

RESUME

March 28, 2017

A PUBLIC HEARING TO REPEAL CHAPTER 86 “VEHICLES FOR HIRE” (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE “TAXI-CAB” ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED, AND TO ADD § 86-1 REQUIRING ANNUAL TAXI CAB DRIVER REGISTRATION

At a work session on February 7, 2017 the Board authorized staff to draft an ordinance to repeal the existing system for regulating taxicabs, and replace it with a requirement that each driver operating in Prince George County (including Fort Lee) must register annually with the Police Department (see attached registration form and ordinance). Currently, the police department inspects taxicabs and the County issues a limited number of “certificates of public convenience” as a precondition to operating a taxicab in the County. This ordinance has been properly advertised in accordance with state law.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA, 2005, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING SECTION 86-1 “ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF ALL PERSONS DRIVING A VEHICLE FOR HIRE” AND BY REPEALING §§ 86-31 THROUGH 86-104

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Prince George County:

(1) That The Code Of The County Of Prince George, Virginia, 2005, as amended, is amended by adding § 81-1 “Annual Registration of All Persons Driving A Vehicle for Hire” as follows:

Sec. 86-1. Annual registration of all persons driving a vehicle for hire.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle for hire in the County until he has registered with the County and such registration has been approved by the Police Chief. Every driver must successfully complete the registration annually. No such registration shall be granted if, in the sole discretion of the Police Chief, such applicant may reasonably be considered a danger to the traveling public based on past behavior or conduct or because of a lack of qualifications. Any approved registration may be revoked for any cause which would have been grounds for an initial refusal to approve a registration application.
 - (b) The registration application shall be in a form approved by the Police Chief and every applicant shall pay a \$10.00 fee for every initial application and each renewal.
 - (c) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Police Chief to deny or revoke a registration may meet with the Police Chief or his designee within 10 days of such revocation to present evidence as to why such application should not have been denied or revoked.
 - (d) Every person registered to drive a vehicle for hire shall also obtain a license from the Commissioner of the Revenue as provided for in § 46.2-2063, et seq., Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.
- (2) *That §§ 86-31 through 86-104 are hereby repealed.*
- (3) *That this ordinance shall be effective May 1, 2017.*



PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Taxicab Driver's Registration Form



Registration Guidelines:

When completing this registration form, you **MUST**:

1. **Fill out the form completely, legibly, and truthfully;**
2. Have your signature notarized (you may have this done at the Police Department);
3. Submit the following with your application:
 - a. A letter from the company for which you will be working verifying your employment;
 - b. One recent photo (passport size).
 - c. Copy of current Virginia Driver's License.
 - d. Evidence of compliance with the requirements of the Commissioner of the Revenue.

This registration may be revoked by the Chief of Police at any time for (1) inaccurate responses on this registration form; (2) violations of the motor vehicle laws of the State, (3) violations of other laws that affect the safe operation of a taxicab, or (4) conduct that is reasonably likely to present a danger to the traveling public.

There will be a \$10 dollar administrative fee that will be required at the time the registration form is submitted. If you wish to write a check, it must be made payable to the County of Prince George.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Prince George County Police Department at 804-733-2773.

List the addresses of your previous residences for the past five years *(include street, city, state, and zip code)*:

List the **names** and **addresses** of your previous employers for the past five years *(include street, city, state, and zip code)*:

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

Community Policing Supervisor Approval: _____

State of Virginia County of
Prince George

On this _____ day of _____ 20____ who's name is signed to the foregoing instrument, personally appeared before me, acknowledged the foregoing signature to be his/hers, and having been duly sworn by me, made under oath that statements made in the said instrument are true.

Notary public: _____

My commission expires on: _____

Date permit issued: _____

Permit number: _____

**County of Prince George
Board of Supervisors**

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Prince George County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Third Floor of the County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia, (located at the intersection of Laurel Springs Road and Courts Drive in the County Government Complex) pursuant to Title 15.2-1800, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, to consider the following:

Ordinance to amend "The Code Of The County Of Prince George, Virginia, 2005, as amended", by adding Section 86-1 "Annual Registration of All Persons Driving a Vehicle for Hire" and by repealing §§ 86-31 through 86-104

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for review in the Office of the C o u n t y Administrator/Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; Tel. 722-8600. All interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

Percy C. Ashcraft
County Administrator