

SECTION 6

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

6.1 TAXI CABS *(rev. 12/2019)*

General

The following policy addresses the key items regarding the use of taxi cabs at Fairbanks International Airport. A complete listing of all rules and regulations may be obtained from the Airport Leasing Office at 474-2520 or 474-2525.

Taxi cabs must obtain the appropriate permit prior to operating at Fairbanks International Airport.

Each permittee shall abide by all the regulations pertaining to Fairbanks International Airport found in 17 AAC 42 (Alaska Administrative Code Title 17, chapter 42).

Permit Requirements

Obtain and complete a Taxi Cab permit application form at Airport Leasing Office that requires:

- address
- manager and owner contact information
- 24-hour phone contact number
- number of vehicles in fleet
- number of vehicles permitted at FAI
- description of each vehicle per 17 AAC 42.095
- a list of all current drivers with driver's licenses and birth date
- keep a copy of rules and inspection checklist in vehicle (see Attachment 2 below for checklist)
- each vehicle must be inspected annually by Airport Police and Fire and all commercial vehicles, including taxis, are subject to random inspections by FAI employees

Businesses are required to notify the Airport Leasing Office of any changes to the above information within two (2) business days.

A permit is required for each vehicle and is not transferable to any other vehicles or operators. A vehicle inspection will be required for all taxi vehicles. Permit duration is January 1 to December 31 and may be obtained through the Airport Leasing Office who can be contacted at 474-2520 or 474-2525.

Permit Fee

Annual fee for permit is established under 17 AAC 42.125 for taxicabs and commercial passenger fare carriers.

Additional Requirements and Rules

Taxis must load against a curb – loading or waiting in a vehicle roadway is prohibited. Taxi drivers shall not refuse to carry any orderly person or persons upon request if the proper fee is tendered (which includes short hauls) unless the driver is otherwise engaged. Refusal to provide service on the basis of distance to be transported is a violation of Title 17 AAC 42.095, paragraph (n) and may result in revocation of airport permit.

If a passenger has requested a specific taxi and the taxi is waiting for the passenger to arrive, the taxi must wait in the taxi line but not in the taxi hot spot.

The taxi driver will not solicit business in any manner nor remove baggage from inside the terminal. The operator is required to remain within the immediate proximity of the vehicle (less than 10 feet from vehicle). Taxis with special handicap permits may load and unload wheelchair passengers from the designated area or on the upper ramp.

Taxi cab operators and or operations must:

- Meet all City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska rules and regulations for fare carriers and drivers.
- Have non-flashing top light indicating fare carrier.
- Have company name and vehicle number permanently affixed outside of vehicle and clearly visible to passengers entering taxicab.
- List fares on each passenger entrance door (minimum one rate chart each side of vehicle) and inside cab. Fares must be clearly visible and easily readable by passengers.
- Post record of insurance clearly visible to passengers.
- Display permit sticker on rear window, driver side.
- Post complaint procedure and operator contact information in a manner clearly visible to passengers.
- Take most direct route.
- Provide receipts to passenger.
- Have a means to accept major credit cards for fare payment.
- Keep a copy of these Airport rules and regulations and inspection checklist in each vehicle.

Curb areas are authorized for "active loading/unloading" only. If passengers are not ready for pickup, taxis are required to leave the curb and proceed to the taxi cab staging area. Curbside waiting is not allowed except in designated taxi lane. Drivers may leave vehicles for a maximum of 5 minutes to use the restroom in the terminal. Vehicles shall not be left unattended at any time on an Airport curb.

Airport Staging Area

The Airport provides a staging area for flag fare pick-ups. One taxi cab at a time will be allowed up front at the designated hot spot for walk up service without reservations. Taxicab waiting and passenger pick up areas will be directed and designated by the airport. Follow the staging line rules; flag fares must be taken in order, no jumping for flag pick-ups or to the hot spot. While in the hot spot, the driver must stay with their vehicle and accept the first willing fare.

Drop-off will occur in the departures designated area; fare vehicle must leave this area immediately after dropping off the passenger and not engage in further business until cycling through taxi waiting line.

To facilitate terminal curb service during heightened national security alert situations;

- Drivers may be subject to additional security procedures per TSA regulations
- Drivers of permitted taxi cabs may be required to undergo background checks and be issued special airport badges if curb service is desired.
- Taxicabs may be required to undergo inspection every trip to the concourse.

Violations of Rules and Regulations:

Operators and or operations who fail to comply with city, airport, and/or state rules and regulations may forfeit their right to operate at the State of Alaska, Fairbanks International Airport for the duration of the operating permit per 17 AAC 42.095, paragraph (I).

Minor violations may result in a minimum 10-day suspension of the permit from airport operations (i.e. line infractions, soliciting fares on concourse, leaving vehicle unattended in the hot spot or for more than 5 minutes to use the restroom in the terminal in the taxi line).

Three minor violations within one permit year will result in the loss of the permit from airport operations for the duration of the permit.

Upon notification of failure to meet any or all City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska rules and regulations for fare carriers and drivers, taxi cab drivers will have ten (10) business days in which to provide proof to Fairbanks International Airport Leasing Staff that issue has been corrected.

If proof of correction not provided to the Fairbanks International Airport Leasing Staff within ten (10) business days, the Taxi Permit will be revoked. In order to receive a new taxi cab permit the driver will need to submit a new application, fee payment, and pass a vehicle inspection, for the purposes of this enforcement, a self-certification will not be accepted as a valid vehicle inspection.

