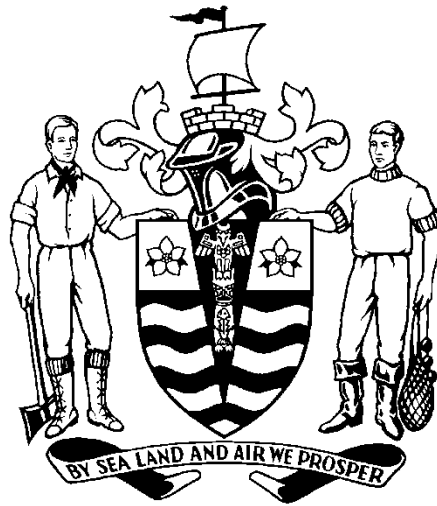


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**BY-LAW NO. 6066**

**A By-law for licensing and regulating  
the owners and drivers of  
vehicles for hire in the City of Vancouver**

**(Consolidated for convenience only,  
amended to include By-law 13791, 13974  
effective April 9, 2024)**

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**Name of By-law**

1. This By-law may be cited as the "Vehicles for Hire By-law".

**Definitions**

2. In this By-law, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Applicant" means the person who makes and signs an application for any license or transfer of any license.

"Approved Towaway Sign" means a sign, in a form satisfactory to the Inspector, which adequately indicates the circumstances under which a vehicle may be towed away and the place where it may be reclaimed.

"Car-Sharing Organization" means a legal entity whose principal business is to provide car-sharing vehicles, which are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at publicly accessible locations, and which are charged out at a set rate, inclusive of insurance and fuel costs, to members who pay a membership fee to the organization.

"Car-Sharing Vehicle" means a four-wheeled automobile, van or pick-up truck owned and operated by a car-sharing organization.

"Chief Constable" means the Chief Constable for the time being of the City and includes lawful assistants of the Chief Constable.

"Commercial Parking Lot" means an area of land or any building or part thereof where the lawful parking of motor vehicles is provided for a fee, and includes, where no fee is charged, areas provided specifically for customers of a business, or tenants in buildings other than buildings used exclusively for residential purposes.

"Driver" includes every person who drives or is in charge of a vehicle for hire.

"Hire" means the fare, toll, fee or rate charged or collected from any person for the transportation of a person or persons, or chattels of persons.

"Inspector" means the Chief License Inspector of the City duly appointed by the Council, and includes lawful assistants of the Inspector.

"License" means the license required or issued under the provision of this By-law.

"Motor Vehicle" includes automobiles, motorcycles and all other vehicles propelled otherwise than by muscular power, excepting trailers.

"Mobility Aid" means a device, including a manual wheelchair, electric wheelchair and scooter, that is used to facilitate the transport, in a normally seated orientation, of a person with a physical disability.

"Owner" includes the proprietor or other person having the conduct or operation of any vehicle for hire.

"Parking Lot" means any area of land, or land and building, which is used for the purpose of providing parking facilities for automobiles, but does not include an area where such parking is an ancillary use to a single detached house on the same area of land.

"Passenger Transportation Board" means the board established pursuant to the Passenger Transportation Act of British Columbia.

"Passenger Transportation Pool Vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is operated at any time or from time to time on a highway under the following conditions:

- (a) for the transportation of persons from the residence of the vehicle owner or operator to a place of employment or to a common destination adjacent thereto or in the case of an employer-operated vehicle, for the transportation of that employer's employees to and from a place of employment; and
- (b) the carriage of such persons is conducted in conjunction with a transportation pooling arrangement for passengers which is sponsored and coordinated by an organization or agency working in conjunction with the federal government of Canada, the government of British Columbia, the governing body of any city or municipality in British Columbia or any combination of these governmental bodies; and
- (c) the compensation charged to passengers for such transportation does not exceed, in the aggregate, an amount equivalent to that required to pay operating costs and capital costs of the vehicle used for such transportation during the period of usage when the vehicle is employed in providing such transportation.

"Public Bike Share" means a service that provides the general public with an opportunity to rent bicycles through an automated system, on a short-term basis for use within the

city as part of a network comprised of no fewer than 50 Public Bike Share Stations located on separate sites on streets, and public and private real property.

“Public Bike Share Station” means a bicycle sharing facility where bicycles are stored and from which the general public may rent and return bicycles and other objects or equipment as part of Public Bike Share.

“Quadricycle”, which means a 4-wheeled device that is propelled by human power and on which a person may ride, and that:

- (a) has a track width of not less than 1 metre,
- (b) has a rear track width that is greater than the height of the seat frame as measured from level ground to the seat frame,
- (c) is equipped with at least 2 sets of pedals for motive power,
- (d) is equipped with disc or drum brakes, and
- (e) is controlled by a single operator.

"Seating capacity" means the rated passenger load assigned to a motor vehicle by its manufacturer, but when used in combination with "passengers" does not include the driver.

“Shared E-Scooter System” means a use of premises that provides the general public with an opportunity to rent electric kick scooters through an automated system, on a short-term basis for use within the City as part of a network comprised of no fewer than 50 public Shared E-Scooter Stations located on separate sites on streets, and public and private real property.

“Shared E-Scooter Station” means an electric kick scooter sharing facility where electric kick scooters are stored and from which the general public may rent and return electric kick scooters and other objects or equipment as part of a Shared E-Scooter System.

"Used", where it appears in any subsection of this section, means used or intended, designed or kept for use.

