AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK TITLE 5, “BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS”, CHAPTER 5.100 - TAXICABS

BE IT ORDAINED by the New Brunswick City Council, as follows:

SECTION I

Title 5, Chapter 5.100, Section 5.100.030, “Owner - Requirements for Licensing”, paragraph C, is hereby amended to read as follows:

C. Insurance. In order to insure the safety of the public, no owner, lessee or bailee of any taxicab shall operate, cause or permit such taxicab to be operated nor shall any license be issued hereunder until and unless the applicant has complied with the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1926 and the acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto relating to the filing of an insurance policy covering the owner or operator of such vehicle for damages to persons for which he or she may become liable by reason of the ownership, maintenance or use of the vehicle. Minimum acceptable insurance liability limits is as follows: Combined single limit coverage: Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00).

SECTION II

Title 5, Chapter 5.100, Section 5.100.110, “Appearance of Driver” is hereby amended to read as follows:

All taxicab drivers when operating their taxicabs must be clean and neat of dress and wear clean and light-colored shirts with a collar and dark long pants. Shoes must be worn by the driver. Sandals and sneakers are not permitted. If a jacket is worn, the jacket is a dark jacket. Drivers must have hair trimmed and be clean-shaven or have beards and mustaches well trimmed.

SECTION III

Title 5, Chapter 5.100, Section 5.100.160, “Rates” is hereby amended to ADD the following subsections:

D. The rate for a passenger who requests that the taxi wait for the passenger after the commencement of the fare/trip but prior to final drop-off of the passenger shall be One ($1.00) Dollar for less than five (5) minutes and Two ($2.00) Dollars per every five (5) minute period or part thereof of waiting thereafter.

E. An additional transporting fee of Twenty-Five ($25.00) Dollars shall be charged in addition to the fare rate set forth in this section. A transporting fee shall apply when a passenger’s personal property occupies the trunk and interior of the taxi vehicle.

SECTION IV

Title 5, Chapter 5.100, Section 5.100.330, “Vehicle Regulations” is hereby amended to read as follows:

M. As used in this subsection, “full size vehicle” means one or more of the following sedans or vans:

- Chevrolet Caprice (Sedan)
- Chevrolet Impala (Sedan)
- Chevrolet Venture (Sedan)
- Ford Crown Victoria (Sedan)
- Ford Windstar (Van)
- Nissan NV200 (Van)
- Ford Transit Connect (Van)
- Chevrolet Malibu (Sedan)
- Toyota Camry (Sedan)

All of the above vehicles must have at least two (2) operational doors on each side of the vehicle, inclusive of the van models.

On or after January 1, 2005, no license may be issued or renewed for a taxicab older than six years calculated from the model year.
The City Clerk is authorized to post in City Hall and make available on request criteria for a full size vehicle based on information furnished by vehicle manufacturers.

SECTION V

SEVERABILITY:

If any subsection, paragraph or provision of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION VI

REPEALER:

All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION VII

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following final adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING:
DATED:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING:
DATED:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR ON THIS DAY OF , 2016.

MAYOR

APPROVALS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

CITY ATTORNEY

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