

Hackney Carriage Vehicle Conditions

Advertisements

1. Suitable advertisements may be allowed on the inside and outside of the cab subject to the approval of the Council.
2. Inside advertisements and public safety information may be displayed so as to be visible to travelling passengers inside the passenger compartment subject to approval from the Council. All such adverts must be encapsulated in clear non-flammable plastic.
3. Except as provided for below, outside advertisements may be displayed only on the lower panels of the rear doors and must be of an approved size. All advertisements must be correctly affixed to a continuous flat surface. There must be no conflict between the livery and Leicester City Council crest and any external advertisement.
4. Advertisements must be of such a form as not to become easily soiled or detached.
5. All materials and adhesives used in the manufacture of and for the purpose of affixing advertised displays to cabs must be approved.
6. Applications for approval of advertisements must be made in writing to the Licensing Manager of the Leicester City Council.

Display of Licence

7. The plate and discs identifying the vehicle as a hackney carriage shall be affixed on the vehicle in the position and manner prescribed by the Licensing Team Manager.
8. The Council's Crest and the words "Hackney Carriage" must be permanently affixed to the front nearside and offside doors and the bonnet.
9. The vehicle must be capable of displaying licence details that shall be provided by the Council and fixed to the vehicle as follows:
 - i) an external licence plate shall be permanently fixed to the rear of the vehicle in a location approved by the Licensing Team Manager;
10. A copy of the Leicester City Council 'Code of Conduct for Licensed Drivers' shall be prominently displayed on the inside of the hackney carriage so that it can be easily read by passengers.

Fire Appliances

11. The vehicle must be provided with a dry powder type fire extinguisher, minimum capacity 1 kilo (1 litre), meeting current British Standards. The extinguisher must be fixed in the vehicle in such a position so as to be readily accessible for immediate use.

Fare Card

- 12 A card showing the current fare chart shall be prominently displayed on the inside of the hackney carriage.

Taximeter

- 13 A taximeter of an approved type must be fitted in an approved position. Details of approved taximeter suppliers and fitters are available on the Council's website.

Card/Contactless Payment Device

- 14 The vehicle shall have fitted a suitable device to take card/contactless payments from passengers and be capable of producing a receipt.

Byelaws

- 15 Every proprietor of a hackney carriage shall comply with the Byelaws made under Section 68 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 at all times. The byelaws can be found here:- [Hackney carriage and other motor vehicles let for hire byelaws \(leicester.gov.uk\)](http://leicester.gov.uk)

CCTV

- 16 Any CCTV system installed must comply with the Councils 'Policy regarding CCTV Systems in Leicester City Council Licensed Vehicles' approved by Licensing and Public Safety Committee on 14 March 2023. A copy of the policy can be found here:-

Wheelchair Facilities

- 17 The proprietor of a hackney carriage designed or adapted to carry a wheelchair or wheelchairs, shall ensure that, ramps, lifts and other wheelchair loading and fastening equipment is:
- maintained in a safe working order at all times,
 - stored and secured in the vehicle at all times,
 - and that any drivers of the vehicle have been properly trained by the proprietor (owner) in its correct use.
- 18 A ramp or ramps for the loading of a wheelchair and occupant must be available at all times for use at the nearside passenger's door. An adequate locating device must be fitted to ensure that the ramp/ramps do not slip or tilt when in use. The ramp/ramps must be capable of being stowed safely when not in use.

General

- 19 It is illegal to hold and use any mobile phone, sat nav, tablet or device that can send or receive data, while driving. Hands-free use is permitted as long as the device is not held at any time during usage. The device must not block the driver's view of the road and traffic ahead.

Fittings

- 20 No fittings other than those approved may be attached to or carried upon the inside or outside of the cab

Windows

21 The minimum light transmission through the windows shall be as follows:

- The front windscreen must allow 75% of light through;
- The front side windows must allow 70% of light through;
- The rear windows must be standard factory fitted, installed by the car manufacturer at the time the vehicle was built. After market or retro fitted tints will not be allowed. Any replacement rear window must replicate the same visible light transmission as the original standard factory fitted.

Mid Term Inspection

22 The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall ensure that the vehicle is presented for its interim (mid-term or six monthly) test within the fourteen days prior to the mid-point of the licence. Failure to comply with this condition will result in the licence issued in respect of the hackney carriage being suspended.