

**SITKA POLICE DEPARTMENT
TAXI DRIVER APPLICATION**

NAME: _____
(PRINT) LAST FIRST MIDDLE DATE OF BIRTH

ALIAS: _____
(Nicknames, maiden or former names) HT WT AGE SEX

_____ _____ _____
Place of Birth Social Security # AK Driver's License #

_____ _____ _____
Residence Address Mailing Address PHONE: Home/Work

**RESIDENTIAL HISTORY (residential address for the last ten years)

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (List employer/address for last ten years)

**CRIMINAL HISTORY (List criminal convictions and arresting agency)

**DRIVERS HISTORY (List all traffic citations for last two years)

Prospective employer: _____

Vehicle you will operate: _____
 Make Year Color License #

I, _____, _____
DO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS DATE
COMPLETE, CORRECT AND THAT ALL PERTINENT

INFORMATION REQUESTED HAS BEEN PROVIDED
TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. _____
 NOTARY PUBLIC

RECEIPT # _____ AMOUNT RCVD. _____ DATE RCVD. _____

TAXI DRIVER LICENSE #: _____ ISSUING OFFICER: _____

SITKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

(This side to be completed by applicant before examination by physician.)

THIS EXAMINATION IS FOR: TAXI DRIVER PERMIT [] RENEWAL []

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of Birth _____
 Person Physician: _____ Physician's Address: _____

ANSWER "YES" OR "NO" TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

	YES	NO
1. Have you ever been rejected by any insurance company?	_____	_____
2. Have you been committed to a mental institution or alcohol program within the last 5 years?	_____	_____
3. Have you been rejected for military service? If yes, Why? _____	_____	_____
4. What type of military discharge? Regular _____ Medical _____ Other _____		
5. Have you any physical defect whatever, which might under strain, or in the performance of you duties requiring physical alertness and muscular activities, result in disablement or otherwise incapacitate you? If yes, explain: _____	_____	_____
6. Are you now under or have you been under a physician's care during the past 5 years? If yes, give details _____	_____	_____
7. Are you taking any medication? If yes, list them and explain _____	_____	_____
8. Have you ever received disability compensation? If yes, explain _____	_____	_____
9. Do you have a problem with alcohol or drug misuse? If yes, explain _____	_____	_____
10. Have you ever or do you now have any of the following symptoms?		
Dizziness	_____	_____
Chest Pains	_____	_____
Fainting Spells	_____	_____
Seeing Double	_____	_____
Convulsions	_____	_____
Spitting of Blood	_____	_____
Chronic Cough	_____	_____
Hearing Loss	_____	_____
11. Do you have or have you had any of the following in the last 5 years?		
Head Injuries	_____	_____
Arthritis	_____	_____
Epilepsy	_____	_____
Pleurisy	_____	_____
Tuberculosis	_____	_____
Stomach Trouble	_____	_____
Cardiac Ailment	_____	_____
Liver Disease	_____	_____
Kidney Trouble	_____	_____
Asthma	_____	_____
Hernia	_____	_____
Malaria	_____	_____
Varicose Veins	_____	_____
Nervous Breakdown	_____	_____
Blood Disease	_____	_____
Diabetes	_____	_____
High Blood Pressure	_____	_____

I, _____, CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

 APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

 DATE

Applicant's Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR TAXI DRIVER

(must be completed by physician)

Height _____ Weight _____ Blood Pressure _____ Pulse _____

VISION: Does applicant have at least 20-30 vision in one eye and at least 20-200 vision in the other eye? yes no.
 With corrective lenses Without corrective lenses
Does the applicant have good peripheral vision? yes no (A "no" answer disqualifies)
Is applicant blind in either eye? yes no (A "yes" answer disqualifies)

REMARKS _____

HEARING: Does applicant have normal hearing without a hearing aid? yes no With a hearing aid? yes no
(Two "no" answers disqualifies)

REMARKS _____

CHEST: Lungs _____ Rhythm _____
Rate _____ Murmurs _____

REMARKS _____

BACK, EXTREMITIES AND JOINTS: List any abnormalities: _____

TUBERCULIN TEST: Screening skin test is acceptable if positive, X-Ray must be taken. Please specify method and RESULTS: _____

