivers shall not convey in a private hire vehicle any animal belonging to or in the custody of himself or the proprietor or operator of the vehicle and any animal belonging to or in the custody of any passenger which in the driver's discretion may be conveyed in the vehicle shall only be conveyed in the rear of the vehicle.

Guide Dogs and Assistance dogs

- a) The driver shall carry a guide dog, or assistance dog, belonging to a passenger free of charge unless the driver has a proven medical condition that would preclude him/her from doing so.
- b) The driver shall produce to the Council a medical certificate signed by his/her general medical practitioner to prove such a medical condition on application for a private hire driver licence, or if he/she develops such a medical condition after the grant of a licence as soon as he/she is aware of it.
- c) The driver shall also make his/her operator aware of any such medical condition at the time of commencement of working for that Operator, or as soon as he/she is aware of such a medical condition, whichever is the earlier.
- d) "Guide dog" means a dog which assists a person with a sight impairment.

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- e) "Assistance dog" means a dog which assists a person with a hearing or other impairment.

6. Prompt Attendance

The driver of a private hire vehicle shall, if he is aware that the vehicle has been hired to be in attendance at an appointed time and place or he has otherwise been instructed by the operator or proprietor of the vehicle to be in attendance at an appointed time and place, punctually attend at that appointed time and place, unless delayed or prevented by sufficient cause.

7. Copy of Conditions

The driver shall, at all times when driving a private hire vehicle, carry with him a copy of these conditions and shall make it available for inspection by the hirer or any other passenger on request.

8. Deposit of Licence

If the driver is permitted or employed to drive a private hire vehicle in which the proprietor is someone other than himself, he shall before commencing to drive that vehicle, deposit this licence with that proprietor for retention by him until such time as the driver ceases to be permitted or employed to drive the vehicle or any other vehicle of his.

9. Taximeter

If a private hire vehicle being driven by the driver is fitted with a taximeter, the driver shall not cause the fare recorded thereon to be cancelled or concealed until the hirer has had a reasonable opportunity of examining it and has paid the fare (unless credit is to be given).

10. Fare to be Demanded

The driver shall not demand from any hirer of a private hire vehicle a fare in excess of any previously agreed for that hiring between the hirer and the operator or, if the vehicle is fitted with a taximeter and there has been no previous agreement as to the fare, the fare shown on the face of the taximeter.

11. Change of Address

The driver shall notify the Council in writing of any change of his address during the period of the licence within seven days of such change taking place.

12. Convictions

The driver shall, within seven days, disclose to the Council in writing details of any convictions imposed on him during the period of the licence.

13. Return of Badge

The driver, shall upon the expiry (without immediate renewal), revocation or suspension of this licence forthwith return to the Council the driver's badge issued to him by the Council when granting this licence.

NOTE:

Your attention is also drawn to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 which regulates Private Hire, you should be aware of all offences created by the Act.