"Vehicle for Hire" means a vehicle, other than a passenger directed vehicle as defined in the License By-law, used for the carrying, transportation or conveyance of persons or property for hire and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall for the purpose of this By-law include the following classifications:

"Airport Shuttle Bus", which means a motor vehicle used exclusively to transport persons from an Airport Transporter to any point in the City or from any point in the City to an Airport Transporter at no cost to the passenger.

"Airport Transporter", which means a motor vehicle of a type and design of a bus or van with a seating capacity of 7 or more passengers and that is used exclusively to transport passengers to an airport.

"Charter Bus", which means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity of 10 or more passengers with all seats facing forward, operated as a sightseeing venture over a fixed or predetermined route of travel and charging a certain sum per person for each trip or by charter to transport persons on a prearranged basis to a specified location.

"Charter Van", which means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity of not less than 6 and not more than 9 passengers and used for carrying persons and their equipment by charter to destinations outside the City where arrangements respecting the vehicle have been made prior to its arrival to pick up passengers.

"Courier Cycle", which means a cycle as defined in the Motor Vehicle Act, but does not include quadricycles.

"Driver Instruction Vehicle", which means a motor vehicle equipped and used for the purpose of teaching others to drive motor vehicles.

"Horse-Drawn Carriage", which means a 4-wheeled vehicle drawn by no more than 2 horses and operated over a fixed or defined route of travel.

"Motor Assisted Pedicab", which means a 3-wheeled vehicle propelled by foot power of the operator and motor assist, and capable of carrying no more than 2 passengers in addition to the operator.

"Motor Stage", which means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity of 12 or more passengers used for the carrying of persons from the City and operated at any time or from time to time over a route or between fixed termini or on a regular time or toll schedule.

"Pedicab", which means a 3-wheeled vehicle propelled solely by the foot power of the operator and capable of carrying no more than 2 passengers in addition to the operator.

"Public Bus", which means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity of more than 7 passengers, which is operated for the purpose of providing transportation to persons who have not prearranged to be transported on a specific trip. It does not include a vehicle coming within any of the classes more specifically defined in this section, but does include a vehicle operated by the Metro Transit Operating Company or as part of a service established under the *British Columbia Transit Act*.

"School Cab", which means a motor vehicle used for the conveyance of children to or from school and operated by or under contract with the owner or person in charge of the school.

"School Shuttle Van", which means a motor vehicle:

- (a) the seating capacity of which is not less than 6 passengers nor more than 9;
- (b) the exclusive use of which is to transport, between home and pre-school or school only, children from pre-schoolers to Grade 12 students; and
- (c) in respect of which the owner or operator of the motor vehicle contracts with a person for its hire before the motor vehicle's arrival to pick up any passengers referred to in subsection (b) of this definition.

"Shared Ride Van", which means a motor vehicle used for carrying passengers on a trip originating or terminating within the City where arrangements respecting the hire of the vehicle have been made prior to its arrival to pick up passengers and includes a U-Drive used for this purpose but does not include any other vehicle for hire classified in Schedule A of this By-law.

"Tow Truck", which means a motor vehicle designed or adapted for use as a means of towing other motor vehicles from place to place.

"U-Drive", which means a motor vehicle which may be hired or rented by the hour, day, week or month without a driver, but does not include a vehicle leased on a yearly basis or for a longer period.

### **Table of contents**

3. The table of contents for this By-law is for convenient reference only, and is not for assistance in interpreting or enforcing this By-law.

### **Exemptions**

4. The following are exempt from the regulations of this By-law:

- (a) the operation of any vehicle for hire by the Metro Transit Operating Company or as part of a service established under the *British Columbia Transit Act*;
- (b) except for section 6(2), the Vancouver Civic Development Corporation;
- (c) the operation of any passenger transportation pool vehicle;
- (d) the operation of any car-sharing vehicle;
- (e) the operation of any bicycle that is part of a public bike share; and
- (f) the operation of any electric kick scooter that is part of a shared e-scooter system.

### **Types of vehicles for hire**

5. No person shall own or operate any vehicle for hire except as classified, described or named in Schedule "A" of this By-law.

### **Vehicle for hire license**

6. (1) No person shall own, operate or engage in a business involving a vehicle for hire without holding a valid and subsisting City license therefor.

(2) Every person applying for a license pursuant to this By-law shall make application to the Inspector on the form provided for that purpose, and at the time of making the application shall pay to the City the license fee specified in Schedule "A" of this By-law.

(3) On receipt of an application for a license and before issuing the license, the Inspector must ascertain whether the applicant has at any time within the preceding five years been convicted of any offence under any statute of Canada or the Province of British Columbia or under any city by-law, and the Inspector, if of the belief that the nature of the offence relates to the business, trade, profession, or other occupation for which the application has been made, must refuse to issue the license. The Inspector shall also refuse to issue such license unless satisfied that:

- (a) the applicant is 19 years of age or older; can speak, read and write the English language; possesses a working knowledge of city streets; and is willing and able to maintain a satisfactory service to the public during the currency of the license;
- (b) the vehicle with respect to the operation of which a license has been applied for is suitable for the use intended, is equipped as required by this By-law, and complies in all respects with applicable provisions of the *Motor Vehicle Act* and the *Highway Act*;
- (c) in the case of a vehicle for hire which is not defined as a "motor vehicle" pursuant to the *Motor Vehicle Act*, except for a courier cycle, the applicant is the holder of a valid policy of liability insurance pertaining to the vehicle with a minimum coverage of \$2,000,000 (two million dollars), except that in the case of a quadricycle, the Inspector must be satisfied that the applicant is the holder of a valid policy of liability insurance pertaining to the vehicle with a minimum coverage of \$5,000,000 (five million dollars) that names the City as an additional insured; and
- (d) each of the applicant and any motor vehicle the applicant intends to use or will use in the business, trade, profession, or other occupation for which the applicant is applying for the license complies with the requirements of this By-law;

### **Term of license**



7. (1) Unless otherwise provided in this By-law, all licenses issued under this By-law must be issued for the calendar year current at the time of issuance of such license, and shall expire on the 31st day of December next succeeding the date of issue, except that if a person operates a vehicle for hire under a temporary permit approved by the Passenger Transportation Board, the Inspector may issue a license for a term that expires on the same date as the temporary permit.

