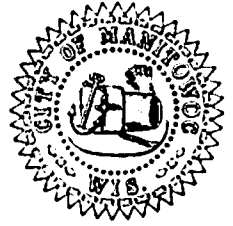


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TO: Finance Committee
Aldersperson James Brey, Chair

FROM: City Clerk Deborah Neuser *DN*

DATE: October 14, 2019

RE: Issuance of Taxicab Driver's License
Municipal Code Section 11.060(5)(f)

Currently the issuance of a taxicab driver's license requires the applicant to come to Clerk's Office to make their application and pay their fee and then go to the Police Department for a photo. They then return to the Police Department to pick up their license after a records check is complete.

Since the Clerk's office now has the id badge printer that we purchased for the bartender's licenses, we could produce the taxicab driver's license as well and save the customer an extra trip to the Police Department.

Our proposal is to receive the application along with the fee here in the Clerk's office and take their photo as well. Approval by the Police Department would be through Springbrook similar to what we do for bartenders. As soon as the application is approved, Clerk would issue the license.

Similar to what we did for bartenders, we would like to raise the fee from \$55 to \$60 for a two year license. PD would still receive \$5 for the records check as they do for bartenders. The fee was last raised in 2008. I polled the Clerks as to the fees being charged.

Those with a fee greater than the proposed \$60 for 2 years:

Racine	\$ 35/yr.
Barron	\$ 50/yr.
Portage	\$ 35/yr.
Eau Claire	\$ 33/yr.

Those with a fee less than the proposed \$60 for 2 years:

Oconomowoc	\$ 25/yr.
LaCrosse	\$ 50/2 yrs.
Two Rivers	\$ 5/yr. (crazy low)

Both of these changes would require an ordinance change to Section 11.060(5)(f).

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PROPOSED WORDING FOR CHANGE TO 11.060(5)(f)

ORDINANCE CHANGING 11.060 (5)(f) – Issuance of License. Upon approval of an application by the Police Chief or designee, the Police Department City Clerk shall issue to the applicant a picture identification card upon the granting of a taxicab driver’s license Taxicab Driver’s License. If the Police Department does not recommend granting a license, the City Clerk shall forward the application to the Common Council. Each licensee shall prominently display this identification card on his or her person at all times while employed as a taxicab driver. The licensee shall not permit any other person to use their identification card. Duplicate licenses shall be issued upon presentation of a photo identification and payment of a \$10.00 fee.

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to amend Section 11.060 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code regulating Taxicab Vehicle License and Taxicab Driver's Licenses.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Manitowoc do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 11.060 is amended to read as follows:

"11.060 Taxicab Vehicle License and Taxicab Driver's Licenses.

...

(5) Taxicab Driver's Licenses.

(a) Taxicab Driver's License Required. No person shall be permitted to operate a taxicab for which a taxicab vehicle license is required hereunder without first obtaining a taxicab driver's license under this section. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to employ as a driver of any taxicab any person other than a driver duly licensed under this section.

(b) License Fee. The fee for a taxicab driver's license shall be ~~\$55.00~~ 60.00. The nonrefundable license fee shall be submitted with the license application to the City Clerk's office. Each license shall expire on December 31st of the second year after issuance.

(c) License Requirements. Applicants for a taxicab driver's license shall be at least 18 years of age, holding a valid Wisconsin driver's license, and not have an arrest or conviction record, subject to Wis. Stat. §§ 111.321, 111.322 and 111.325.

(d) Application. Application for a taxicab driver's license shall be made by the applicant upon forms to be furnished by the City Clerk.

(e) Approval Process. After receipt of a license application form and payment of a nonrefundable fee, the Police Department shall review the form and make an initial determination within three working days as to whether ~~or not~~ the taxicab driver's license shall be granted. If the Police Department's initial determination is to grant the taxicab driver's license, the City Clerk shall issue a license. If the Police Department's initial determination is to deny the taxicab driver's license, the applicant may appeal the decision within 30 days of receipt of notice of such denial, pursuant to subsection (6) of this section.

(f) Issuance of License. Upon approval by the Police Chief or his designee, the City Clerk shall issue to the applicant a picture Taxicab Driver's License identification card upon the granting of a taxicab driver's license. If the Police Department does not recommend granting a license, the City Clerk shall forward the application to the Common Council. If Common Council denies the application, the Clerk shall send notice of denial to the applicant via US Mail. Each licensee shall prominently display this identification card on his or her person at all times while employed as a taxicab driver. The licensee shall not permit any other person to use their identification card. Duplicate licenses shall be issued upon presentation of a photo identification and payment of a \$10.00 fee.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day after publication.

INTRODUCED _____ ADOPTED _____

_____ APPROVED _____

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

Fiscal Impact: \$50.00
Funding Source: 1100-13100-431222
Finance Director Approval: /SC
Approved as to form: /EM

This resolution was drafted by Elizabeth Majerus, Assistant City Attorney