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Doris A. Ward  
Treas. Clerk  
Town Of Coupeville

ORDINANCE NO. 386

An Ordinance conforming licensing of taxi business of Coupeville to state law under Chapter 126 of the Laws of Washington Regular Session for 1985 and repealing Ordinance Number 83.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Coupeville, Washington, as follows:

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE: In order to protect public health, safety and welfare, the Town of Coupeville hereby finds that it must regulate privately operated taxicab transportation services operating within the city limits. These concerns include safety, reliability and stability of privately operated taxicab transportation.

SECTION 2 - LICENSE REQUIRED: Every person, firm or corporation who shall by means of any vehicle, motor driven or otherwise, carry passengers for hire from any point within the corporate limits of the Town shall first obtain a license to do as hereinafter provided. Each license shall be for no more than two taxicabs owned and operated by any person, firm or corporation and it shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year. All licenses expire on the thirty-first of December of each year and shall not be transferable from owner to owner or car to car. The license must be carried by the driver or be attached to the vehicle at all times that the vehicle is used as a taxi and shall be displayed to the police when requested.

SECTION 3 - STATE AND COUNTY LICENSE FEE PAYMENT REQUIRED: No automobiles or vehicles are to be used unless the state and county license fees have been paid, if any such license is required.

SECTION 4 - DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED -- PARKING STALL CHARGE: No person shall operate any such vehicle unless he is the holder of a state driver's license and shall have been interviewed and approved by the Chief of Police. The holder of a license may petition the Town Council at the time of application for the license or at any time thereafter for the right to use and designate certain parking stalls as taxi parking. The Council may, by permit, designate certain stalls as taxi parking and a charge shall be made therefore at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) per month per parking stall. The charge shall be paid

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1 in advance on or before the anniversary date of the taxi license.

2 SECTION 5 - COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW REQUIRED: No vehicle shall be used  
3 that does not fully comply with all requirements of the State Department of  
4 Licenses and with the state law for the protection and safety of its passengers.  
5 Each vehicle shall be maintained in a condition of continued fitness for public  
6 use, and shall be subject to inspection, at all reasonable times by the Chief  
7 of Police.

8 SECTION 6 - APPLICATION FOR LICENSE -- ISSUANCE: In order to obtain the  
9 license, an applicant shall make written requests to the Town Clerk for a  
10 license to do so. Such request shall be made upon blanks furnished by the  
11 Town Clerk. Such request shall be filed with the Town Clerk and the Chief of  
12 Police. The Police Chief shall make an investigation and report and upon  
13 approval of the Town Council the applicant shall be issued a license upon pay-  
14 ment of the license fee herein provided.

15 SECTION 7 - ITEMS WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED: In making the decision to grant  
16 or deny a license, the Town Council may consider the following:  
17 1) Whether the applicant will provide safe and reasonable service;  
18 2) Whether the proposed rate structure is reasonable and other personnel  
19 are licensed and qualified;  
20 3) Whether the licensee will operate within the law; and  
21 4) Whether additional taxi service will cause unreliability and instability  
22 in the taxi service business for Coupeville.

23 SECTION 8 - FILING SCHEDULE OF CHARGES REQUIRED: Every person, firm or  
24 corporation holding a license for the operation of a taxicab within the Town  
25 shall file his schedule of rates and charges, and all amendments thereto, with  
26 the Town Clerk.

27 SECTION 9 - APPROVAL OF FILED SCHEDULE BY COUNCIL: The Town Council may  
28 approve or disapprove the rate schedule as proposed within thirty (30) days  
29 after filing. If no action is taken the rate schedule is approved. No charge  
30 shall be collected in excess of the rate filed and approved. A copy of the  
31 rates, filed and approved, shall be posted in each vehicle used as a taxi.

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1        SECTION 10 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Every person, firm or corporation  
2 holding a license for the operation of a taxicab shall file with the Town Clerk  
3 the names, addresses and other identifying information required by the Clerk of  
4 each driver.

5        SECTION 11 - DISQUALIFICATION OF DRIVER FOR CRIMINAL CONVICTION: The  
6 conviction of any driver of any vehicle required to be licensed hereunder, for  
7 the violation of any law of the state of a criminal nature, or ordinances of the  
8 Town of a criminal nature, shall disqualify the person to further operate taxi-  
9 cabs within the Town.

10       SECTION 12 - CANCELLATION OF LICENSE: The Town Council may cancel a  
11 license if such license is used in violation of this ordinance or state laws  
12 or is a taxi business operated without licensed drivers, fares are charged  
13 in excess of the approved schedule, or the business is operated in an unsafe  
14 or fraudulent manner.

15       SECTION 13 - CARRYING PASSENGERS FOR HIRE WITHOUT LICENSE UNLAWFUL: It is  
16 unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to carry passengers for hire as  
17 set forth in Section 2 without having a license therefor from the Town as herein  
18 provided.

19       SECTION 14 - PENALTY FOR VIOLATION: Any person, firm or corporation  
20 violating any provision of this chapter shall upon conviction thereof be  
21 punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by  
22 imprisonment not exceeding one hundred eighty (180) days or by both such fine  
23 and imprisonment.

24       SECTION 15 - RENEWAL: A license granted under this ordinance may be  
25 renewed after application to the Town Clerk unless objected to in writing by  
26 the Mayor giving reasons for such objection. In such case, the matter shall be  
27 set before the Town Council for hearing after due notice to the applicant.  
28 The Council may renew or cancel the license on the basis of the factors listed  
29 in Section 7.

30       SECTION 16 - REPEALING ORDINANCE: Ordinance No. 83 is hereby repealed  
31 in its entirety.

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1        SECTION 17 - SEVERABILITY: If any provision of this ordinance or its  
2 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of  
3 the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or cir-  
4 cumstances is not affected.

5        SECTION 18 - EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be in full force and  
6 effect after its passage and upon posting as required by law.

7        PASSED by the Town Council and APPROVED by its Mayor this 25th day of  
8 March, 1985.

9                                THE TOWN OF COUPEVILLE

10        By: \_\_\_\_\_

11                                MAYOR

12        ATTEST:

13        Doris A. Ward  
14        TREASURER-CLERK

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