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*For regulating the conduct of the Proprietors and Drivers of hackney carriages plying within the Borough in their several employments, and determining whether such drivers shall wear any and what badges, and for regulating the hours within which they may exercise their calling.*

1. Every proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall, at all times, when standing, plying, or driving for hire, conduct himself in an orderly manner; and with civility and propriety towards every person seeking to hire, or hiring, or being conveyed in such carriage; and shall comply with every reasonable requirement of any person hiring or being conveyed in such carriage. Proprietor or Driver to conduct himself orderly.
2. A driver of an open hackney carriage shall not, at any time when driving for hire, smoke tobacco or any other like substance, without the permission of the person hiring and being conveyed in such carriage. Driver not to smoke without permission
3. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall not in any street feed or allow to be fed any horse or other animal harnessed or otherwise attached to such carriage except with food contained in a proper bag, or other receptacle suspended from the head of such horse or animal, or with hay held in and delivered by the hand of the person feeding such horse or other animal. Proprietor or Driver not to feed horse in the street except out of receptacle or hay in hand.
4. A driver of a hackney carriage drawn by a horse or horses, pony or ponies, mule or mules, ass or asses, when plying for hire and not actually hired, shall not cause such carriage to loiter in any public thoroughfare. Not to loiter in public thoroughfares.
5. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage, when standing or plying for hire, shall not, by calling out or otherwise, importune any person to hire such carriage to the annoyance of such person or of any other person. Not to annoy persons by calling out.

Drivers to comply with directions of constable as to setting down or taking up passengers.

6. Every driver of a hackney carriage who shall convey any person to or from any place of public worship, amusement, or resort, or who shall for such purpose be in waiting with such carriage at or near to any such place, shall, as regards the manner of taking up or setting down any passenger, or of waiting for such purpose, comply with the directions of every constable authorised to keep order and prevent obstruction of the streets in the neighbourhood of such place.

Notification of conveyance of dead body.

7. Every proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage who shall knowingly convey in such carriage the dead body of any person shall, immediately thereafter, notify the fact to the inspector of nuisances and at the nearest police station.

Driver of carriage constructed to carry luggage to assist in removing same.

8. Every driver of a hackney carriage of such a size and construction as to be adapted to the conveyance therein or thereon of a reasonable quantity of luggage shall, when requested by any person hiring or seeking to hire such carriage, convey therein or thereon such quantity of luggage and shall afford all reasonable assistance in loading and unloading any such luggage conveyed in or upon such carriage and belonging to or in the charge of any person hiring or being conveyed in such carriage. Every such driver shall also afford all reasonable assistance in removing such luggage to or from any door or entrance of any house, station, or place at which he may take up or set down any such person.

Hire of carriage by time Speed.

9. Every driver of a hackney carriage who shall have been hired by time shall, except in any case where the nature or condition of the road or any other sufficient cause may render such speed impracticable, drive such carriage at such speed as may be required by the person hiring or being conveyed in such carriage, but not exceeding in any case the rate of *four* miles within one hour.

Driver plying for hire to station carriage on stand. Position of carriage on stand.

10. Every driver of a hackney carriage drawn by a horse or horses, pony or ponies, mule or mules, ass or asses, when plying for hire and not actually hired, shall station such carriage on some one of the stands appointed or hereafter to be appointed by the Sanitary Authority.

Such driver shall not station such carriage on any stand which, at the time of his arrival at such stand, may be occupied by the full number of carriages authorized to occupy such stand.

Such driver, on arriving at any such stand not already occupied by the full number of carriages authorized to occupy such stand, shall station such carriage immediately in the rear of the carriage or carriages already occupying such stand, and in such a position that the head or heads of the animal

or animals harnessed to such carriage shall be turned in the same direction as the head or heads of the animal or animals harnessed to any carriage stationed on such stand immediately before such last-mentioned carriage.

When a hackney carriage shall be called or driven off any stand, the driver of any carriage stationed on such stand immediately in the rear of the carriage so called or driven off shall cause the carriage so stationed to be drawn forward, so as to fill the place previously occupied by the carriage called or driven off such stand.

The drivers of the several carriages stationed on such stand in the rear of the carriage so drawn forward shall, in succession, cause their carriages to be drawn forward, so that each carriage shall, in succession, fill the place which shall have been previously occupied, immediately in advance of such carriage, by a carriage drawn forward in accordance with the requirements of this byelaw.

11. Every proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage who shall have agreed or shall have been hired to be in attendance with such carriage at an appointed time and place shall, in pursuance of such agreement or hiring, and unless delayed or prevented by some sufficient cause, punctually attend with such carriage at such appointed time and place.