### **Suspension or revocation of license**

8. (1) A license issued under this By-law shall be deemed to be suspended if the vehicle in respect of which the license has been issued fails to pass a safety inspection under the provisions of the *Motor Vehicle Act* and the license thereof shall remain suspended until the vehicle has been reinspected and approved pursuant to the provisions of that Act.

(2) A license issued under this By-law shall be deemed to be suspended if the license holder does not hold a valid policy of insurance as required by clause (c) of section 6(3) of this By-law.

(3) Any person who, for monetary consideration, employs his or her vehicle for hire for purposes other than for which he or she is licensed shall be subject to the suspension or revocation of the license at the discretion of the Council.

(4) It is an express condition of the granting of any license that the licensee shall observe all by-laws of the City, and noncompliance with any of the provisions of such by-laws shall be deemed to be a breach of the conditions under which the license was granted, and shall render such license subject to suspension or revocation at the discretion of the Council.

(5) While a license is suspended pursuant to this section it shall, for the purposes of section 6(1), be deemed to be neither valid nor subsisting.

### **Transfer of license**

9. (1) Any person desiring to obtain a transfer of any license, or interest in any license, issued pursuant to this By-law and held by any other person, shall make an application the same as that required to obtain a license under this By-law; and the powers, conditions, requirements and procedures relating to the granting and refusal of the licenses and appeals thereon shall apply.

(2) No person who purchases all or part of the interest of any person licensed pursuant to this By-law shall carry on or continue the business, trade, profession or other occupation so purchased without first having obtained either a transfer of the license or a new license.

(3) No license shall be transferred from one person to another more than once during any calendar year.

(4) Where any license is transferred, the applicant shall pay the fee set out in Schedule A to this By-law.

### **Numbered plate**

10. (1) The Inspector shall furnish to each person taking out a license with respect to the operation of a vehicle for hire, except a U-Drive, a numbered plate for each such vehicle kept and used by that person. Such plate shall remain the property of the City and on the expiration, revocation or suspension of the license corresponding or represented thereby, such person shall forthwith return such plate to the Inspector.

(2) Every person to whom a plate has been furnished pursuant to this section shall keep such plate on each such vehicle for hire in a place designated by the Inspector.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person so licensed to use or exhibit on any vehicle for hire any City plate other than the plates set out in the license.

(4) Where a vehicle for hire plate furnished pursuant to this section has become lost, mutilated or destroyed the Inspector may, upon receipt of written proof satisfactory to the Inspector setting out such loss, mutilation or destruction, issue a replacement plate upon payment of the fee set out in Schedule A to this By-law.

### **Courier cycles**

11. (1) No license shall be issued to a person to operate a courier cycle until that person has successfully completed a written examination and a practical examination approved by the Inspector, and has paid the fee set out in Schedule A to this By-law.

(2) The Inspector shall furnish a numbered plate to every person qualifying for a license to operate a courier cycle, which plate shall be attached to the cycle operated by such person at the rear so that it is in a vertical position and is clearly visible from behind the cycle. Such plate is non-transferrable and remains the property of the City, and shall be surrendered to the Inspector on the expiration, revocation or suspension of the license corresponding to it.

(3) after the Inspector has furnished a person with a numbered plate in accordance with section 11(2), the plate holder shall indicate the plate remains valid by affixing a current year licence decal to the plate.

(4) Every person licensed pursuant to this section shall at all times while operating a courier cycle carry on his or her person an identification card displaying his or her photograph and showing his or her full name, address and date of birth.

(5) A police officer may arrest without warrant any person operating a courier cycle whom the officer finds committing a breach of this by-law if such person fails to stop and

produce his or her identification card or state his or her proper name and address when so requested by the police officer.

- (6) No person shall:
  - (a) deface or alter a number plate or the current year licence decal issued pursuant to this section;
  - (b) display a numbered plate or current year licence decal issued pursuant to this section that has been defaced or altered; or
  - (c) display a numbered plate or current year licence decal issued pursuant to this section except for the person to whom it was issued.

### **Driver instruction vehicles**

12. (1) No license shall be issued in respect of a driver instruction vehicle unless the vehicle conforms to the requirements imposed by this By-law with respect to the vehicle and to the operational equipment required for the purpose of giving driver instruction.

- (2) No person shall use or operate any driver instruction vehicle unless the vehicle:
  - (a) while in use is plainly marked with a sign on the rear bearing the warning: "Student Driver";
  - (b) while in use is occupied only by the instructor and the pupil;
  - (c) is used only for the purpose of driver instruction or driver testing.

