

## BYELAWS

made under section 68 of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847, and section 171 of the Public Health Act, 1875, by the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Swansea acting by the Council with respect to hackney carriages in the County Borough of Swansea.

### Interpretation

1. Throughout these byelaws "the Council" means the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Swansea acting by the Council and "the district" means the County Borough of Swansea.

### Provisions regulating the manner in which the number of each hackney carriage, corresponding with the number of its licence shall be displayed.

2. (a) The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause the number of the licence granted to him in respect of the carriage to be legibly painted or marked on the outside and inside of the carriage, or on plates affixed thereto.
- (b) A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall :—
  - (i) not wilfully or negligently cause or suffer any such number to be concealed from public view while the carriage is standing or plying for hire,
  - (ii) not cause or permit the carriage to stand or ply for hire with any such painting, marking or plate so defaced that any figure or material particular is illegible.

### Provisions regulating how hackney carriages are to be furnished or provided.

3. The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall
  - (a) provide sufficient means by which any person in the carriage may communicate with the driver,
  - (b) cause the roof or covering to be kept watertight,
  - (c) provide any necessary windows and a means of opening and closing not less than one window on each side,
  - (d) cause the seats to be properly cushioned or covered,
  - (e) cause the floor to be provided with a proper carpet mat, or other suitable covering,
  - (f) cause the fittings and furniture generally to be kept in a clean condition, well maintained and in every way fit for public service,
  - (g) provide means for securing luggage if the carriage is so constructed as to carry luggage,
  - (h) provide an efficient fire extinguisher which shall be carried in such a position as to be readily available for use,
  - (i) provide at least two doors for the use of persons conveyed in such carriage and a separate means of ingress and egress for the driver.
4. The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause any taximeter with which the carriage is provided to be so constructed, attached, and maintained as to comply with the following requirements, that is to say
  - (a) the taximeter shall be fitted with a key, flag, or other device the turning of which will bring the machinery of the taximeter into action and cause the word "HIRED" to appear on the face of the taximeter ;
  - (b) such key, flag, or other device shall be capable of being locked in such a position that the machinery of the taximeter is not in action and that no fare is recorded on the face of the taximeter ;
  - (c) when the machinery of the taximeter is in action there shall be recorded on the face of the taximeter in clearly legible figures a fare not exceeding the rate or fare which the proprietor or driver is entitled to demand and take for the hire of the carriage by distance in pursuance of the byelaw in that behalf ;
  - (d) the word "FARE" shall be printed on the face of the taximeter in plain letters so as clearly to apply to the fare recorded thereon ;
  - (e) the taximeter shall be so placed that all letters and figures on the face thereof are at all times plainly visible to any person being conveyed in the carriage, and for that purpose the letters and figures shall be capable of being suitably illuminated during any period of hiring ;

- (f) the taximeter and all the fittings thereof shall be so affixed to the carriage with seals or other appliances that it shall not be practicable for any person to tamper with them except by breaking, damaging or permanently displacing the seals or other appliances.

**Provisions regulating the conduct of the proprietors and drivers of hackney carriages plying within the district in their several employments, and determining whether such drivers shall wear any and what badges.**

5. The driver of a hackney carriage provided with a taximeter shall :—
- (a) when standing or plying for hire, keep the key, flag or other device fitted in pursuance of the byelaw in that behalf locked in the position in which no fare is recorded on the face of the taximeter ;
  - (b) as soon as the carriage is hired by distance, and before beginning the journey, bring the machinery of the taximeter into action by moving the said key, flag or other device, so that the word " HIRED " is legible on the face of the taximeter and keep the machinery of the taximeter in action until the termination of the hiring ;
  - (c) cause the dial of the taximeter to be kept properly illuminated throughout any part of a hiring which is during the hours of darkness as defined for the purposes of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1957, and also at any other time at the request of the hirer.
6. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall not tamper with or permit any person to tamper with any taximeter with which the carriage is provided, with the fittings thereof, or with the seals affixed thereto.
7. The driver of a hackney carriage shall, when plying for hire in any street and not actually hired,
- (a) proceed with reasonable speed to one of the stands fixed by the byelaw in that behalf
  - (b) if a stand, at the time of his arrival, is occupied by the full number of carriages authorized to occupy it, proceed to another stand
  - (c) on arriving at a stand not already occupied by the full number of carriages authorized to occupy it, station the carriage immediately behind the carriage or carriages on the stand and so as to face in the same direction
  - (d) from time to time when any other carriage immediately in front is driven off or moved forward cause his carriage to be moved forward so as to fill the place previously occupied by the carriage driven off or moved forward.
8. 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 and shall not make use of the services of any other person for the purpose.
9. The driver of a hackney carriage shall behave in a civil and orderly manner and shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of persons conveyed in or entering or alighting from the vehicle.
10. The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage who has agreed or has been hired to be in attendance with the carriage at an appointed time and place shall, unless delayed or prevented by some sufficient cause, punctually attend with such carriage at such appointed time and place.
11. The driver of a hackney carriage when hired to drive to any particular destination shall, subject to any directions given by the hirer, proceed to that destination by the shortest available route.
12. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall not convey or permit to be conveyed in such carriage any greater number of persons than the number of persons specified on the plate affixed to the outside of the carriage.
13. If a badge has been provided by the Council and delivered to the driver of a hackney carriage, either with the licence granted to him by the Council or afterwards, he shall, when standing or plying for hire, and when hired, wear that badge in such position and manner as to be plainly visible.

