

## CONDITIONS OF LICENCE – PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

This licence is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. No person other than the driver duly licensed by the Thanet District Council as a Private Hire vehicle driver, shall drive the vehicle to which this licence relates.
2. There must be in force relation to the vehicle a policy of insurance or security as complies with the requirements of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and also a policy of insurance which covers the vehicle for the carriage of passengers for hire or reward.
3. In the event of any accident causing damage affecting safety, performance or appearance of the vehicle, the proprietor shall notify the Council in writing as soon as practicable and in any event within 72 hours of the occurrence of the accident.
4. The proprietor of the vehicle shall notify the Council in writing of any transfer of his interest in the vehicle within 14 days and shall specify the name and address of the person to whom the vehicle has been transferred.
5. The proprietor of the vehicle shall present the vehicle for inspection and testing by or on behalf of the Council, within such period and at such time within the area of the Council as they may by notice reasonably require.
6. There shall not be displayed upon or within any part of the vehicle any advertisements, emblem, motif, or any other such devices or material, except:-
  - a) Such discs, cards, plates or similar as required by Licence Condition No. 7.
  - b) A sign displayed upon or within the vehicle WHILST WAITING AT THE POINT OF PICK-UP containing the name and address of the operator or private hire firm and the name of the passenger/passengers to be carried in the vehicle in pursuance of a prior contract for private hire purposes.
  - c) Advertising may be displayed on the rear of the driver's and/or passenger seats. Advertising will not exceed a maximum size of 21cm x 30cm and no more than two signs may be displayed. Advertising content must comply with the Council's Guidelines.
7. At all times when the vehicle is being operated as a private hire vehicle the following, must be displayed:-
  - a) As issued by the Council:
    - i. The numbered plate – on the rear exterior of the vehicle
    - ii. The identity disc – internally on the rear windscreen (but so that it is able to be read from the exterior)
    - iii. The numbered card – conspicuously, on the front of the dashboard or similar part of the vehicle, such that the writing is clearly visible to passengers at all times.
  - b) The operator/firm information – the name and telephone number of the private hire firm or licensed private hire operator through which the licensed vehicle may be booked. The necessary lettering, which may be on a clear backing sheet so long as it is no larger than is reasonably necessary to accommodate the wording, must
    - \* be in either black or white, and
    - \* not obscure the vision of the driver, and
    - \* be no more than 5cm (2") and not less than 3.8cm (1½") in height, and
    - \* only be in a single line, and
    - \* be on the front and/or rear windscreen.
  - c) The proprietor may display operator signs on the front doors of private hire vehicles provided that there is no more than one sign on each side of the motor vehicle. The sign shall be a permanent fixture (non-removable) and shall be no larger than 400mm by 300mm. The sign shall contain the words 'licensed private hire vehicle', the name and or logo of the operator and text and or telephone number and the Council logo. No lettering or number shall be less than 38mm or more than 50mm in height.

No other information may be displayed. Prior approval must be sought and confirmed in writing by the Licensing Department, Thanet District Council before any such sign may be displayed.

d) The operator/firm information may also be displayed in a form to comply with condition 7(b) above but on the rear windscreen and in the colour red only and of a translucent graphic type illuminated by a 12" UV back light provided that:

- i. The Road Vehicle Lighting Regulations 1989 and Motor Vehicle (Construction and Use) Regulations are fully complied with
  - ii. The UV light is powered and connected directly to the vehicle's electrical system and not via the vehicle's cigarette lighter or any other means
  - iii. No part of the wiring or electrical component is within reach of the occupants of the vehicle and the occupants are not exposed to any electrical danger
  - iv. There will be an on/off switch for the UV light within easy reach of the driver.
  - v. Any alteration to the vehicle electrical wiring must be carried out by a suitably competent person.
  - vi. The UV light is encased in a shield so that no light is visible from the rear or interior of the vehicle.
8. The word 'TAXI' or 'TAXIS' or 'CAB' or the words 'FOR HIRE' either on their own or forming parts of other words or names, must not be displayed upon the vehicles.
  9. The total number of passengers carried within the vehicle shall not exceed the number of passenger seats specified upon the licence.
  10. Upon the revocation, expiry or suspension of this licence, the numbered plate issued in respect of the vehicle shall be returned to the Council within 7 days after the service of notice by the Council upon the proprietor requiring him to do so.

**NOTE:**

The Council may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew this licence if

- a) The vehicle is unfit for use as a private hire vehicle
- b) Any offence or non-compliance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 is committed or
- c) Any other reasonable cause

Any applicant aggrieved by the refusal of a District Council to grant a licence under the Act, or by any conditions attached to the grant of such licence, may appeal to a Magistrate's Court within 21 days from the date of this licence.