(3) No person shall carry on the business of teaching or instructing in the driving of a motor vehicle unless he or she uses for that purpose a driver instruction vehicle conforming to the requirements set out in subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

(4) A person may keep and use premises for the business of motor vehicle driver instruction in a residential dwelling unit but only if that person:

- (a) and those premises comply with the Zoning and Development By-law;
- (b) licenses only one driver instruction vehicle under this By-law for use in that business, and uses only that motor vehicle in the business;
- (c) does not permit any students or employees of the business to attend at the premises; and
- (d) is the only person carrying on the business at the premises.

### **Horse-drawn carriages**

13. (1) No person shall operate a horse-drawn carriage
  - (a) from 2:01 a.m. to 9:29 a.m. and from 3:01 p.m. to 5:59 p.m. on any day;
  - (b) on any City street except as approved by the City Engineer; and
  - (c) without the capacity for the immediate removal of manure as soon as it is deposited on a street.
- (2) No more than 16 horse-drawn carriages shall be licensed as such at any time.

### **Pedicabs and motor assisted pedicabs**

14. (1) A person must not operate a pedicab or motor assisted pedicab unless:
  - (a) that person does so in compliance with the restrictions and prohibitions in subsections (2) and (3) and the restrictions and prohibitions indicated on the Pedicab Routing Map attached to this By-law as Schedule B;
  - (b) the equipment forming part of, attached to, or carried on or within the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab is acceptable to the Inspector, and includes:
    - (i) rear hydraulic brakes and front V-brakes or another braking system approved by the Inspector, and
    - (ii) front headlights, rear tail lights, rear flashing light (for night time operations), turn signal lights, reflectors on wheels and carriages, standard bell, rear mud flaps or similar protection, first aid kit, repair kit, rear bumper or similar protection, and unless rooftop design exceeds six feet, a six foot high flag pole, and a safety flag on the flag pole;
  - (c) the rear of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab has a current vehicle for hire plate, issued under the authority of this By-law, affixed to it;
  - (d) that person is carrying a current business license for the operation of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab along with a current photo identification that includes the person's name, address, and birth date;
  - (e) that person has the brakes of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab inspected at least annually by a bicycle repair shop that has a current business license issued by a municipality, and promptly undertakes any repair or maintenance to the brakes disclosed by such inspection;
  - (f) that person retains for at least two years all records of any inspection, repair, or maintenance referred to in subsection (e), and makes such records available to the Inspector at any time on request;

- (g) that person inspects the pedicab's or motor assisted pedicab's brakes and other safety equipment each day prior to operating the pedicab, and makes such adjustments as are necessary;
  - (h) prior to issuance of a license for use, the Inspector has inspected the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab;
  - (i) the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab has painted or otherwise permanently affixed, in figures at least 5 cm high, on each side and to the rear of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab carriage a business name and identification number which uniquely identifies the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab;
  - (j) that person can demonstrate, at the request of the Inspector, that the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab is available for transporting passengers;
  - (k) that person ensures that parking, storage, and maintenance of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab occurs only on private property, except for lawful parking on streets while waiting for customers;
  - (l) that person must not allow third party advertising, as defined in the Sign By-law, on the exterior of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab, except for an area on the rear of the pedicab or motor assisted pedicab carriage that must not exceed 0.45 m<sup>2</sup>; and
  - (m) the pedicab carries no more than two passengers.
- (2) No person shall operate a pedicab or motor assisted pedicab on any street marked with lane lines or directional dividing lines, between the hours of 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.
  - (3) No person shall operate a pedicab or motor assisted pedicab on the Burrard Bridge, the Granville Bridge, the Cambie Bridge, the Dunsmuir Viaduct, the Georgia Viaduct or on Georgia Street between Cardero and Chilco streets.
  - (4) The owner of a pedicab or motor assisted pedicab must:
    - (a) cause any person who operates such pedicab or motor assisted pedicab to comply with the requirements set out in subsection (1); and
    - (b) not transfer its license to any other person.
  - (5) The number of licenses issued for pedicabs and motor assisted pedicabs must not exceed 60, in aggregate, at any one time.

## **Public buses**

15. (1) No person shall use or operate any vehicle as a public bus.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the License By-law, the Inspector shall not issue a license which would permit the operation of a public bus system.

### **Quadricycles**

- 15A. (1) A person must not operate a quadricycle unless:
  - (a) that person does so in compliance with the restrictions and prohibitions in subsection (2);
  - (b) that person is carrying a copy of the approved route plan, and produces the plan for inspection on demand by the Chief Constable or the Inspector;
  - (c) the rear of the quadricycle has a current vehicle for hire plate, issued under the authority of this By-law, affixed to it;
  - (d) the equipment forming part of, attached to, or carried on or within the quadricycle complies with the requirements of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, is acceptable to the Inspector, and includes turn signal lights and reflectors on wheels and carriages;
  - (e) that person has the brakes of the quadricycle inspected at least annually by a repair shop that has a current business license issued by a municipality, and promptly undertakes any repair or maintenance to the brakes disclosed by such inspection;
  - (f) that person retains for at least two years all records of any inspection, repair, or maintenance referred to in subsection (e), and makes such records available to the Inspector at any time on request;
  - (g) the quadricycle has painted or otherwise permanently affixed, in figures at least 5 cm high, on each side and to the rear of the quadricycle a business name and identification number which uniquely identifies the quadricycle;
  - (h) the speakers of any sound amplification equipment used on a quadricycle are directed toward the centre of the quadricycle; and

