



CITY OF WACO

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Informal Report to Council

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Proposed Revisions to Chapter 27 of the Vehicles for Hire

The City of Waco currently regulates the operation of taxicabs, limousines, shuttles and horse drawn carriages as vehicles for hire through City of Waco Code of Ordinances Chapter 27 – Vehicles for Hire.

The Downtown Development Corporation and Downtown Public Improvement District asked the City of Waco to regulate the operation of Pedicabs, Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV's) and Low Speed Vehicles (LSV's) as vehicles for hire.

- A Pedicab is defined as a chauffeured bicycle (including an electric bicycle) or tricycle that transports passengers for hire where passengers occupy seats attached to a trailer, sidecar or similar device.
- A Neighborhood Electric Vehicle or NEV is defined as a vehicle that can attain a maximum speed of thirty five miles per hour on a paved level surface.
- A Low Speed Vehicle or LSV is defined as a four-wheeled motor vehicle whose maximum speed does not exceed twenty five miles per hour on a paved level surface.

City staff from multiple departments (City Secretary, City Management, Traffic, Planning, Legal, Engineering, Police and Fire) collaborated on the proposed regulations for Pedicabs, NEVs and LSVs. City staff reviewed similar ordinances of other Texas cities (Arlington, Austin, Bryan, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, San Antonio, San Diego and New York) and spoke with officials in other cities to determine the best and most effective practices for the regulation of Pedicabs, NEVs and LSVs.

Based on the collaborated effort and research described above, City staff is recommending the following amendments to Chapter 27 – Vehicles of Hire:

- Division 1: add new definitions dealing with the regulation of Pedicabs, NEVs and LSVs
- Division 4: add insurance requirements for Pedicabs, NEVs and LSVs
- Division 6: add language allowing the fares for Pedicabs, NEVs and LSVs to be negotiated prior to service or for “tips only”
- Division 8: add language regulating Pedicabs, NEVs and LSVs
 - o Requires Business Permit and Drivers Permit (which includes a criminal background check)
 - o Requires inspection of Pedicabs, NEVs and LSVs by Fleet

- Requires Pedicabs, NEVs and LSVs to have specific safety equipment and specifications
- Restricts Pedicabs, NEVs and LSVs to streets where the posted speed limit does not exceed 45 mph

The City Secretary's office has attached a chart of the proposed amendments to the Chapter 27 Vehicles for Hire Ordinance for your review.

The City Secretary's office has been contacted by individuals that have communicated their desire to operate Pedicabs, NEVs and/or LSVs in the City of Waco for the first Baylor University home football game at McLane Stadium. If you would like a work session on this item for further discussion, it can be scheduled. If you are comfortable with the proposed ordinance revisions, we will submit for your consideration.

Pedicabs



Neighborhood Electric Vehicles & Low Speed Vehicles



Vehicle for Hire Requirements - City of Waco

	Existing	NEW	Existing	NEW
	Motor Vehicles	Pedicabs	Horse Drawn Carriages	NEVs and LSVs
Vehicle for Hire Application Fee Sec 27-79	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Vehicle for Hire Business Permit Sec 27-83	\$100 per vehicle Annual	\$100 per vehicle Annual	\$100 per vehicle Annual	\$100 per vehicle Annual
Qualification for a Business Permit Sec. 27-78 Sec. 27-79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete application • Be at least 18 years of age • Authorized to work full time in U.S. • Able to sufficiently communicate with the general public • Maintain sufficient insurance • Phone number • Current on property taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete application • Be at least 18 years of age • Authorized to work full time in U.S. • Able to sufficiently communicate with the general public • Maintain sufficient insurance • Phone number • Current on property taxes if applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete application • Be at least 18 years of age • Authorized to work full time in U.S. • Able to sufficiently communicate with the general public • Maintain sufficient insurance • Phone number • Current on property taxes if applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete application • Be at least 18 years of age • Authorized to work full time in U.S. • Able to sufficiently communicate with the general public • Maintain sufficient insurance • Phone number • Current on property taxes if applicable
Driver's Permit Application Fee Sec 27-107	<p style="text-align: center;">\$25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified copy of the individual's complete driving history record for the last three years from state of issuance that is not more than 30 days old • Driver's application 	<p style="text-align: center;">\$25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified copy of the individual's complete driving history record for the last three years from state of issuance that is not more than 30 days old • Driver's application 	<p style="text-align: center;">\$25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified copy of the individual's complete driving history record for the last three years from state of issuance that is not more than 30 days old • Driver's application • Horse Certification 	<p style="text-align: center;">\$25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified copy of the individual's complete driving history record for the last three years from state of issuance that is not more than 30 days old • Driver's application

