

Fee: \$25.00 per year per Driver
July 1st Through June 30th

TAXI DRIVER PERMIT # _____

APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB DRIVER PERMIT

Berkeley Township Ocean County

****Please Attach (4) Four Copies of a Photograph of the applicant taken within the preceding 30 days
2 inches by 2 inches –Front View with eyes open**

Name of Taxi Cab Company: _____

My full Legal name is : _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

My Legal residence is: _____
(Street #) (Street name) (Town) (State) (Zip Code)

(a) I have resided there for the period of _____ (years / months / days)
(number) (Circle one)

(b) I herewith present a certificate from Dr. _____
Of _____
(Street Address / Town / State)

Showing that he has examined me within 60 days and that I am of sound physique, have good eyesight, am not subject to epilepsy, vertigo, heart trouble or any other infirmity of the body or mind which might render me unfit for the safe operation of a taxi cab.

(c) I am able to read, write and understand the English Language and am a citizen of the United States of America or a legal resident with documentation.

(d) I have never have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, sex offenses, violence, force and/or the threat of bodily injury

(e) I am not addicted to narcotics or intoxicating liquors.

(f) I have a good reputation for honesty and morality in the community in which I reside.

(g) I have not received a dishonorable discharge from any branch of the armed forces.

(h) I am of the age of twenty-one (21) years or over.

(i) Hold a current driver's license pursuant to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Law.

Driver's License # _____

(Please also attach a clear and legible copy of your driver's License front and back)

Social Security # _____

Driver's Phone # _____

(j) List: **PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PRECEDING FIVE (5) YEARS**

<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>State</u>

Age: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ **Place of Birth:** _____
(MM /DD/ Year) (City & State or Country)

Height: _____ **Approx. Weight:** _____ **Hair Color:** _____

Current or Last Employer:

Name of Employer: _____

Address of Employer: _____

Phone Number Employer: _____

US Citizen or Legal resident? Yes / No (Circle One) **Military Service? Yes / No** (Circle One)

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes / No (Circle One)

If the answer above is yes please fill out the following:

Nature of Crime _____

Date Convicted: _____ County/State: _____

Penalty: _____

Over 

Statement of Applicant:

In making this permit application I hereby affirm/swear that I am familiar with Berkeley Township Code Chapter VIII entitled "Taxicabs" and all State laws governing the operation of taxicabs in New Jersey and that if the permit is issued a copy of the permit with the photo provided by me will be prominently displayed in plain view in the interior of the cab at all times the cab is being operated by me. I further affirm/ swear that the information I provided to you on this application is true to the best of my recollection.

Signature of Applicant

Date signed

8-2.5 Display of Permit; Expiration Date.

The permit, including the photograph, shall be displayed in full view in the interior of the taxicab at all times that the taxicab is being operated by the permittee. Each permit shall expire on June 30 next following issuance.

Statement of Taxicab Company Owner:

I hereby recommend that the applicant herein be granted a Taxicab Operator's Permit and certify that I will give the applicant employment if such permit is granted.

Berkeley Township Taxicab License Number: _____

Name of Taxicab Company: _____

Owner Print Name: _____

Taxicab Owner Signature

Date

To Be Filled out By the Township Clerk

Licensing Year: _____

Date of Application: _____

Date of Issuance: _____

Driver Permit Number: _____

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8-3 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.

8-3.1 Standards of Performance.

All holders of licenses engaged in the taxicab business in the Township operating pursuant to this chapter shall provide all normal taxicab services to the public. They shall answer all calls received by them for services inside the limits of the Township as soon as they can do so; and if the services cannot be rendered within a reasonable time, they shall notify the prospective passenger how long it will be before the call can be answered and shall provide a reason for the delay. Any holder who shall refuse to accept a call anywhere in this municipality when a cab is available or who shall fail or refuse to give normal service shall be deemed in violation of this chapter.

8-3.2 Records.

Every holder of a license shall require the driver to keep a daily record identified by the cab number of the taxicab used and the permit number of the driver, which record shall include the time and place when and where a passenger was accepted as well as the time and place of discharge together with the fare received for the trip. These records shall be kept for at least ninety (90) days and shall be open at all times for inspection by any duly authorized law enforcement officer.

8-3.3 Soliciting Patronage.