- (i) that person ensures that parking, storage, and maintenance of the quadricycle occurs only on private property, except for lawful parking on streets while waiting for customers.
- (2) No person shall operate a quadricycle:
- (a) from 10:01 p.m. to 6:59 a.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, or 10:01 p.m. to 9:59 a.m. on Sundays and holidays, or at any other time as required by the Inspector;
  - (b) in protected bicycle lanes as defined in the Street and Traffic By-law; and
  - (c) on any City street except in accordance with a route approved by the City Engineer, except that if:
    - (i) a portion of the approved route is temporarily obstructed or inaccessible due to construction or some other street occupancy authorized by the City, or
    - (ii) that person is ordered not to proceed along a portion of the approved route by the Chief Constable, the Inspector, or the City Engineer,then that person may divert from the approved route using the nearest minor streets or lanes, as defined in the Street and Traffic By-law, or other streets to the extent necessary, but must return to the approved route as soon as possible.
- (3) The owner of a quadricycle must cause any person who operates such quadricycle to comply with the requirements set out in subsection (1).

### **School shuttle vans**

16. (1) A person must not drive a school shuttle van unless:
- (a) the school shuttle van has attached to it a valid, current annual mechanical safety inspection decal issued by a designated Insurance Corporation of British Columbia certified inspection facility;
  - (b) lettering that is legible, at least 8 cm high, and painted or otherwise permanently affixed to both sides of the school shuttle van, in a position satisfactory to the Inspector, identifies it as a school shuttle van service and sets out the business name and telephone number of the van's license holder and a number that uniquely identifies the school shuttle van;
  - (c) such lettering is clear, clean, and distinguishable at all times; and

- (d) there is unrestricted vision through all windows of the school shuttle van, and the tinting on the windows is to factory specifications for the van.
- (2) A person must not drive a school shuttle van unless that person wears:
- (a) a neat and clean uniform that is identical to all other drivers in the same school shuttle van service; and
  - (b) outside the uniform, identification issued in the then current calendar year showing the person's picture and bearing the person's name and the name of the school shuttle van service for whom that person drives the school shuttle van.
- (3) A person must not drive a school shuttle van except:
- (a) for the exclusive purpose of transporting, between home and pre-school or school only, children from pre-schoolers to Grade 12 students;
  - (b) if the owner or operator of the school shuttle van contracts with a person for its hire before the motor vehicle's arrival to pick up any passengers; and
  - (c) exclusively within the boundaries of the City of Vancouver.

### **Tow trucks**

17. (1) Every person to whom a tow truck license has been granted shall keep an established place of business within the City and shall notify the Chief Constable and the Inspector in writing of the address, or any change thereof, of the premises where such person keeps the books and records of the operation of his or her business.

(2) Every driver of a tow truck shall keep a daily record of all trips made by the driver, and the record must contain the following information:

- (a) the reason for the tow;
- (b) the date, time, origin and destination of the towing contract; and
- (c) the name and address of the owner of the vehicle being towed.

All records shall be kept by the owner of the tow truck for a period of 6 months and shall be produced for inspection at any reasonable time on demand by the Chief Constable or the Inspector.

(3) Every driver of a tow truck shall, before towing any motor vehicle from the scene of an accident, supply to the owner or driver of the vehicle being towed a card which identifies the driver and the towing company by whom such driver is employed, except that where an owner or driver is injured or has been removed from the scene of an accident, such card shall



be given to an attending police officer. The card shall be signed by the driver of the tow truck and shall state clearly the destination to which the motor vehicle will be towed.

(4) No driver of a tow truck shall deliver a vehicle to any destination other than the one stated on the card referred to in subsection (3) hereof.

(5) Every person who operates a tow truck and who impounds vehicles from private property shall provide staff for the purpose of releasing the vehicles to their owners on a 24 hour basis at the impound lot where such impounded vehicles are stored. Such impound lot shall be illuminated.

(6) No driver of any tow truck who has been requested to tow a vehicle from the scene of an accident shall solicit or suggest a specific destination for the motor vehicle being towed.

(7) No driver of a tow truck shall attend at the scene of a motor vehicle accident, whether by coincidence or otherwise, unless requested to do so by the owner or driver of the motor vehicle involved in that accident or by an attending police officer.

(8) No driver of a tow truck shall remove any vehicle from any parking lot or vacant land under any agreement with the owner, occupier or operator thereof as the case may be, unless at the time such agreement was made there was, and at the time such vehicle is towed away there is, an approved tow away sign conspicuously displayed on the said parking lot or vacant land.

(9) The owner of any tow truck operating in the City shall cause the name of the company or firm carrying on the business to be painted on each door of each such vehicle in letters not less than 10 centimeters high.

(10) No driver of a tow truck shall remove any motor vehicle from a commercial parking lot unless upon the specific instruction of the owner of such vehicle or unless there is displayed on the vehicle a Tow-away Notice issued pursuant to the provisions of section 10.5 of the License By-law.

(11) Where a vehicle is removed by the driver of a tow truck pursuant to a Tow-away Notice the driver shall, at the time of removal, endorse such time on the original and duplicate Notice and initial the same. The duplicate shall be left on the vehicle in a conspicuous place. Every original Notice shall be retained for a period of thirty days and be subject to inspection upon demand by the Inspector.

(12) The maximum fees that may be charged for removal of a vehicle from a commercial parking lot pursuant to a Tow-away Notice shall be in accordance with Schedule "C".