To the best of your knowledge did applicant have history of fainting spells, cardiac ailments, dizziness, convulsions or epilepsy in the 12 months preceding this examination? yes no (A "yes" answer disqualifies)

REMARKS _____

At the time of this examination was applicant free of communicable disease? yes no (A "no" answer disqualifies)

REMARKS _____

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that I performed the physical examination of the above named individual as designated by this form in _____
City/State
on _____
(Date)

I further certify that based on this information, that the applicant is: QUALIFIED DISQUALIFIED to operate a Taxi

Date

Typed or printed name of physician

Signature of Physician

Physician's mailing address

liability imposed by law for damages on account of bodily injuries or death, or for damages to property resulting from the ownership, maintenance, or use of any taxicab to be owned or operated under such license and naming the city as an additional insured. The policy or policies shall be approved by the municipal attorney as to form and compliance with this chapter. The limit in any such insurance policy shall be not less than fifty thousand dollars for damage to or destruction of property arising out of a single accident or occurrence, one hundred thousand dollars for bodily injuries to or death of one person, and two hundred thousand dollars for any number of claims arising out of a single accident or occurrence.

- B. The policy or policies shall be maintained in full force and effect during the operation of the business and shall provide for thirty days' prior notification to the police chief of all changes in the terms and/or cancellation of the policy.
- C. Any license issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire automatically upon the cancellation of the insurance required by this section.
- D. The licensed operator may not sublet or permit satellite business operations to extend from his license; and
 - 1. The operator must be the person or entity controlling the business operations of the taxicab operation for which the license is issued;
 - 2. The operator may allow drivers with permits required by SGC Section 11.56.100 to lease his vehicles or drive their own vehicles if all of the following exist:
 - a. The vehicles are properly licensed and registered, and
 - b. The vehicles and drivers are fully insured as required by SGC Section 11.56.070 and fully comply with the other requirements of this chapter, including, but not limited to insignia and color requirements, and
 - c. The operator shall maintain central records for all taxicabs in his operation, and

d. The operator shall be responsible for any damage or personal injury caused by negligent or wilful misconduct of drivers and vehicles in his operation;

- E. Any change in ownership shall require a new application for an operator's permit or license.

(Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.080 Suspension or revocation of license.

A. The operator's license issued under the provisions of this chapter may be revoked or suspended by the chief of police if the holder thereof has:

- 1. Violated any of the provisions of this chapter;
- 2. Discontinued operations for more than thirty days;
- 3. Committed any offense as listed in Section 11.56.050;
- 4. Violated subsection D of Section 11.56.070.

B. Except as otherwise provided in subsection C below, prior to suspension or revocation, the holder shall be given notice of the proposed action to be taken in accordance with the provisions of Section 11.56.210.

C. Upon determining that an immediate danger to persons or property exists, the police chief may suspend the license at once. The suspension shall take effect immediately upon notice of the suspension being received by the licensee or being delivered to the licensee's business address as stated on the licensee's application for the license that is being suspended. The notice provided for in Section 11.56.210 shall be mailed to the licensee by certified mail.

(Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.090 Taxi driver's permit required.

No person shall drive a taxicab for hire upon the streets of the city and borough of Sitka and no person who owns or controls a taxicab shall permit it to be so driven unless the driver of the taxicab shall have first obtained and shall have then in force a taxicab driver's permit issued under the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.100 Application for driver's permit.

- A An application for a taxicab driver's permit shall be filed with the police chief on forms provided by the municipality; and such application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee to be determined by the police chief. The application shall be verified, under oath, and shall contain the following:
1. Name and residence address of the applicant;
 2. A concise history of the applicant's employment;
 3. Name of prospective employer;
 4. Information relating to criminal convictions;
 5. Information relating to convictions of traffic infractions;
 6. Number of valid Alaska driver's license;
 7. Such other information as the police chief may require;
 8. Two two-inch by two-inch full-face photographs, to be taken by the Sitka police department.
- B. The application shall be signed by the applicant; such signature shall constitute the applicant's consent to an investigation conducted by the municipality of the applicant's qualifications.
- C. A taxicab driver's license shall not be issued to any person who does not meet the medical standards set forth in 13 AAC 08.025.