Drivers wishing to file a complaint or report of noncompliance may do so by calling the Fairbanks International Airport Leasing Office at 474-2520 or 474-2525.



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Fairbanks International Airport

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Taxi Cab Inspection Guidelines

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Airport Taxi Permit Inspection Items

Company name and vehicle number affixed: Taxi cabs must have the company name and vehicle number permanently affixed to the outside of the vehicle and clearly visible to passengers entering the taxi cab

Listed Fares on each passenger entrance door: List Fares on each passenger entrance door (minimum one rate chart each side of vehicle and inside cab)

Display permit sticker on rear window, drivers side (Upon receipt from AMO)

Copy of current operational orders and inspection checklist: Provided at time of initial inspection

Ability to provide receipts: Taxi Cab operators may provide hand written receipts, emailed receipts via phone app or other electronically transmitted receipts.

Posted complaint procedures visible to passengers

If fares based on mileage must have taximeter: The Taximeter need NOT be sealed or certified.

Means to accept credit card payment: Taxi cabs must be equipped with some means of accepting major credit cards as a form of payment

Cab is free of offensive stains, markings and/or odors and accumulations of trash and dirt: Obvious evidence of smoking to include presence of cigarette butts and odor of cigarette smoke is included. Offensive bumper stickers, painting, decals etc.

Condition/Safety Equipment:

Body condition: State law prohibits vehicles with loose or damaged body parts which may fall off or present sharp jagged protrusions. Doors and locks must function properly, bumpers, if originally equipped must be present, permanently affixed and in good repair. Any repairs must be made in accordance with automotive industry standards

Tire Tread 1/16" minimum tread depth

Rear Reflector condition: Vehicle must be equipped with at least 2 rear, red in color reflectors (may be integrated into tail light assembly) at least 20" from the ground

Horn Functional

Mirrors required: State Law requires 1 outside left hand mirror (drivers side) and one center mirror unless the view of center mirror is permanently obstructed or occluded in which case a second outside mirror on the right side of the vehicle is required.

Window Tint: Windshield "eyebrow" may not extend downward more than 5 inches from the top of the glass. Driver and passenger front window must permit at least 70% light transmittance. Rear door windows, ¼ glass and back window must permit at least 40% light transmittance. Medical exception certification to be carried in the vehicle and presented upon request.

Windshield/Windows condition: No person shall drive a vehicle equipped with a defective windshield or windows which obstructs, obscures or impairs the driver's view. This law includes stickers, posters, snow and ice and requires vehicles to be equipped with windshield wipers and defrosters capable of clearing snow ice and moisture from both sides of the windshield and windows. This law also requires working windshield wipers

Safety Belts: State law AS28.05.095 states that a person 16 years old or older may not occupy a motor vehicle unless restrained by a safety belt. No safety belt may be removed from a vehicle.

Anti Spray Devices: mud flaps or other device to prevent the spray of water and debris from road surface must extend to be within 14" of roadway surface on level ground

All manufacturer installed and produced vehicle equipped lighting must function as originally installed/intended: Original equipment may not be removed, de-activated or replaced with aftermarket parts that are prohibited by State Statute, Administrative Code, or Airport Operational Orders

Top light Present and Functional: Airport Operational Orders 6.1 mandates that each taxi cab be equipped with a non flashing top light indicating a fare carrier

Other Inspection Items:

No smoking sign posted

Valid Insurance Certificate posted: State law requires drivers to have insurance in force and carry and provide proof of insurance upon request of a peace officer. Airport operational orders require that “record” of insurance be posted where passengers can clearly see it.

Current Valid Vehicle Registration



2020 TAXICAB INSPECTION
 Airport Police & Fire
 5195 Brumbaugh Blvd
 Call 907-474-2530 to schedule an appointment

	Permit #: _____
Company Name: _____	Taxi Vehicle #: _____ License #: _____

Airport Taxi Permit Inspection Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Company name and vehicle number permanently affixed outside of vehicle. | <input type="checkbox"/> Has a copy of the current Operational Orders 6.1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Post complaint procedures and operator contact info clearly visible to passengers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> List fares on each passenger entrance door | <input type="checkbox"/> Taximeter Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to provide receipt to passengers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Display permit sticker on rear window, drivers side | <input type="checkbox"/> Have means to accept major credit cards for fare payment | <input type="checkbox"/> Cab is clean and free of offensive stains/odors and accumulation of trash. |

Conditions/Safety Equipment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Body Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> All Windows Comply with Legal Tint | <input type="checkbox"/> All Original Vehicle Lights Functional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tire Tread- more than 1/16" | <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield Free of Obstructions/Cracks | <input type="checkbox"/> Top Light present and functional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Reflector in Good Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield Wipers Functional | OTHER INSPECTION ITEMS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horn Functional | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Belts | <input type="checkbox"/> No Smoking Sign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mirrors | <input type="checkbox"/> Anti Spray Device | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Insurance |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Valid Registration |

This vehicle appears to meet all operational requirements detailed with FAI Operational Order 6.1 at the time of the inspection dated below. Permitted vehicles are subject to periodic and random inspections by airport staff to determine whether operational requirements are met. Should this vehicle be found noncompliant, permittee is subject to penalties including permit suspension or permit revocation.

YES

Officer and Badge Number: _____ Date/Time: _____