



## Hackney Carriage (Taxi) Conditions

These conditions are made under Section 47(1) of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, by East Hampshire District Council in respect of hackney carriage vehicles for hire in the Council area of East Hampshire. They are in addition to the Hackney Carriage Byelaws.

### 1) Interpretation

In these conditions:

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

**“the council”** means East Hampshire District Council

**“hackney carriage”** has the same meaning as in the Town Police Clauses Act 1847

**“proprietor”** means owner of hackney carriage and includes part owner

**“the vehicle”** means the hackney carriage

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

**“Byelaws”** mean those in respect of Hackney Carriages made by East Hampshire District Council under section 68 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847

**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) Meter**

- The vehicle must be fitted with a calendar controlled taximeter approved by the Council, and that meter shall be maintained in a sound mechanical condition at all times. The taximeter shall be set for the current tariff agreed by the Council.

### **5) Roof Sign**

1. The vehicle must carry a roof sign, capable of illumination, which must conform to a specification approved and adopted by the Council (unless the vehicle is of the purpose built type).
2. The roof sign shall be illuminated when the vehicle is plying for hire.

### **6) Licence Plate and window notices**

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.

#### Window notices

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.

### **7) 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 identification number of the vehicle must be painted along the body of the extinguisher.

### **8) 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 identification 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 item replaced before expiry.

### **9) Tariff card**

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

### **10) Luggage**

1. Luggage can be carried in the seating area only if it is safely secured and with the consent of the passengers.

### **11) 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 proprietor and/or small advertisements within the vehicle, giving details of the proprietor are excluded from this restriction.

### **12) Change of address**

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

### **13) 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.

### **14) Insurance**

1. 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.

### **15) Offences**

1. 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).

### **16) Premises**

1. Any public reception area provided must be kept in a clean and tidy condition at all times with adequate seating.
2. No person who is behaving in a disorderly manner shall be permitted to remain on the premises.
3. The licence holder must inform the council of any change of address within seven days.

### **17) General Conditions**

1. The licence holder shall deposit his licence or copy with the proprietor 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 Hackney Carriage Byelaws and the requirements of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, regulations, orders and decisions there under and the Transport Act 1985 as far as these provisions apply to Hackney Carriages. 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.