	Existing	NEW	Existing	NEW
	Motor Vehicles	Pedicabs	Horse Drawn Carriages	NEVs and LSVs
Driver's Permit Qualifications Sec 27-106	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid Driver's License Valid contract with or employed by holder Driver's History and Background Check 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid Driver's License Valid Contract or employed by holder Driver's History and Background Check 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid Driver's License Contract or employed by holder Driver's History and Background Check 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid Driver's License Contract or employed by holder Driver's History and Background Check
Drivers Appearance Sec 27-140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company dress standards Conform to basic standards of hygiene and be neat, clean and sanitary at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company dress standards Conform to basic standards of hygiene and be neat, clean and sanitary at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company dress standards Conform to basic standards of hygiene and be neat, clean and sanitary at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company dress standards Conform to basic standards of hygiene and be neat, clean and sanitary at all times
Fares Sec 27-192/193	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filed with the City Secretary's Office Update once every 6 months Displayed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filed with the City Secretary's Office Update once every 6 months Displayed If no fare, agreed upon prior to services being rendered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filed with the City Secretary's Office Update once every 6 months Displayed If no fares, agreed upon prior to services being rendered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filed with the City Secretary's Office Update once every 6 months Displayed If no fares, agreed upon prior to services being rendered
Insurance Sec 27-139	Minimum amounts prescribed by the State of Texas	Commercial general liability policy in the amount of \$100,000 per occurrence, \$250,000 general aggregate or its equivalent in Umbrella or Excess Liability coverage for a vehicle	Commercial general liability policy in the amount of \$100,000 per occurrence, \$250,000 general aggregate or its equivalent in Umbrella or Excess Liability coverage for a vehicle	Commercial general liability policy in the amount of \$100,000 per occurrence, \$250,000 general aggregate or its equivalent in Umbrella or Excess Liability coverage for a vehicle
Inspection	Conducted by Fleet Services	Conducted by Fleet Services	Conducted by Fleet Services	Conducted by Fleet Services

	Existing	NEW	Existing	NEW
	Motor Vehicles	Pedicabs	Horse Drawn Carriages	NEVs and LSVs
Required equipment/ specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seatbelts • Heater and Air Conditioner • fire extinguisher • Taxicab top light (if applicable) • Two-way communication • Map of Waco • Taximeter if applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headlights • Taillights • Disc braking system • rubber and treading on all wheels • A slow-moving vehicle sign • Two-way communication • Reflectors • Distance between Pedicab wheel must remain constant while turning • All wheel spokes must be tight and may not be missing or broken • Non-skid floorboards • No damage to interior or exterior • Additional requirements established by Fleet Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1¼ inch spoked wheels with rubber covering • Brakes • A Slow moving vehicle sign • Brake lights • Taillights • Turn signals on rear • Front lights • Manure catcher • Chemicals for horse urine • Animal Control guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headlights; • Front and rear turn signal lights • Taillights • Stop lights • A slow-moving vehicle sign • Two-way communication • Reflectors • exterior mirror • parking brake • windshield • Seatbelts • No damage to interior or exterior parts • VIN number • May not tow a trailer • Additional requirements established by Fleet Services

	Existing	NEW	Existing	NEW
	Taxicab	Pedicabs	Horse Drawn Carriages	NEVs and LSVs
Required Vehicle identification Sec 27-221	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name of the holder's company Vehicle number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name of the holder's company Vehicle number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name of the holder's company Vehicle number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name of the holder's company Vehicle number
Operational Restrictions	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May not operate on a street where posted speed exceeds 45 mph Permitted to cross street intersection where posted speed exceeds 45 mph May not operate on sidewalk, median, bike trail or hike trail May not allow passengers to block driver's vision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry copy of business and driver's permit Inclement Weather conditions During other periods determined by the city by rule as being dangerous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May not travel faster than 35 mph May not operate on a street where posted speed exceeds 45 mph Permitted to cross street intersection where posted speed exceeds 45 mph May not operate on sidewalk, median, bike trail or hike trail May not allow passengers to block driver's vision