Proprietor or Driver to attend with carriage when hired at punctual time.

12. Every driver of a hackney carriage, to which a lamp or lamps shall be affixed in accordance with the requirements of the byelaw in that behalf, shall, at all times while standing, plying, or driving for hire, cause such lamp or lamps to be kept properly trimmed and ready for lighting. Every such driver, while plying for hire between sun-set and sunrise, when the public street lamps are required to be lighted, or at any time during the prevalence of such a fog as may render such light necessary for the safety of other vehicles or of foot passengers, shall cause such lamp or lamps to be properly lighted and to be kept lighted until such carriage shall cease to ply for hire, or until the cessation of the cause which may have rendered such light necessary.

As to condition and time of lighting lamps.

13. Every proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage, shall, immediately after the termination of any hiring, carefully search such carriage with a view to the discovery of any property which may have been accidentally left therein by any person who may have hired or may have been conveyed in such carriage.

Search of carriage at termination of hiring.

14. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage drawn by a horse or horses, pony or ponies, mule or mules, ass or asses, goat or goats, shall not, at any time while standing, plying, or driving for hire, drive or allow to be driven, or harness or allow

Animal to be in condition not to cause risk to passenger.

to be harnessed for the purpose of drawing such carriage, any such animal whilst in such a condition as to expose any person conveyed or being in such carriage, or any person traversing any street to risk of injury.

Harness to be kept in proper order.

15. Every driver of a hackney carriage drawn by a horse or horses, pony or ponies, mule or mules, ass or asses, goat or goats, shall, at all times while standing, plying, or driving for hire, cause every part of the harness of the animal or animals drawing such carriage to be kept in perfect condition and order, and duly fastened and adjusted, so that such animal or animals shall be properly and securely attached to such carriage, and shall be under the due control of such driver.

Badge to be worn.

16. Every driver of a hackney carriage shall, at all times when standing, plying, or driving for hire, wear attached to his outer clothing in such position and manner as to be at all times plainly and distinctly visible, a badge consisting of a metal plate which shall be provided by the Sanitary Authority and shall be delivered to such driver either together with the licence granted to him by the Sanitary Authority or afterwards and on which shall be engraved, impressed, painted, or marked in legible figures a number corresponding with the number of the licence granted to such driver, and also the words, "Borough of Swansea, Hackney Carriage Driver, No. . . ."

*For regulating the manner in which the number of each carriage, corresponding with the number of its licence, shall be displayed.*

No. of License to be exhibited on carriage.

17. Every proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause the number of the licence granted to him in respect of such carriage to be painted or marked on each of two plates in figures of not less than two inches in height, of proportionate breadth, and of such a colour, or in such a manner, as to be clearly distinguishable from the colour or nature of the ground whereon such figures are painted or marked.

He shall cause such plates to be fixed on the outside and inside respectively of such carriage, in such a position and manner that the number thereon shall be at all times distinctly and plainly visible and legible. He shall not willfully or negligently cause or suffer any such plate or the number on any such plate to be in any manner or by any means concealed from public view, or to be inverted at any time while such carriage may stand, ply, or be driven for hire.

*For regulating the number of persons to be carried by such hackney carriages, and what number of horses or other animals is to draw the same, and the placing of check strings to the carriages, and the holding of the same by the driver, and how such hackney carriages are to be furnished or provided.*

18. Every proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall comply with such of the following provisions for regulating the number of persons to be carried by hackney carriages as shall be applicable to such carriage :

Number of Passengers to be carried.

No greater number of persons shall be conveyed in any carriage than will admit of the provision of adequate sitting accommodation to the extent at least of *sixteen* inches from side to side and *fifteen* inches from front to back of every seat in respect of each person conveyed in or upon such carriage, and also of adequate accommodation to enable every such person to sit with ease.

No greater number than *five* persons, exclusive of the driver, shall be conveyed in or upon any carriage drawn by one horse, or by two ponies or mules.

No greater number than *three* persons, exclusive of the driver, shall be conveyed in or upon any carriage drawn by one pony or mule or by two asses.

No greater number than *one* person, exclusive of the driver, shall be conveyed in or upon any carriage drawn by one ass.

For the purpose of these rules two children under the age of 12 years may be regarded as one person.

19. Every proprietor of a closed hackney carriage or of a hackney carriage so constructed as to be capable at any time of being closed shall, in order to enable any person in such carriage to communicate with the driver, provide and place a proper check string in such a position as to pass through the front of such carriage into the interior, and so as to be readily accessible to any person in such carriage.

