



Private Hire Vehicle Conditions

These conditions are made under Section 48 (2) of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, by East Hampshire District Council in respect of private hire vehicles for hire in the Council area of East Hampshire.

1) Interpretation

In these conditions:

“the Act” means Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

“the council” means East Hampshire District Council

“operator” means the business making provision for the invitation or acceptance of bookings for private hire vehicles

“private hire vehicle” means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted to seat fewer than nine passengers, other than a hackney carriage or public service vehicle, which is provided for hire with the services of a driver for the purpose of carrying passengers.

“the vehicle” means the private hire vehicle

“authorised officer” means any officer of the council authorised in writing by the council for the purpose of these conditions

The licence holder must make himself familiar with the conditions and apply them at all times and upon request make them known to any hirer.

2) The Vehicle

1. Specification - The vehicle must at all times comply with the council's specification currently in force.
2. No material alteration or change in the specification, design, condition or appearance of the vehicle shall be made without the approval of the Council at any time while the licence is in force.
3. The vehicle must be kept in a clean and tidy condition at all times.

3) WHEELS

All vehicles must have a minimum of four road wheels and carry a spare wheel to the same specification as the road wheels.

Vehicles licensed before the 1 June 2009 have 'grandfather rights' to continue to retain a 'spacesaver tyre' or 'run flat' tyre. Under these circumstances, when the 'spacesaver'/run flat' tyre is used it must be changed for a full sized wheel or replaced/repared in the case of the 'run flat' tyre, at the earliest opportunity or in any case on or before the maximum number of miles recommended by the manufacturer is travelled.

4) Licence Plate and internal identification stickers

1. The licence plate must be fixed securely to the outside rear of the vehicle in such a position that it is clearly readable and shall not be less than 305mm (12 inches) or more than 766mm (30 inches) to the bottom edge of the plate from the ground.
2. In the event of the licence plate becoming lost, damaged or defaced, the licence holder shall make an immediate application to the Council for a replacement, for which a fee is payable.
3. The licence plate shall be returned to the Council by the licence holder if, for any reason the vehicle is not available for hire for a period of more than 14 days.
4. Two additional identification notices provided by the Council must be displayed - in the front screen of the vehicle above the tax disc and on the nearside rear passenger window or such other position approved in writing by an authorised officer. The notices are to be enclosed in the holder provided by the Council or other fixing as approved in writing by an authorised officer.

5) Fire Extinguisher

- A minimum 1 kilo powder type fire extinguisher with gauge or a 1 litre AFFF with gauge, or any other form of fire extinguisher required in writing by an Authorised Officer of the Council. It must conform to a recognised standard such as European Standard EN3 or British Standard 5423 and be carried in the vehicle at all times. It must be readily accessible and maintained in good working order. The licence plate number of the vehicle must be painted along the body of the extinguisher.

6) First Aid Kit

1. A first aid kit must be carried within the interior of the vehicle and readily available to passengers on request. The licence plate number of the vehicle must be painted on the body of the kit. The first aid kit must contain the following:

- (a) Guidance Card
- (b) Sterile dressings of various sizes, small, medium and large
- (c) Individually wrapped adhesive dressings
- (d) Eye pads
- (e) Triangular bandage
- (f) Safety pins
- (g) Safety scissors

2. The first-aid kit must be maintained in full and proper order with items replaced before expiry.

7) Tariff card

1. At all times a tariff card will be clearly displayed, where it can be seen by any passenger, giving the tariff applied by the operator through whom the vehicle is operated.

8) Luggage

1. A roof rack may be used only when excess luggage is to be carried. A suitable rack must be fitted in estate type vehicles to prevent luggage entering the passenger compartment should the vehicle stop suddenly.
2. Luggage can be carried in the seating area only if it is safely secured and with the consent of the passengers.

9) Advertising

1. No advertising is permitted in or on the vehicle without the written authority of the council. A sunstrip bearing the name of the operator and/or small advertisements within the vehicle, giving details of the operator are excluded from this restriction.
2. No roof signs are permitted.

10) Change of address

- The licence holder shall notify the Council in writing within seven days any change of address.

11) Communication

1. The licence holder shall provide sufficient means by which any person in the vehicle may communicate with the driver.
2. The licence holder shall ensure the vehicle is equipped with an indexed street map of the licence area, marked with the vehicle's registration number and licence identification number.

12) Insurance

- The licence holder shall produce for the council within seven days of any change of insurer a copy of the relevant insurance cover note or certificate.

13) Offences

- The licence holder shall within seven days inform the council in writing details of any motoring or criminal convictions or cautions imposed on him (or if the licence holder is a company or partnership, on any of the directors or partners).

14) General Conditions

1. The licence holder shall deposit his licence or copy with the operator with whom he works.
2. No vehicle will be granted a licence if it is licensed in another district.
3. The licence holder shall notify the council in writing of the names, addresses and licence numbers of drivers of his vehicle.
4. The licence holder shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the licensing provisions for both vehicle and drivers are observed.
5. The licence holder is required to familiarise himself with and comply with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, regulations and orders and decisions there under. The licence holder is expected to seek professional legal advice where there is doubt.
6. A no-smoking sign (international no-smoking symbol; no smaller than 70mm in diameter) must be displayed inside the vehicle.