

## **Private Hire Vehicle Conditions**

### **Fuel**

- 1 The vehicle may be wholly or partially powered by electricity.

### **Engine Capacity**

- 2 The engine capacity must not be less than 1290cc or in the case of hydrogen, electric / hybrid engines not below 80hp.

### **Advertisements**

- 3 There shall not be displayed on or in a private hire vehicle:-
  - (a) any sign which consists of or includes the word "taxi" or "cab" whether in singular or plural or "hire", or any word of similar meaning or appearance to any of those words, whether alone or part of another word; or
  - (b) any sign, notice, mark, illumination or other feature which may suggest that the vehicle is a taxi.
- 4 Suitable advertisements may be allowed on the inside and outside of the vehicle subject to the approval of the Council. These must not detract from the overall livery of the vehicle or the door signs that identify the vehicle as a private hire vehicle licensed by Leicester City Council.
- 5 Inside advertisements must be encapsulated in clear non-flammable plastic.
- 6 Advertisements must be of such a form as not to become easily soiled or detached.
- 7 All materials and adhesives used in the manufacture of and for the purpose of affixing advertised displays to cabs must be approved.
- 8 Applications for approval of advertisements must be made in writing to the Licensing Team Manager of Leicester City Council.

### **Display of Licence**

- 9 The vehicle must be capable of displaying licence details that shall be provided by the Council and fixed to the vehicle as follows:
- 10 An external licence plate shall be permanently fixed to the rear of the vehicle in a location approved by the Licensing Team Manager.
- 11 Leicester City Council door signs shall be permanently fixed to the centre of both front doors of the vehicle;

- 12 The plate and discs identifying the vehicle as a private hire vehicle shall be affixed in the position and manner prescribed by the Public Safety Manager.
- .13 A copy of the Leicester City Council 'Code of Conduct for Licensed Drivers' shall be prominently displayed on the inside of the private hire vehicle so that it can be easily read by passengers.

### **Fire Appliances**

- 14 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.

### **General**

- 15 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.

### **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:-

### **Windows**

- 17 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.

### **Wheelchair Facilities (where relevant)**

18 The proprietor of a private hire vehicle 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 he any drivers of the vehicle have been properly trained by the proprietor (owner) in its correct use.

19 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.

### **Maintenance**

20 Private hire vehicles, including all fittings, advertisements, etc., must be well maintained and kept clean and in good working order.

### **Mid Term Inspection**

21 The proprietor of a private hire vehicle shall ensure that the vehicle is presented for it's 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 private hire vehicle being suspended.