(13) Where a tow truck has been requested to tow a vehicle pursuant to this section and the vehicle is claimed by the owner or driver before the vehicle has actually been towed

away, the driver of the tow truck shall release the vehicle upon payment of a fee in accordance with Schedule "C".

(14) Where a vehicle has been impounded by a person to whom a tow truck license has been granted, such person shall:

- (a) within 24 hours of the vehicle's arrival at the place of storage, give written notification to the Chief of Police of the fact of impoundment, the vehicle's full description and its license and vehicle identification numbers;
- (b) if a vehicle remains unclaimed or uncollected for more than 1 (one) calendar day after impounding, send written notification to the registered owner thereof within the next 14 days if the vehicle is registered within British Columbia, or as expeditiously as possible if the vehicle is registered outside British Columbia;
- (c) maintain a record of all impounded vehicles which remain unclaimed or uncollected for more than 14 days after impounding, including a full description of the vehicle and its license and vehicle identification numbers; and
- (d) before the last day of every month, deliver a copy of the record referred to in Clause (c) to the Chief Constable.

(15) Where a vehicle has been impounded by a person to whom a tow truck license has been granted, such person shall store it so that both its license number (plate) and vehicle identification number are accessible and can be readily identified.

(16) The maximum daily fee that may be charged for the storage of any vehicle towed by a tow truck operator shall be in accordance with Schedule "C".

(17) All tow truck operators must provide, on request, a written copy of the rates charged for their services.

### **U-drives**

18. (1) No person shall let for hire a u-drive to any other person, or allow any person to drive such vehicle, who is not in possession of a driver's license for the current year under the provisions of the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

(2) No owner shall knowingly let for hire a u-drive to any person apparently under the influence of liquor or drugs or who the owner has reason to suspect may use such vehicle for an unlawful purpose.

(3) No person shall use a u-drive for the transportation of property for hire or permit such vehicle to be used by any other person for such purpose.

(4) Every person who lets u-drives for hire shall keep a record book in which shall be recorded each hiring of such vehicle, and the record book shall be signed by every person hiring such vehicle, shall be open at all reasonable times to inspection by the Chief Constable or the Inspector and shall contain the following:

- (a) description of motor vehicle, including its make, license number, and serial number;
- (b) description of person renting motor vehicle, including the person's name, address, occupation, and driver's license number;
- (c) time of engagement:

**Out:** [Date, hour (a.m. or p.m.)]

**In:** [Date, hour (a.m. or p.m.)]

(5) No u-drive shall be let for hire until the person hiring the vehicle has produced a subsisting driver's license under the *Motor Vehicle Act*, and until the owner or other person in charge of the u-drive office has compared the signature on such license with the signature in the record and is satisfied that they were written by the same person.

(6) The regulations of this section 18 shall also apply, mutatis mutandis, to u-drive trucks, except that a person ordinarily engaged in the business of transporting property for hire may use a u-drive truck to transport such property for hire in his or her business.

#### **Vehicles for hire**

19. (1) The interior and exterior of every vehicle for hire shall be kept clean and in good repair, and whenever the owner of any vehicle for hire receives notice, either given to the owner personally or to a driver of the vehicle, signed by the Inspector, that such vehicle for hire is not in a fit or proper condition for use, stating briefly the condition complained of, such owner shall forthwith cease to use such vehicle or, within the time mentioned in such notice, shall remedy the condition complained of.

(2) No person shall carry in any vehicle for hire a greater number of passengers than the seating capacity for the vehicle or the number of passengers such vehicle is designed to seat, whichever is the lesser.

(3) No person owning or operating any vehicle for hire shall load, carry or transport any baggage on the outside of the vehicle, except in properly constructed racks for that purpose.

(4) The owner of any vehicle for hire in respect of which a license has been issued shall, when required, forthwith submit the vehicle for examination to the Inspector, and no owner or driver shall at any time prevent or hinder the Inspector from entering the owner's garage or other building for the purpose of inspecting such vehicle.

(5) Where an owner of a vehicle for hire disposes of it and acquires another vehicle for hire, such owner shall submit the replacement vehicle to the Inspector for approval in conformity with the provisions of this By-law before using the vehicle for the purpose of the business.

(6) No owner of any vehicle for hire shall employ, engage or permit any person to operate the vehicle unless that person holds a subsisting driver's license of the type required by the *Motor Vehicle Act* or its regulations for the operation of that vehicle.

(7) Every owner of a vehicle for hire shall, on the engagement of a driver, ascertain the number and date of the driver's license to operate a vehicle, and forthwith report the same to the Chief Constable and shall, during the term of the driver's employment, keep a record of such license.

(8) Owners of vehicles for hire who employ both male and female drivers shall arrange suitable and separate washroom accommodation for each sex.

(9) Within 2 days of the engagement of a driver, every owner of a vehicle for hire shall notify the Chief Constable that the driver has been employed, and when such driver ceases to be so employed, the owner shall, within 2 days thereafter, notify the Chief Constable to such effect, giving the reasons for such cessation of employment.

(10) Every owner and driver of a vehicle for hire shall at all times obey the lawful orders and directions of the Chief Constable and the Inspector.

(11) No owner of a vehicle for hire who drives his or her own vehicle shall spend more hours in any one day in operating the vehicle than the maximum hours of work for an employee as set out in the *Employment Standards Act* of the Province of British Columbia. For the purpose of this subsection "day" means the period of time from midnight to the following midnight.

(12) Each owner referred to in subsection (11) of this section shall keep a true and correct record in ink or indelible pencil in the English language of the hours worked each day in personally operating the vehicle. Such records shall be produced for inspection of the Chief Constable at all reasonable times on demand of the Chief Constable.