(Ord. 09-59 § 4 (part), 2009; Ord 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.110 Police investigation of applicant for driver's permit.

The police department shall conduct an investigation of each applicant for a taxicab driver's permit, and a report of such investigation shall be forwarded to the police chief.

Applicants shall provide proof of their residence or residences for the ten years prior to their application and shall provide fingerprints and F.B.I. and state police record printouts as necessary. (Ord 09-59 § 4 (part), 2009; Ord 97-1463 § 4 (part), 1997; Ord. 97-1408 § 4 (part), 1997; Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986)

11.56.120 Eligibility for driver's permit.

Except as provided for in Section 11.56.130, no driver's permit shall be issued to:

- A. A person who does not have a valid driver's license issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles; or
- B. A person who has been convicted of murder in the first degree or murder in the second degree, or any other unclassified felony, or their counterparts in another jurisdiction; or
- C. A person who has been convicted of any other crime included in the Alaska Statutes not described in Section 11.56.120D or its counterpart in another jurisdiction within the time periods specified as follows:

Years Immediately Preceding Application for Permit	Crime(s)
10	Class A or B felony
5	Class C felony or Class A misdemeanor or other felony or misdemeanor not specifically classified as unclassified, A, B or C
2	Class B misdemeanor

- D. A person who has been convicted of a traffic offense, as is defined in Alaska Statute Title 28, or Title 11 of the Sitka General Code, or their counterparts in another jurisdiction, within the time periods specified as follows:

Years Immediately Preceding Application for Permit	Crime(s)
2	Major traffic offense, including driving while under the influence, refusal to take breath test
1	Accumulation of eight or more points under the Department of Motor Vehicles system in any one year

- E. An applicant who fails to supply information so required or who submits false or misleading information.

(Ord. 00-1574 § 4(C), 2000; Ord. 86-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.130 Consideration of application for driver's permit.

- A. The chief of police shall, upon consideration of the application and the police investigation, approve or deny the application for a driver's permit. The chief of police shall issue a statement of reasons in writing for a denial. If the application is denied, the applicant may request a hearing, which shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Section 11.56.220 to offer evidence why the denial should be reconsidered. An adverse decision may be appealed to the municipal administrator and ultimately to the municipal assembly.
- B. The chief of police shall have the power, in his/her sole discretion, to issue temporary licenses pending completion of the application investigation.
- C. The purpose of these regulations is to promote the safety of taxicab passengers and of the public generally. In considering an appeal or application, the police chief, the administrator and the assembly shall consider the nature of the disqualifying offense or other jurisdiction for permit denial, the time which has passed, as well as the applicant's driving record, and the applicant's completion of any condition or requirement of any probation imposed, in determining if public safety will be protected if the appeal is granted.
- D. No right of appeal should be afforded to persons convicted of a class A felony.

(Ord. 00-1574 § 4(D), 2000; Ord. 96-1353 § 4 (part), 1996; Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.140 Permit to be posted.

The driver's permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the taxicab which the driver is operating (Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.150 Suspension and revocation of driver's permit.

- A. The police chief may suspend or revoke any driver's permit issued under this chapter for failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter and for violation of the offenses listed in Section 11.56.120.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in subsection C of this section, prior to suspension or revocation, the permit holder shall be given notice of the proposed action to be taken, in accordance with the provisions of Section 11.56.210.
- C. Upon determining that an immediate danger to person or property exists, the police chief may suspend the license at once. The suspension shall take effect immediately upon notice of the suspension being received by the licensee, or being delivered to the licensee's business address as stated on the licensee's application for the license that is being suspended. The notice provided for in Section 11.56.210 shall be mailed to the licensee by certified mail.

(Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.160 Initial license/permit—Duration.

Unless a shorter period is specified, new licenses or permits shall be valid from the date of issuance for a term of one year. (Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.170 License/permit renewal and late penalty.

