

To: Mayor and Members of Council

May 30, 2011

Re: Taxi Bylaw

Background

In August of 2010, Administration was approached to issue a business license for a taxi service based out of Regina. When the taxi company came to renew their license for 2011, administration was made aware that this was not an out of the Town business, in fact this business originated in White City. The Town of White City does not have a Taxi Bylaw and in order to have this business provide a service for our residents, the Town needs to adopt a Taxi Bylaw.

Discussion

Information was collected from various other municipalities to help aid in drafting a taxi bylaw that would be suitable for White City. Since the Town is so close to Regina, the city was contacted for information. The following information was attained from the city of Regina. A taxi has to be part of a brokerage in the city of Regina. Taxi's have meters which are sealed by the city after a vehicle complies with certain parameters on a road vehicle test. If meters were installed on taxi's operating out of White City, they would only be allowed to drop off customers in Regina. They would not be allowed to pick customers up in the city even if they dropped them off at a Regina location. If they do pick up customers in Regina they may be prosecuted. Taxi cabs operating in White City could run a shuttle type business without meters and charge a flat rate to take customers from outside Regina to the City of Regina and then pick them up again at an arranged time.

The owners of White City taxi cab were contacted to come up with a fee tariff structure for operating a taxi service that would be competitive with a meter rate as used in the city of Regina. The fee tariff structure they presented to the administration is comparable to other municipal taxi fee structures.

In order to operate a taxi service in White City, certain criteria would have to be met as indicated in the bylaw.

Budget Implications

None

Conclusion

Residents in White City have expressed they would like to have a taxi service available to them. In order for a taxi service to operate out of White City, Council must adopt a Taxi Bylaw.

Recommendation

Administration recommends:

THAT Council give three readings to the Taxi Cab Bylaw.

Respectfully submitted,



Shauna Bzdel,
Town Manager

TOWN OF WHITE CITY

BYLAW NO.

TAXI BYLAW

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF WHITE CITY TO REGULATE THE ISSUE OF BUSINESS LICENSES FOR THE OPERATION OF TAXI VEHICLES IN THE TOWN OF WHITE CITY.

The Council of the Town of White City, in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Taxi Bylaw"
2. For the purposes of this Bylaw, the expression:
 - a) "Cab or Taxicab" means a vehicle duly licensed under the provisions of *The Vehicle Administration Act* and which is employed in the conveyance of passengers for a fee but shall not be deemed to include the following:
 - i an ambulance;
 - ii a bus, but same does not mean a van or mini-bus;
 - iii a vehicle especially designed to transport, for hire, persons confined to wheelchairs along with the said wheelchairs, and which does not carry for compensation any other type of passenger;
 - iv a vehicle known as a "U-Drive" vehicle which is rented without a driver.
 - b) "Council" means the Council of the Town of White City.
 - c) "Owner", "Keeper", "Operator" means any person who owns or keeps a taxicab for hire.
 - d) "Person" means an individual and includes a firm, company, or partnership.
 - e) "Town" means the Town of White City.
3. A person wishing to license or have the license renewed for a taxi, shall produce a valid safety inspection certificate obtained from a taxi inspection station certified by Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI).
 - a) Having obtained that taxi inspection shall carry it in the taxi at all times and display an inspection decal on the right side rear window of the taxi.
 - b) No person or owner shall operate or permit to be operated any taxicab unless it is equipped with an extra tire and wheel ready for use. Safety equipment including seat belts available to the passenger capacity of the taxicab and as to mechanical fitness for safe transportation such as brake conditions, etc.
 - c) Every vehicle used for conveyance of passengers shall have on it either a lighted display sign or detailed by the use of decals showing its permitted use, and all taxicabs shall be equipped with a communication device.
4. A person wishing to license or have the license renewed for a taxi must have:
 - a) A current driver's license (Class 4).
 - b) Complete the application to operate a taxi in the Town of White City form (Schedule "A") attached thereto. Application must be approved by Council.
 - c) Consent to a criminal record check by the RCMP (cannot have any outstanding charges or warrants).
 - d) Have a current business license issued by the Town of White City.

- d) Furnish the Town of White City with a current list of all drivers employed by the Licensee. No person shall operate a taxicab and no owner of a taxicab service shall allow any person to operate a taxicab, unless the operator has a current driver's license (Class 4) and has a criminal record check.
5. Every taxicab firm designated as a home occupation will be allowed to have only one vehicle designated as a taxicab parked at the owner's place of residence.

