

Authority: Special Committee to Review the Report of the Toronto Transition Team Report No. 6, Clause No. 2, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on May 13 and 14, 1998; Planning and Transportation Committee Report No. 4, Clause No. 1, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on May 17, 18 and 19, 2005; Licensing and Standards Committee Item LS26.1, adopted as amended, by City of Toronto Council on February 19 and 20, 2014; Licensing and Standards Committee Item LS10.3, adopted as amended, by City of Toronto Council on May 3, 4 and 5, 2016 and Section 169-26B of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 169, Officials, City

## **CITY OF TORONTO**

### **BY-LAW No. 974-2016**

#### **To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 546, Vehicles-for-Hire to make technical amendments.**

Whereas section 8 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, S.O. 2006, c. 11, Schedule A, as amended, authorizes the Council of the City of Toronto to pass by-laws related to business licensing and the protection of persons and property, including consumer protection; and

Whereas in 1998, 2005 and 2014, City Council adopted amendments to the City's licensing by-laws to allow taxicab owners to designate agents by filing a notice, to set minimum rates for limousine fares, and to allow taxicab drivers to request an advance payment from passengers, all of which were incorporated into Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing; and

Whereas on May 3, 4 and 5, 2016, City Council adopted recommendations to create new regulations for private transportation companies and vehicles, to amend certain regulations for taxicabs and limousines, and to incorporate the remaining provisions of Chapter 545 related to vehicles-for-hire into a new Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 546, Vehicles-for-Hire; and

Whereas Chapter 546 requires technical amendments to correct references to section numbers and the use of an incorrect word, and to clarify the wording of provisions related to private transportation company vehicles, the requirement of taxicab owners to file a notice of designated agent, minimum limousine fares, and advance payments requested by taxicab drivers;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 546, Vehicles-for-Hire, is amended by:
  - A. Deleting the text of § 546-25A and replacing it with the following:

A vehicle-for-hire driver operating a taxicab may, at the commencement of a trip, request advance payment of the rate or fare in an amount equal to the estimated fare, but shall not request more than \$25.00.
  - B. Deleting the text of § 546-60A and replacing it with the following:

An owner of a standard taxicab may designate an individual person who is licensed as a vehicle-for-hire driver, owner, or taxicab broker under this chapter, as his or her agent in respect of his or her taxicab, and to do so shall file a written notice with ML&S, with a written consent by that person to act in that capacity.

C. Deleting the word "taxicab" where it appears in § 546-75B and replacing it with the word "limousine";

D. Deleting the text of § 546-78A(1) and replacing it with the following:

Except as set out in Subsection A(2), no owner, limousine service company or any person in its employ shall quote or charge less than \$70 (+ G.S.T.) per hour for the first two hours or part of this time for transportation in a limousine.

E. Deleting the text of § 546-78A(2) and replacing it with the following:

No owner, limousine service company or any person in its employ shall quote or charge less than the amount set out in Appendix D to Chapter 546, Limousine Tariffs to Lester B. Pearson International Airport, for trips originating within the City of Toronto and terminating at Lester B. Pearson International Airport.

F. Deleting the reference to "Subsections F, G or H" found in § 546-112J and replacing it with "Subsections G, H, or I";

G. Deleting the text of § 546-113A and replacing it with following:

No PTC or PTC driver shall operate or permit the operation of a PTC vehicle unless that vehicle:

- (1) Has four doors;
- (2) Has a maximum seating capacity of seven passengers, plus the driver;
- (3) Is no more than seven model years old;
- (4) Displays a PTC Identifier in a location approved by the Executive Director at all times when the vehicle is available to provide or is providing transportation to passengers;
- (5) Is equipped with snow tires or all-weather tires from December 1 to April 30; and
- (6) Has no roof light or markings that have the effect of making the vehicle look like a taxicab or identify it to any person as being available for hire.

2. This by-law shall come into effect on the day it is passed.

Enacted and passed on October 7, 2016.

Frances Nunziata,  
Speaker

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City Clerk

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