(13) Every person to whom a license has been granted shall, at all reasonable times, permit the Chief Constable, Inspector, or any other police officer or official of the City to inspect any place, premises or thing in respect of which such license has been granted.

(14) Every person licensed under this By-law to operate a vehicle for hire shall, upon changing address or establishing additional premises, so notify the Chief Constable and the Inspector within 2 days by providing the new or additional address and such other particulars as the Chief Constable or the Inspector may require.

(15) No person owning or operating a vehicle for hire shall employ or allow a runner or other person to, on a street, assist or act in concert with such owner or operator in soliciting any person.

(16) No person shall assist or act in concert with the owner or operator of a vehicle for hire on any street in soliciting any person.

### **Effect of non-compliance**

20. Non-compliance with any of the provisions of this or any other By-law applicable to a license or failure to maintain the standard of qualification for the issue of a license as herein provided shall be deemed to be an infraction of this By-law and shall render a license holder liable to the penalties hereby imposed, or to suspension or cancellation of the license.

### **False statements**

21. Every person who makes any false statement in any application for a license under the provisions of this By-law shall be guilty of an offence against this By-law.

### **Infractions**

22. Every person who offends against any of the provisions of this By-law, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this By-law, or who neglects to do, or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this By-law, or who does any act or thing which violates any of the provisions of this By-law, shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction of this By-law, and shall be liable to the penalties hereby imposed.

### **Fines and penalties**

23. (1) Every person who commits an offence against this By-law is liable to a fine and penalty of not more than \$10,000.00 and not less than \$250.00 for each offence except for failing to comply with section 6(1) in which case the fine is to be not less than \$500.00.

(2) Every person who commits an offence of a continuing nature against this By-law is liable to a fine not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$10,000.00 for each day such offence continues.

### **Repeal**

24. By-law No. 4299 is repealed.

**Force and effect**

25. This By-law comes into force and takes effect on the date of its passing.

**DONE AND PASSED** in open Council this 25th day of November, 1986.

(signed) “Michael Harcourt”  
Mayor

(signed) “R. Henry”  
City Clerk

## SCHEDULE A

### Year 2024 Vehicles for Hire License Fees

A classification of carriers and respective license fees payable by such person.

The following license fees are payable by every person owning or operating any of the following vehicles for hire in the City of Vancouver:

Airport Shuttle Bus	Per annum for each vehicle	\$108.00
Airport Transporter	Per annum for each vehicle	\$225.00
Charter Bus	Per annum for each vehicle	\$225.00
Charter Van	Per annum for each vehicle	\$225.00
Courier Cycle	Per annum for each vehicle	\$24.00
Driver Instruction Vehicle	Per annum for each vehicle	\$225.00
Horse-Drawn Carriage	Per annum for each vehicle	\$740.00
Motor Stage	Per annum for each vehicle	\$225.00
Pedicab	Per annum for each vehicle	\$225.00
For each person operating a leased vehicle on a daily fee basis	Per annum	\$15.00
Quadricycle	Per annum for each vehicle	\$225.00
School Cab	Per annum for each vehicle	\$225.00
School Shuttle Van	Per annum for each vehicle	\$225.00
Tow Truck	Per annum for each vehicle	\$225.00
U-Drive	Per annum for each vehicle with 4 or more wheels	\$63.00
	Per annum for each vehicle with less than 4 wheels	\$16.00

Unless otherwise provided herein, the licence fee to operate a vehicle licenced for one purpose shall be \$102 for each additional purpose authorized by this By-law. \$102.00

Administrative costs

Transfer of Licence - s. 9(4)	\$181.00
Replacement Plate - s. 10(4)	\$45.00
Cycle Courier Testing - s. 11(1)	\$50.00

