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Procedure to Apply for a Taxi License

1. Complete *Application for Taxi License*.
2. Complete *Certificate of Compliance – Minnesota Workers' Compensation Law* form.
3. Complete *Background Check Form for License Applicants*. One form must be completed for each applicant on your application. This form may be copied as needed.
4. Remit \$75 payable to "The City of Redwood Falls" for each Background Check.
5. Remit \$50 for 1st Taxi and \$20 for each additional Taxi you are applying for. Check should be payable to "The City of Redwood Falls". This is an annual fee (January 1 to December 31). Should you be applying during the middle of the year, your fee will be prorated on the basis of 1/12 for each calendar month for the current licensed year, but not less than half (1/2) of the annual license.
6. Have a Certificate of Liability Insurance prepared and included with your application for proof of public liability and bodily injury insurance coverage (See: City Code Chapter 6.25, Subd. 6 for requirements). Name appearing on the Certificate must be exactly as shown on your application.
7. Provide a Schedule of Proposed Maximum Rates to be charged during the licensed period.
8. Provide a Mechanic's Certification showing that the taxicab is in good mechanical condition, is safe for transportation of passengers and that it is in neat and clean condition.
9. The materials with a box in the left margin (#1-8) should be returned to: Amy Kerkhoff
City of Redwood Falls
333 S. Washington St., PO Box 526
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10. Upon receiving all completed and required materials and fees and completion of successful background check(s), the application will be on the City Council agenda to hold a Public Hearing to determine whether the public convenience and necessity require the proposed taxicab service. If after the Public Hearing, the Council is satisfied and, by Resolution, finds and determines that the public convenience and necessity require the issuance of a license, a license will be approved and issued to Applicant.
11. Applicant will be responsible for publication of Public Hearing Notice.
12. The City of Redwood Falls will send you a renewal notice each fall for the next year for any licenses that have been in place.
13. Should you have any questions regarding this application process, please contact Amy Kerkhoff at 507-637-5755.

Enclosures: City Form "Application for Taxi License"
"Certificate of Compliance – Minnesota Workers' Compensation Law"
"Background Check Form for License Applicants"
City Code – Chapter 6.25 "Taxicabs"



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Application for Taxi License

Annual License Fee: \$50/1st Taxi; \$20 each additional Taxi

Background Check Fee: \$75 per person

Applicant will also be required to bear the cost of publication of required hearing.

License Term: For Calendar year _____ (January 1 to December 31) unless stated otherwise.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
Applicant/Owner Name:		
<i>First</i>	<i>Full Middle Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Telephone:		
<i>Work:</i>	<i>Cell:</i>	
Date of Birth:	Driver's License Number:	E-Mail Address:

BUSINESS NAME OF TAXI SERVICE:		
Business Name:		
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Telephone:		
<i>Work:</i>	<i>Alternate Phone Number:</i>	
MN Tax ID#:	Federal Tax ID#:	E-Mail Address:

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE(S):				
Vehicle Make/Model	Vehicle Year	MN License Plate Number	Title to said Vehicle if other than Applicant	Seating Capacity
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.	3.

Certificate of Compliance

Minnesota Workers' Compensation Law

This form must be completed by the business license applicant.

Print in ink or type

Minnesota Statutes § 176.182 requires every state and local licensing agency to withhold the issuance or renewal of a license or permit to operate a business in Minnesota until the applicant presents acceptable evidence of compliance with the workers' compensation insurance coverage requirement of Minn. Stat. chapter 176. If the required information is not provided or is falsely stated, it shall result in a \$2,000 penalty assessed against the applicant by the commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry.

A valid workers' compensation policy must be kept in effect at all times by employers as required by law.

License or certificate number (if applicable)	Business telephone number	Alternate telephone number
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Business name (Provide the legal name of the business entity. If the business is a sole proprietor or partnership, provide the owner's name(s), for example John Doe, or John Doe and Jane Doe.)

DBA ("doing business as" or "also known as" an assumed name), if applicable

Business address (must be physical street address, no P.O. boxes)	City	State	ZIP code
County	Email address		

You must complete number 1 or 2 below.

Note: You must resubmit this form to the authority issuing your license if any of the information you have provided changes.

1. I have a workers' compensation insurance policy.

Insurance company name (not the insurance agent)		
Policy number	Effective date	Expiration date

I am self-insured for workers' compensation. (Attach a copy of the authorization to self-insure from the Minnesota Department of Commerce; see www.mn.gov/commerce/industries/insurance/licensing/self-insurance.)

2. I am not required to have workers' compensation insurance because:

- I only use independent contractors and do not have employees. (See [Minn. Stat. § 176.043](#) for trucking and messenger courier industries; [Minn. Stat. § 181.723, subd. 4](#), for building construction; and [Minnesota Rules chapter 5224](#) for other industries.)
- I do not use independent contractors and have no employees. (See [Minn. Stat. § 176.011, subd. 9](#), for the definition of an employee.)
- I use independent contractors and I have employees who are not required to be covered by the workers' compensation law. (Explain below.)
- I only have employees who are not required to be covered by the workers' compensation law. (Explain below.) (See [Minn. Stat. § 176.041](#) for a list of excluded employees.)