DUTIES OF THE LICENSEES

6. Every operator of a taxi in the town of White City shall:
- a) Carry a valid driver's license (Class 4) at all times while operating a taxi.
 - b) Post and keep posted in any taxi he/she operates the tariff of fees card provided by schedule "B" of this Bylaw in such a manner that it is clearly visible and legible to any passenger who ride in the taxi.
 - c) Post and keep posted in any taxi he operates his identification card issued by the Town of White City in such a manner that it is clearly visible and legible to any passenger who ride in the taxi.
 - d) Carry in a taxi no more than the number of persons for which the taxi capacity has been rated by Provincial law.
 - e) No owner or operator shall charge or demand a fee any more than or any less than the amount calculated in accordance with the tariff of Fees as set in Schedule "B" attached thereto.
 - f) Every license pursuant to this Bylaw shall expire in the 31st day of December the year of issue of the said License.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

7. a) A person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Bylaw or fails to comply therewith shall commit an offense and be liable to the penalties as herein provided.
- b) Notwithstanding the generality of Subsection (1), it shall be an offence:
- 1) for a taxi broker to knowingly have in his employ or dispatch for calls:
 - i an operator who does not hold a valid driver's license (Class 4);
 - ii an operator driving a vehicle not bearing a valid taxi vehicle license;
 - 2) for an owner to permit or allow an unlicensed operator to use his taxi for hire;
 - 3) for an operator to use for hire a vehicle not licensed pursuant to this Bylaw;
 - 4) for a person to carry on or be engaged in the business of a taxi broker, taxi owner or operator unless and until that person has first obtained a license to do so and paid the business license fee as set out in the Town's current Business Licensing Bylaw 363-02.
- c) Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction punishable by a fine in an amount not exceeding:
- 1) Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), in the case of an individual; and

- 2) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00, in the case of a corporation; or in default of payment by an individual, by imprisonment for a term of not more than thirty (30) days.

Mayor

Town Manager

INTRODUCED AND READ A FIRST TIME THIS DAY OF

READ A SECOND TIME THIS DAY OF

READ A THIRD TIME AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BYLAW NO.

APPLICATION TO OPERATE A TAXI IN THE TOWN OF WHITE CITY

Date _____

I, _____ hereby make application for a license to operate the

Attached listed vehicle(s) as a taxi in the Town of White City:

Name of Business _____

Phone: _____

Civic Address _____

Postal Address _____

Signature of Owner

Note

1. When submitting this application the Provincial License and Vehicle Inspection must be produced.
2. License is issued only to the registered owner of the vehicle
3. Application must be approved by Council before commencing business.

List of Vehicles

Make of Model	_____	Make of Model	_____
Serial Number	_____	Serial Number	_____
Provincial Plate No.	_____	Provincial Plate No.	_____

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SCHEDULE "B"
TO BYLAW NO.

TARIFF OF FEES TO BE CHARGED

1. Every person operating a taxicab may charge or collect the following maximum fees, but shall not charge a fee that could exceed the rates hereinafter established.
2. Destinations into the City of Regina has been divided into four districts as per Schedule "C" attached thereto

FROM	TO	FARE
White City	Balgonie	\$17.00
White City	White City	\$10.75
White City	Emerald Park	\$12.75
White City	Pilot Butte	\$19.85
White City	Regina (East Super Store Area) - District 1	\$22.60
White City	Regina (Winnipeg St) - District 1	\$25.85
White City	Regina (Wascana View) - District 1	\$37.88
White City	Regina (Downtown) - District 2	\$31.85
White City	Regina North (1 st Ave. N.) - District 3	\$38.86
White City	Regina North (North Superstore) - District 3	\$48.76
White City	Regina North (West Hill Park) - District 3	\$57.55
White City	Regina West (Lawn St.) - District 4	\$36.55
White City	Regina West (RCMP) - District 4	\$38.35
White City	Regina Southwest (Conexus Art Center) - District 4	\$39.88
White City	Regina SouthWest (Travelodge) - District 4	\$46.25
White City	Regina Southwest (Southland Mall) - District 4	\$54.76
White City	Regina Southwest (Airport) - District 4	\$38.44

SCHEDULE "C"

TO BYLAW NO.