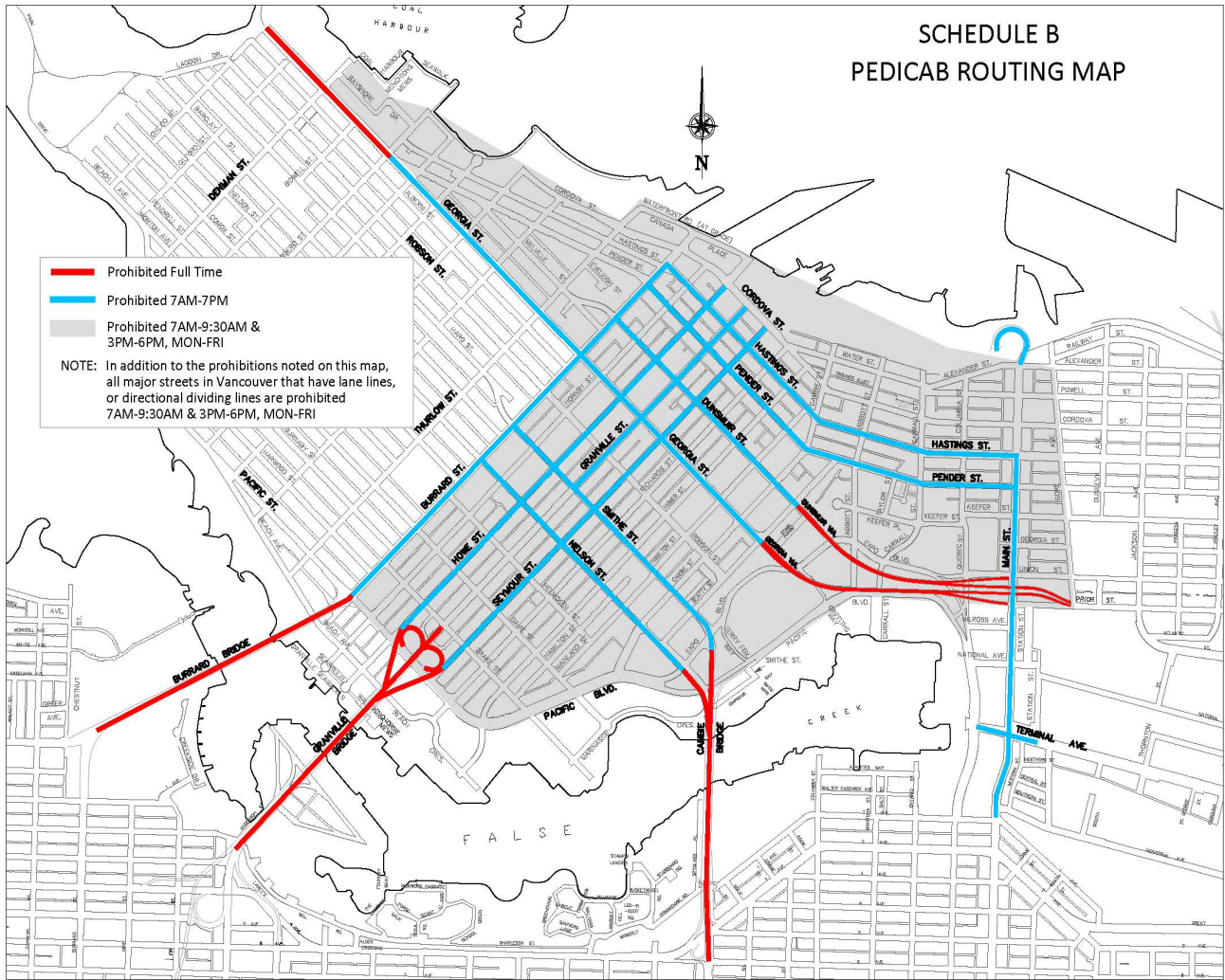
Pro-rated license fees

If a person commences owning or operating a vehicle for hire after January 1 in any calendar year, the license fee is to be pro-rated by dividing the applicable annual license fee by 12 and multiplying the resulting number by the number of whole or partial months remaining in that calendar year except that:

- (a) annual licence fees that are less than \$88 will not be pro-rated; and
- (b) the minimum licence fee for any vehicle for hire shall be the lesser of \$88 or the full amount of the annual licence for that vehicle for hire.



# SCHEDULE B



**Schedule "C"**

**Rates and fees for private impounded vehicles (towing fees will have GST added)**

**1. Towing fees**

- (a) Vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of up to 3,000 kg or less
  - Regular tow.....\$79.78
  - Plus, for a towing distance greater than 6 km.....\$2.41 per km
  - Plus fuel surcharge of 27% on the above rates
  - Plus, for a tow that requires a dolly .....\$35
  - Plus, for a tow in a multi-level parkade .....\$10
  
- (b) Vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of between 3,000 kg to 6,300 kg
  - Regular tow.....\$84.25
  - Plus, for a towing distance greater than 6 km.....\$3.02 per km
  - Plus fuel surcharge of 27% on the above rates
  - Plus, for a tow that requires a dolly .....\$35
  - Plus, for a tow in a multi-level parkade.....\$10
  
- (c) Vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of between 6,300 kg to 9,072 kg
  - Regular tow.....\$133.56
  - Plus, for a towing distance greater than 6 km.....\$3.41 per km
  - Plus fuel surcharge of 27% on the above rates
  
- (d) Vehicle with a gross vehicle weight greater than 9,072 kg
  - Regular tow.....\$177.64
  - Plus, for a towing distance greater than 6 km.....\$7.26 per km
  - Plus fuel surcharge of 27% on the above rates

**2. Release (unhooking) fees**

Where towing service has commenced hook-up and the owner or person in charge requests delivery of the vehicle before it is towed:

- (a) Vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of up to 3,000 kg or less
  - (i) Regular tow..... \$39.89  
Plus fuel surcharge of 27% on the above rate
  - (ii) Tow with dolly.....\$68.16
  - (iii) Tow in multi-level parkade .....\$55.66
  - (iv) Tow with dolly in multi-level parkade.....\$73.16
- (b) Vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of between 3,000 kg to 6,300 kg
  - (i) Regular tow.....\$42.13  
Plus fuel surcharge of 27% on the above rate
  - (ii) Tow with dolly .....\$71.01
  - (iii) Tow in multi-level parkade .....\$58.51
  - (iv) Tow with dolly in multi-level parkade.....\$76.01
- (c) Vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of between 6,300 kg to 9,072 kg
  - Regular tow..... \$66.78  
Plus fuel surcharge of 27% on the above rate
- (d) Vehicle with a gross vehicle weight greater than 9,072 kg
  - Regular tow.....\$88.82  
Plus fuel surcharge of 27% on the above rate

**3. Storage fees**

The daily fee for storage of a vehicle at a storage facility before it is released to its owner:

Length of vehicle

- (a) Up to 20' (6.1m) .....\$23.98
- (b) > 20' (6.1m) to 35' (10.7m)..... \$47.96
- (c) > 35' (10.7m) ..... \$71.94
- (d) Motorcycles..... \$11.99