The application for renewal of a license or permit shall be made to the municipality prior to the license or permit expiration date. A penalty to be determined by the police chief shall be added to the license or permit fee accompanying a renewal application received by the municipality after the expiration date. (Ord. 09-59 § 4 (part), 2009; Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.180 Fees.

No taxicab operator's license or taxicab driver's permit shall be issued or continue to be valid unless the holder thereof has paid the fees as required (Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.190 Transfer of license or permit.

No license or permit issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter may be sold, assigned, or otherwise transferred. (Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.200 Licenses and permits property of the municipality.

Any license or permit issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall remain the property of the city and borough of Sitka, and upon expiration, revocation or suspension, it shall be returned to the municipality. If a license or permit is lost or destroyed, upon affidavit made as to its loss or destruction, it may be replaced upon payment by the applicant of a required fee to be determined by the police chief. (Ord. 09-59 § 4 (part), 2009; Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.210 Notice of suspension or revocation.

Unless otherwise provided, prior to revocation or suspension of a license or permit issued under the provisions of this chapter, the chief of police shall provide a notice to the holder of said license or permit. The notice shall contain the following information:

- A. The name and title of the person issuing the notice;
- B. The date on which the suspension or revocation will become effective;
- C. The reason for the revocation or suspension;
- D. That the licensee or permittee may request a hearing regarding the revocation or suspension;
- E. That the request for a hearing must be made in person or in writing and received by the police chief within ten days after receipt of the notice;
- F. That failure to appear in person or mail a letter within ten days after receipt of the notice or by its return by the Postal Service shall act as a waiver of the right to a hearing and the revocation or suspension will, if applicable, become effective on the date included in the notice.

(Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.220 Hearing.

- A. Upon request for a hearing, as provided above, a hearing shall be held before the chief of police. The hearing shall be set and conducted within forty-eight hours of receipt of the request, holi-

days, Saturdays, and Sundays not to be included. The hearing can be set for a later date if the applicant, licensee or permittee so requests.

- B. At the hearing the applicant, licensee or permittee may contest the denial, revocation or suspension of the license or permit.
- C. If the police chief finds that the applicant, licensee or permit holder is not eligible for a license or permit, the chief of police may declare the license or permit denied, revoked or suspended. The action of the chief of police is appealable to the assembly of the city and borough of Sitka. The decision of the assembly is final.
- D. If the applicant, licensee or permittee does not appear at the scheduled hearing, the police chief shall enter an order supporting the denial, revocation or suspension of the license or permit. (Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.230 Rates.

- A. The police chief shall have the right, at any time, after notice to license holders and public hearing, to approve the maximum rates to be charged by taxicabs in the municipality, and no operator shall thereafter charge any passenger a rate higher than those approved by the police chief.
- B. The driver or operator of any taxicab shall post in a conspicuous place on such vehicle, and keep posted, a copy of such rates in accordance with the rates approved by the police chief. (Ord. 09-59 § 4 (part), 2009; Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.240 Receipts.

The driver of a taxicab shall, upon demand by the passenger, render to such passenger a receipt for the amount charged, either by a mechanically printed receipt or by a specially prepared receipt, on which shall be the name of the owner, license number, charges, and the date of transaction. (Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986.)

11.56.250 Acceptance and discharge of passengers.

Drivers of taxicabs shall not receive or discharge passengers in the roadway, but shall pull up to the right-hand side 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 the right-hand or left-hand sidewalk or side of the roadway in the absence of a sidewalk. (Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986)

11.56.260 Vehicles.

- A. Vehicles must be kept in clean and sanitary condition and shall be inspected by the Sitka police department prior to being used as a taxicab and each year upon renewal of the operator's license or permit or periodically as determined by the police chief. There will be a fee for each inspection.
- B. All vehicles belonging to, or operated by, a particular operator shall be designated by an insignia or logo sufficient to identify that operator's taxicabs to the public.
- C. Smoking in the vehicle is prohibited under Section 9.20.015(L), entitled "Prohibition of smoking in public places."

(Ord. 09-59 § 4 (part), 2009; Ord. 87-787 § 4, 1987; Ord. 85-679 § 4 (part), 1986)