Closed carriage to be provided with check string, and such string to be held by driver.

Such proprietor shall cause such check string to be kept at all times ready and fit for use, and shall renew the same from time to time as often as occasion shall require.

Every driver of a closed hackney carriage, while conveying any person in such carriage, and every driver of a hackney carriage so constructed as to be capable of being closed, while conveying any person in such carriage at any time when the same shall be closed, shall hold such check string in his hand, or shall attach the same to his arm, or to some part of his outer clothing, in such a manner as to secure to every person in such carriage adequate means of prompt communication with such driver.

Carriage to be properly furnished

20. Every proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause the seats of such carriage to be properly cushioned or covered, and the floor of such carriage to be provided with a proper carpet, mat, or other suitable covering. He shall cause such carriage to be so furnished and fitted in all other respects as to secure cleanliness, and due provision for the safety and convenience of every person conveyed in such carriage. If such carriage be of such a size and construction as to be adapted to the conveyance therein or thereon of a reasonable quantity of luggage, he shall provide adequate means of securing such luggage while conveyed in or upon such carriage. If such carriage be a closed carriage, or be so constructed as to be capable at any time of being closed, he shall cause the roof or covering of such carriage to be made and kept watertight. He shall provide such carriage with proper window glasses set in suitable frames, and shall renew such glasses and frames from time to time as often as occasion may require; and he shall furnish each window with a leathern strap or other suitable means of wholly or partially raising or lowering such window.

Brake to be provided.

21. Every proprietor of a four-wheeled hackney carriage drawn by a horse or horses, pony or ponies, shall provide such carriage with a sufficient drag-chain and slipper or other sufficient brake.

Lamps to be provided.

22. Every proprietor of a hackney carriage drawn by a horse or horses, pony or ponies, mule or mules, ass or asses, shall furnish such carriage with such number of sufficient lamps, not being more than two, and so constructed and so affixed on the outside of such carriage as to afford when lighted adequate means of signalling the approach or position of such carriage.

*For fixing the stands of such hackney carriages, and the distance to which they may be compelled to take passengers.*

Stands.

23. The authorized stands for hackney carriages shall be such places as may from time to time be appointed by the Sanitary Authority, and may be indicated in each case by a notice board affixed in some conspicuous position at or near to such place and marked with the words "Stand for hackney carriages."

Limit of compulsory distance.

24. For the purposes of the byelaws relating to hackney carriages, the distance to which a hackney carriage drawn by a horse or horses, pony or ponies, mule or mules, may be compelled to take passengers shall be three miles within the boundary of the district:

The distance to which a hackney carriage drawn by an ass or asses may be compelled to take passengers shall be two miles within the boundary of the district.

For fixing the rates or fares, as well for time as distance, to be paid for such hackney carriages within the district, and for securing the due publication of such fares.

25. Every proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage plying for hire shall be entitled to demand and take for the hire of such carriage the rate or fare prescribed by the following table, and in every case, except where the carriage is drawn or propelled by hand, the hiring shall be by distance unless the hirer express at the commencement of the hiring his desire to engage by time in which case the same shall be determined by time. Fares.

*Fares for Time.*

Periods of Time.	DESCRIPTION OF CARRIAGE.		
	Carriage drawn by two horses.	Carriage drawn by one horse, or by two ponies or mules.	Carriage drawn by one pony or mule, or by two asses.
If the time does not exceed one hour :	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 0
For the whole time - - - - -			
If the time exceeds one hour :			
For each quarter of an hour of the whole time - - - - -			
For any period of less than 15 minutes which is over and above any number of periods of 15 minutes completed - - - - -	0 6	0 6	0 6

By Time.

*Fares for Distance.*

If the distance does not exceed one mile .... 1 0 By Distance.  
 If the distance exceeds one mile, for each half-mile of the whole distance .... 0 6  
 For any distance less than half-a-mile which is over and above any number of half-miles completed.... 0 6

*Special Fares.*

The Fare to any part of the Borough situate north of the streets, roads and lines following, that is to say:—Symmons Street, an imaginary straight line to Graig Terrace, Graig Terrace, Vane Special Fares.



Place, Clifton Row, an imaginary stright line from Clifton Row to the north end of Freehold Street, Uplands, and south of Terrace Road and Gibbett Hill Road, shall be 6d. in addition to the ordinary fare.

The Fare to any part of the Borough situate north of Terrace Road and Gibbett Hill Road, shall be 1/- in addition to the ordinary fare.

Fares when more than two persons are conveyed.