14. The driver of a hackney carriage so constructed as to carry luggage shall, when requested by any person hiring or seeking to hire the carriage,
- convey a reasonable quantity of luggage
  - afford reasonable assistance in loading and unloading
  - afford reasonable assistance in removing it to or from the entrance of any building, station or place at which he may take up or set down such person.

**Provisions fixing the stands of hackney carriages.**

15. Each of the several places specified in the following list shall be a stand for such number of hackney carriages as is specified in the list :—

**Harbour Road**—On cleared land fronting Harbour Road on the south west side from a point 88' 0" south of the junction with Mount Street to a point 208' 0" south of that junction .. .. . 6 stands

**Whitewalls**—On cleared land fronting the north east side of Whitewalls from the south west side of the service lane at the rear of Nos. 1—7 Oxford Street to a point 115' 0" south west thereof excluding the width of the entrances to the car park .. .. . 4 stands

**Princess Way**—East carriageway east side from a point 98' 0" south of the junction with Caer Street to a point 163' 0" south of that junction .. 3 stands

**Dynevor Place** (a) On the north east side from a point 81' 0" north west of the junction with The Kingsway to a point 139' 0" north west of that junction .. .. . 3 stands

(b) On the north east side from a point 160' 0" north west of the junction with The Kingsway to a point 180' 0" north west of that junction .. .. . 1 stand

**The Kingsway**—On the north side of the service road (lying to the north of the Kingsway) from a point 190' 0" west of the side of No. 27 The Kingsway to a point 250' 0" west of that building .. .. . 3 stands

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

16. The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall be entitled to demand and take for the hire of the carriage the rate or fare prescribed by the following table, the rate fare being calculated by distance unless the hirer express at the commencement of the hiring his desire to engage by time.

Provided always that where a hackney carriage furnished with a taximeter shall be hired by distance the proprietor or driver thereof shall not be entitled to demand and take a fare greater than that recorded on the face of the taximeter, save for any extra charges authorised by the following table which may not be recorded on the face of the taximeter.

**FARES FOR DISTANCE.**

(a) MILEAGE		
If the distance does not exceed one mile for the whole distance ..	2s.	6d.
If the distance exceeds one mile, for the first mile .. .. .	2s.	6d.
for each succeeding one sixth part of a mile and for any less distance over and above any number of sixths of a mile .. .. .		3d.
(b) WAITING TIME		
For each period of 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ minutes or uncompleted part thereof ..		3d.
(c) EXTRA CHARGES		
(i) For hirings commenced between mid-night and 6 a.m. . .	50%	of the rate or fare prescribed in the foregoing table.
(ii) For each article of luggage conveyed outside the carriage ..		3d.
(iii) For each person in excess of two (provided that infants under three years of age and one child exceeding three and under ten years of age shall not be counted as persons and any two children exceeding three and under ten years of age shall be counted as one person)		6d.

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- (iv) For hirings to or from any part of the district situate within the gates of the Kings Dock, Queens Dock, the Prince of Wales Dock or the South Dock . . . . . 1s. 0d.
17. (a) The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause a statement of the fares fixed by the byelaw in that behalf to be exhibited inside the carriage in clearly distinguishable letters and figures.
- (b) The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage bearing a statement of fares in accordance with this byelaw shall not wilfully or negligently cause or suffer the letters or figures in the statement to be concealed or rendered illegible at any time while the carriage is plying or being used for hire.

**Provisions 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.**

18. The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall, immediately after the termination of any hiring or as soon as practicable thereafter carefully search the carriage for any property which may have been accidentally left therein.
19. The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall, if any property accidentally left therein by any person who may have been conveyed in the carriage be found or handed to him,
- (a) carry it within 24 hours, if not sooner claimed by or on behalf of its owner, to the Central Police Station, and leave it in the custody of the officer in charge of the office on his giving a receipt for it.
- (b) be entitled to receive from any person to whom the property shall be re-delivered an amount equal to one shilling in the pound of its estimated value (or the fare for the distance from the place of finding to the Central Police Station whichever be the greater) but not more than five pounds.

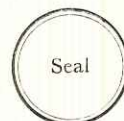
**Penalties.**

20. Every person who shall offend against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding forty shillings for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

**Repeal of Byelaws.**

21. The byelaws relating to hackney carriages which were made by the Council on the twenty-third day of May One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and which were confirmed by the Minister of Health on the twenty-third day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five as amended by a byelaw made by the Council on the sixteenth day of October One thousand Nine hundred and fifty-seven and confirmed by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on the seventeenth day of December One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven are hereby repealed.

The Common Seal of the Mayor  
Aldermen and Burgesses of the  
County Borough of Swansea  
was hereunto affixed this 22nd  
day of March, 1962 in the  
presence of :—



I. J. WATKINS

TOWN CLERK.

The Secretary of State this day confirmed the foregoing byelaws and fixed the date on which they are to come into operation as the 1st day of August, 1962.

R. J. GUPPY  
*An Assistant Under Secretary of State.*

HOME OFFICE,  
WHITEHALL.  
4th July, 1962.



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