

DRIVER'S PERMIT INFORMATION

No person shall operate a taxicab, jitney, or sightseeing vehicle for hire upon the streets of the City of Independence, and no person who owns or controls a taxicab, jitney, or sightseeing vehicle shall permit it to be driven unless such driver of the vehicle for hire first obtain and have in force a vehicle driver's permit issued by the City of Independence and a **current State issued commercial driver's license**. There is no grace period in which to obtain an Employee Driver Permit and all applicants must be 18 years of age or older.

The fee for this permit is \$15.00. It will be valid for a period of three years from the date of issuance and will need to be renewed at the same rate. There is no refund of the application fee if the permit is denied; however, there is no fee to apply for a duplicate. This issued driver's permit must be displayed in a place in full view of all passengers while the driver is operating such vehicle.

As a convenience, the City of Independence has a website to allow you to apply for or renew your "Employee Permit" over the internet. You must have a printer available for printing the actual permit when using this process and a credit card for payment. To use this service, please go to the web site at www.indepmo.org/businesslicense. Click on "**Employee Licenses/Permits**" and then select the desired process. Permits issued by other cities or governments are not valid for businesses within the city limits of Independence.

If you have no access to the internet you must come in person to the second floor of City Hall, 111 E. Maple between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4:15 P.M. Monday thru Friday where computer terminals are provided for your use. The application/renewal process has now become solely automated and **has to be done on the computer**.

When making application it is required for you to bring or mail a physical report less than a year old and the required processed State of Missouri Criminal Record to the "License Division/Cashier" at City of Independence City Hall, 111 E. Maple, P O Box 1019, Independence, MO 64051. **Your permit will not be valid until this document has been received by the City of Independence.**

STATE CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK - The State of Missouri charges a fee for a criminal record check, which is conducted by the Missouri Highway Patrol in Jefferson City. **You must apply for and submit an original processed** State of Missouri Criminal Record History. The Missouri Highway Patrol has notified the City that the processing time for a criminal record check is approximately four to six weeks if processed by mail.

To expedite the criminal record check, the applicant may obtain them the same day by driving to the Missouri Highway Patrol office in Jefferson City, Missouri. The **original** criminal record check **must be submitted** to the License Division before your permit will be valid. The address for the Missouri Highway Patrol office is 1510 East Elm Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, and their telephone number is (573)-526-6153.

The following business located in Jefferson City, Missouri will be able to obtain the required criminal history for a processing fee. **Inform them you must have the originals mailed to you.**

Missouri Record Search.....573-635-0142

Harmon Processing.....573-635-6690

Missouri Record Service.....573-893-4428

C & S Business Services, Inc.....573-635-9295

Strum Research.....573-496-3534

The Security Group LLC.....573-761-7577

Instead of a State of Missouri Criminal Record this office will accept a recent background screening report from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Every driver who received a driver permit shall comply with all of the City, State and Federal laws. Failure to do so will justify the license Officer in suspending or revoking a permit.

REGULATIONS

It shall be a violation for any driver to solicit business for any hotel, or to attempt to divert patronage from one hotel to another. Driver's shall not receive or discharge passengers in the roadway, but shall pull up to the right-hand sidewalk as nearly as possible or in the absence of a sidewalk, to the extreme right-hand side of the road and there receive or discharge passengers, except upon one-way streets, where passengers may be discharged at either side right or left-hand sidewalk or the side of the roadway in the absence of a sidewalk.

No driver shall permit more passengers to be carried by such vehicle than rated seating capacity established by the manufacturer. When required by state statutes approved child restraint seats shall be provided.

The use of a taxi meter is required and shall be in use at all times when the vehicle is in service as a taxicab. The passenger fares shall be meter-based and displayed in full view on a rate card.

The driver shall provide to the passenger a receipt upon request which shall show the name of the owner, the certificate number of the vehicle, amount of charge, date of transaction and signed by the driver.

Every driver shall maintain a daily manifest which records all trips each day, showing time and place of origin, destination, and amount of fare. The completed manifest shall be returned to the business owner by the driver at the end of that driver's tour of duty.