

ARTICLE IV. - SIGHTSEEING VEHICLES OPERATED PURSUANT TO BUSINESS LICENSE

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Editor's note— Section 4 of Ord. No. 09-23, adopted Dec. 3, 2009, amended Art. IV, Sightseeing Vehicles, to read as herein set out.

Sec. 78-231. - Reserved.

Editor's note— Section 5 of Ord. No. 09-23, adopted Dec. 3, 2009, deleted § 78-231, which pertained to definition of sightseeing motor vehicles, and derived from § 92.24 of the 1986 Code. Ord. No. 09-23 further provided for similar definitions which can be found in § 78-1.

Sec. 78-232. - Regulatory power.

The city commission is granted the right to make such other rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of the vehicles under this article as may be recommended by the chief of police and city manager.

(Code 1986, § 92.32)

Sec. 78-233. - Number authorized.

The number of sightseeing vehicles authorized and declared as a public convenience and necessity shall not exceed seven; provided, however, as the licenses are not renewed or applied for, the city commission, in its discretion, may reduce the number of licenses from time to time. Any person who has purchased such license for a sightseeing vehicle is not authorized to transfer the license except with the approval of the city commission.

(Code 1986, § 92.31)

Sec. 78-234. - Inspection.

The police department is granted the right to inspect the vehicles operated under this article at all reasonable times for safe operation. If the department determines that any such vehicle is unsafe for transportation of passengers for hire, the licensee thereof must immediately place the vehicle in a safe condition and obtain a certificate from a licensed garage certifying to the safety of such vehicle before it may be again used for such operation.

(Code 1986, § 92.27)

Sec. 78-235. - Length.

No person shall operate any sightseeing vehicle as contemplated by this article upon the city streets when the overall length exceeds the maximum length specified under state law.

(Code 1986, § 92.25)

Sec. 78-236. - Liability insurance required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any sightseeing vehicle unless such person shall have first procured and filed with the city clerk and shall thereafter maintain and keep in full force and effect and on file in the office of the city clerk, at all times while such vehicle is being driven or operated, a liability insurance policy, issued by a reliable insurance company authorized to do business in the state, in the amount of \$100,000.00 for one person injured or killed and \$300,000.00 for more than one person injured or killed in any one accident, and \$50,000.00 for all property damaged or destroyed in any one accident, covering such vehicle. Such policy shall conform with section 78-63.

(Code 1986, § 92.30)

Sec. 78-237. - Seating capacity generally.

No sightseeing motor vehicle for sightseeing for hire shall exceed the passenger capacity of such vehicle as may be determined to be safe for such passengers, and such capacity must be forthwith registered with the police department and approved by it.

(Code 1986, § 92.26)

Sec. 78-238. - Passenger fare rates.

The city commission is authorized to establish rates for sightseeing motor vehicle passenger fares, upon recommendation of the city manager, and such rates shall be publicly displayed at the off-street parking area or depot and on each of the motor vehicles where the rates may be plainly seen and read by the public.

(Code 1986, § 92.28)

Sec. 78-239. - Ticket sales and solicitations restricted.

No licensee of sightseeing motor vehicles shall be permitted, either personally or through an agent, servant or employee, to solicit business for sightseeing at any public place within the city or to sell tickets for such purpose, except to persons on the off-street parking area of the depot. However, the prohibition against the sale of tickets shall not apply to any licensed ticket sales agency or to the sale of tickets on the off-street parking area of any point of interest in the city.

(Code 1986, § 92.29)