Explain why your employees are not required to be covered

I certify the information provided on this form is accurate and complete. If I am signing on behalf of a business, I certify I am authorized to sign on behalf of the business.

Print name

Applicant signature (required)	Title	Date
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If you have questions about completing this form or to request this form in Braille, large print or audio, call (651) 284-5032 or 1-800-342-5354.



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Background Check Form for License Applicants

Date: _____

The following named individual has made application with this agency for a

_____ license.

Last Name of Applicant (please print): _____

First Name (please print): _____

Middle (full) (please print): _____

Maiden, Alias or Former (please print):

Date of Birth: _____
Month/Day/Year

Sex M F

Driver's License Number: _____

I authorize the City Attorney (as authorized by City Code §5.02 and §6.32) to disclose all criminal history record information to the City of Redwood Falls City Administrator or his/her designee for the purpose of securing the above named license with this agency as pursuant to Minnesota State Statute(s).

The expiration of this authorization shall be for a period no longer than one year from the date of my signature.

Signature of Applicant

Date

FOR BACKGROUND USE ONLY:

Form to City Attorney: _____

No Disqualifying History

Disqualifying History Exists

Completed by _____ Date Processed _____

§ 6.25 TAXICABS.

Subd. 1. *Definitions.* The following terms, as used in this section, shall have the meanings stated.

A. The term "driver" means the person driving and having physical control over a taxicab whether he or she be the licensee or in the employ of the licensed operator.

B. The term "operator" means a licensee owning or otherwise having control of one or more taxicabs.

C. The term "taxicab" means any passenger conveyance being driven, on call or traversing a scheduled or unscheduled route for public use or hire upon payment of a fare or at regular fare rates, but not including such as are designed for mass transportation as buses, trains or streetcars.

Subd. 2. *License Required.* It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate a taxicab without a license therefor from the city.

Subd. 3. *License Fees.* The annual license fee for a taxicab shall be set by resolution of the Council. Provided, however, that, if a licensed vehicle is disabled through mechanical failure or for needed repairs, the license may be temporarily transferred to another conveyance for a seven-day period upon approval by the city.

Subd. 4. *Granting of Licenses and Renewals.*

A. Upon the filing of an application for a license, the Council shall order a hearing thereon to determine whether the public convenience and necessity require the proposed taxicab service. Notice of the hearing shall be published once in the official newspaper at least seven days prior to the time fixed for the hearing. The cost of the publication shall be borne by the applicant and the notice shall state the name of the applicant, the type of license applied for, a schedule of rates to be charged, the number of vehicles to be operated under the license and the time and place of hearing.

B. If, after the hearing, the Council is satisfied and, by resolution, finds and determines that the public convenience and necessity require the issuance of a license period, it shall grant the license period. Provided, however, that, the hearing shall not be required for renewal of any license, but the applicant for a renewal license shall file an application at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the license, and failure by the applicant to file the application within the time limited shall be deemed an abandonment by the licensee of the right to renewal without a hearing. This time requirement may be waived by the Council for good and sufficient cause as determined by the Council.

Subd. 5. *License Issuance and Display, and Vehicle Marking.* All licenses shall be issued for specific conveyances, except as otherwise herein provided. Both sides of every licensed taxicab, when in use, shall be plainly and permanently marked as such with a painted sign or appurtenances showing the full or abbreviated name of the licensed operator.

Subd. 6. *Insurance Required.* Before a taxicab license is issued by the Council and, at all times, effective during the licensed period, the licensee shall have and maintain public liability and bodily injury insurance having coverages of at least \$100,000 per individual, \$300,000 per occurrence and \$100,000 for property damage. The insurance shall cover all passengers carried by the insured licensee as well as other persons injured or damaged by the negligent operation of the taxicab. The policy shall contain a clause providing for ten days written notice to the City Administrator prior to cancellation. A memorandum or certificate of the insurance shall be furnished to the city before the license is issued.

Subd. 7. *Rates.* Each applicant shall file with the City Administrator, before a taxicab license is issued or renewed, a schedule of proposed maximum rates to be charged by him or her during the licensed period for which the application is made. The schedule of proposed maximum rates, or a compromise schedule thereof, shall be approved by the Council before granting the license. The schedule shall be posted in a

conspicuous place in the taxicab in full view of passengers riding therein. Nothing herein shall prevent a taxicab licensee from petitioning the Council for review of the rates during the licensed period, and the Council may, likewise, consider the petition and make new rates effective at any time. No taxicab licensee shall charge rates in excess of maximum rates approved by the Council.

Subd. 8. *Mechanical Condition*. Before issuing a taxicab license, the Council may require a mechanic's certification showing that the taxicab conveyance is in good mechanical condition, that it is thoroughly safe for transportation of passengers and that it is in neat and clean condition. Such similar certificate may be required from time to time during the licensed period.

Subd. 9. *Unlawful Acts*. It is unlawful for the operator or driver of any taxicab to:

A. Carry any other than the passenger first employing a taxicab without the consent of the passenger;

B. Charge or attempt to charge any passenger a greater rate of fare than that to which the taxicab is entitled under resolution of the Council; and

C. Deceive any passenger who may ride with him or her or who may desire to ride in any such vehicle as to his or her destination or distance traveled or to be traveled.