No driver shall solicit passengers for taxicab service except in the immediate vicinity of the cab. No driver shall solicit patronage in a loud tone of voice, nor shall he in any manner annoy any person or obstruct the movement of any person or follow any person for the purpose of soliciting patronage.

8-3.4 Taxicab Stands.

The Township Council may designate by Resolution certain taxicab standards as provided by law and the number of taxicabs permitted herein. The taxicabs shall operate on a first-in-first-out basis at such taxicab stands. No taxicab shall remain in a taxicab stand for more than thirty (30) consecutive minutes.

8-3.5 Receipt and Discharge of Passengers.

Drivers of taxicabs shall not receive or discharge passengers in the roadway, but shall pull up to the right-hand curb as nearly as possible or, in the absence of a curb, to the extreme right-hand side of the road and there receive or discharge passengers. Passengers may be discharged or picked upon on either side of a one-way street.

8-3.6 Cruising.

No driver shall cruise in search of passengers on any public street in the Township.

8-3.7 Additional Passengers.

- a. No driver shall permit any additional passenger to occupy or ride in a taxicab unless the person first employing the cab shall consent to the acceptance of additional passengers.
- b. No charge shall be made for an additional passenger except when the additional passenger rides beyond the previous passenger's destination and then for only the additional distance of travel.

8-3.8 Refusal to Carry Passengers.

No driver shall refuse or neglect to carry any orderly person or persons upon their request unless previously engaged.

8-3.9 Soliciting Business for Certain Establishments.

It shall be a violation of this section for any driver of a taxicab to solicit business for any hotel, motel, rooming house, bar, tavern, restaurant, theater and the like or to attempt to divert patronage from one such place to another.

8-3.10 Standing of Taxicabs at Undesignated Locations.

No taxicab, while waiting for employment by passengers, shall stand on any public street or space other than at or upon a designated taxicab stand where applicable, nor shall any driver of such taxicab seek employment by repeatedly and persistently driving his/her taxicab to and fro in a short space before, or by otherwise interfering with the proper and orderly access to or egress from, any theater, hall, hotel, public resort or other place of gathering.

8-3.11 Deception of Passengers.

No driver of any taxicab shall induce any prospective passenger to employ the driver by knowingly misinforming or misleading any such passenger either as to the time or place of arrival or departure of any train, motor vehicle or airplane or as to the location of any hotel, public place or private residence or as to the distance between any two (2) points, nor shall any such driver deceive or make any false representations to any prospective passenger by conveying that passenger to any other place or over any other route than that to which such passenger may have instructed the driver to go or which may be the shortest feasible route to the destination.

8-3.12 Responsibility of Owner.

Every owner shall be responsible for the operation of the vehicle for which the license has been granted regardless of the legal relationship between such owner and the driver of such vehicle.

8-3.13 Conduct of Driver.

Drivers, while engaged in the operation of a taxicab, shall behave themselves in a professional manner, and they shall not use any indecent, profane or insulting language while engaging in such operation.

8-3.14 Lost Property.

Every driver of a taxicab, immediately after the termination of any hiring or employment, must carefully search such taxicab for any property lost or left therein; and any such property, unless it is claimed or delivered to the owner, shall as soon as possible be turned over to the Police Department.

8-4 REVOCATION OF LICENSE OR PERMIT; VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

8-4.1 Suspension or Revocation of License or Permit.

If at any time within the licensed year a taxicab driver has been convicted of a crime or traffic violation, he shall immediately notify the Municipal Clerk of the conviction, the jurisdiction of the conviction, the offense for which he was convicted, and the circumstances thereof. It shall be in the discretion of the Township Council to revoke his operator's permit.

- a. Licenses or permits issued under the provisions of this chapter may be suspended or revoked by the Township Council if the holder has:
 1. Violated any of the provisions of this chapter.
 2. Discontinued operation for more than thirty (30) days.
 3. Violated any ordinances of the Township or the laws of the United States or the State of New Jersey, the violation of which reflects unfavorably upon the fitness of the holder or permittee to offer public transportation.
- b. Prior to suspension or revocation, the holder or permittee shall be given written notice of the proposed action to be taken and the charges against him; and thereupon, if the holder or permittee demands a hearing, in writing, within ten (10) days of notification, he shall be given a hearing of the charges.