Provided, that in any case where more than two persons are conveyed in a hackney carriage, hired by distance, the proprietor or driver of such hackney carriage shall be entitled to charge for each person over and above two persons a sum equal to one-half of the fare hereinbefore prescribed.

Fares for return journeys.

Provided also, that where any carriage has been hired to convey any person or persons to any place within the boundary of the district and without any interruption of the continuous employment of such carriage may have been used to convey such person or persons from such place to the place at which the carriage was originally hired, the fare payable in respect of the return journey shall be equal to one-half of the sum hereinbefore prescribed as the fare chargeable for distance.

Fares to be published in carriage on plate.

26. Every proprietor of a hackney carriage plying for hire and drawn by a horse or horses, pony or ponies, mule or mules, ass or asses, shall cause a statement of the fares authorized by any byelaw in that behalf to be demanded and received in respect of the hiring of such carriage to be printed or painted on a suitable plate in legible letters and figures of such a colour as to be clearly distinguishable from the colour of the ground whereon such letters and figures are printed or painted.

Position of plate.\*

He shall cause such plate to be fixed, in the case of a four or more wheeled carriage, on the inside, and, in the case of a two-wheeled carriage, on the inside of the splash board of such carriage or otherwise in such a position and manner that the letters and figures on such plate shall be at all times distinctly and plainly visible and legible to any person being conveyed in such carriage.

Renewal of plate when required.

Such proprietor shall, from time to time, as often as occasion may require, renew such plate or the letters and figures on such plate, and he shall not nor shall any driver of such carriage wilfully or negligently cause or suffer such plate to be inverted or detached or the letters or figures on such plate to be in any manner or by any means concealed from the view of any person being conveyed in such carriage at any time while such carriage may ply or be used for hire.

*For securing the safe custody and re-delivery of any property accidentally left in hackney carriages, and fixing the charges to be made in respect thereof.*

27. Every proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage wherein any property shall be accidentally left by any person who may have hired or may have been conveyed in such carriage shall, if such property be found by such proprietor or driver, within twenty-four hours after such finding, carry the same, if not sooner claimed by or on behalf of the owner thereof, in the state in which the same shall have been found to the nearest Police Station and shall there deposit and leave such property in the custody of the officer in charge of such office.

Property left in carriage to be taken to nearest Police Station.

In the event of the re-delivery of such property to any person who shall satisfactorily prove that the same belongs to him, the proprietor or driver, by whom such property may have been found carried to the Police station and there deposited, shall be entitled to demand and receive from the person to whom such property shall have been re-delivered an amount to be determined in accordance with the following regulations :

If the estimated value of the property be less than *five pounds*, or if the property be of such a character that the value thereof cannot readily be estimated, such proprietor or driver shall be entitled to demand and receive from such person an amount equal to the amount payable to such proprietor or driver as a fare for the hiring of his carriage for such time as may have been occupied by him in carrying the property from the place at which the same may have been found in his carriage to the Police Station.

Fees to be paid for returned property.

If the estimated value of the property be more than *five pounds*, such proprietor or driver shall be entitled to demand and receive from such person an amount equal to *a shilling* in the pound on the estimated value of the property: Provided that in no case shall such proprietor or driver be entitled to demand or receive a greater amount than *two pounds*.

#### *Penalties.*

28. Every proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage who shall offend against any of the foregoing bye-laws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of £5, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of 40s. for each day after written notice of the offence from the Sanitary Authority :

Penalties.

Provided nevertheless, that the justices or court before whom any complaint may be made or any proceedings may be taken in

respect of any such offence may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment, as a penalty, of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this byelaw.

*Repeal of Byelaws.*

Previous Byelaws repealed.

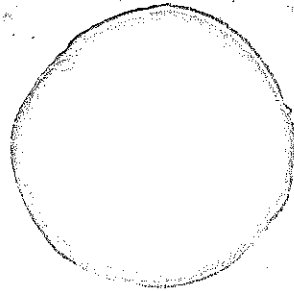
29. From and after the date of the confirmation of these byelaws, the byelaws relating to hackney carriages, which were confirmed by the Local Government Board on the 1st day of Sept., 1873, and the 8th day of Sept., 1874, shall be repealed.

*Handwritten initials*

*Given under the Common Seal of the Sanitary Authority,  
this 10th day of December, 1884.*

*Handwritten signature: Robert Williams*

MAYOR.



*Handwritten signature: John Dawson*

Town Clerk.

Allowed by the Local Government Board, this *tenth*  
day of *March* 1885.



*Handwritten signature: Hyl. Owen*  
Secretary.

*Handwritten signature: Charles v. Dille*  
President.