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An ordinance of the Town of Machias, enacted at the Selectmen's Meeting
on July 23, 1973

**GUIDELINES FOR TOWN LICENSING
AUTHORITY FOR LICENSES FOR HIRE**

1. Issuance of Licenses

All applications for licenses for vehicles for hire shall be issued by the town licensing authority only after a completed formal application therefor has been made on the approved form, a copy of which is attached hereto. No license shall issue unless the licensing authority first makes a finding that it would be in the best interest of the inhabitants of the Town of Machias that the license should issue. In considering this ruling, the licensing authority shall consider, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. The number of licenses and extent and availability of services then outstanding and the harmful effects on the community, if any, by an increase in the number of licenses and services.
- B. All evidence made available as to the character and reliability of the applicant.
- C. All evidence made available as to the suitability of services proposed by the applicant.

2. LICENSE FEES

The initial fee for a license for a vehicle for hire shall be \$50.00 per year. Said license shall be in effect until surrendered, revoked by the licensing authority or abandoned by the license holder. There shall be a renewal fee of \$50.00 per calendar year payable on the expiration date of current license. Failure to pay the renewal fee when due shall be grounds for revocation of license at the discretion of the licensing authority.

3. Rates of Fare

The rates of fare are to be established, discontinued or changed at the discretion of the town licensing authority.

Subject, however, to the following requirement: That when established they must be uniform and applicable to all vehicles of a license class.

4. Taxi Stands

Taxi stands are to be established, discontinued or changed at the discretion of the town licensing authority.

5. Insurance Prerequisites

Insurance prerequisites are to be established, discontinued or changed at the discretion of the town licensing authority.

6. Suspension or Revocation of Licenses

The license of any operator or owner of a vehicle for hire may be suspended or revoked by the town licensing authority, but unless otherwise specifically provided in these guidelines, only after the operator or holder of the license has had an opportunity for a hearing before the town licensing authority and then only for a violation of existing regulations or for other just cause.

7. Right of Appeal

Any holder or applicant for a license for a vehicle for hire who is aggrieved by a rule or a decision of the town licensing authority for vehicles for hire, may appeal to the Board of Selectmen to have the ruling or decision set aside; provided, however, that such aggrieved party serves notice of his decision to appeal in writing on the town licensing authority within fifteen (15) days after notice of the decision.

8. Town Licensing Authority

The holder of the office of town manager for the town of Machias is hereby appointed as the town licensing authority with sole power and authority for carrying out every duty and responsibility of said licensing authority.

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Martha A. Bagley
Town Clerk