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**AN ORDINANCE  
of the  
CITY OF  
MINNEAPOLIS**

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**Amending Title 13, Chapter 341 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Taxicabs.**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

**Section 1. That Chapter 341 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended by adding thereto a new Section 341.495 to read as follows:**

**341.495. Reciprocity Event Licenses. (a) Definitions:**

*Designated Area* shall mean the location within the reciprocity event where designated drivers are allowed to solicit business under their reciprocity event license.

*Designated Driver* shall mean a driver holding a reciprocity event license issued by either Minneapolis or another designated jurisdiction who is eligible to participate in a reciprocity event.

*Designated Jurisdiction* shall mean a jurisdiction outside the City of Minneapolis which is participating in a reciprocity event. Drivers from designated jurisdictions shall be eligible to become designated drivers. Drivers may obtain a reciprocity event license from any designated jurisdiction unless otherwise indicated in the reciprocity event information.

*Reciprocity Event* shall mean an event where reciprocity designated drivers from other designated jurisdictions shall be eligible to solicit business in the designated area.

- (b) *Declaration of Reciprocity Event.* The director of licenses and consumer services may declare a reciprocity event in the City of Minneapolis. Such event may be declared when conditions exist that are likely to create a need for taxicabs within the City of Minneapolis that is greater than can be met by the existing number of licensed taxis within the City. During such an event, a vehicle and/or driver holding a City of Minneapolis license may continue to operate within the City of Minneapolis without a reciprocity event license. For each such event, the Division of Licenses and Consumer Services shall:

- (1) Post reciprocity event information on the Division of Licenses and Consumer Services web site listing the designated jurisdictions, designated area, dates of event, any restrictions that apply to designated vehicles or drivers, and the necessary steps to obtain a reciprocity event license.
  - (2) Provide a license decal to all vehicles that obtain a reciprocity event license.
- (c) *Reciprocity Event License.* Licensed drivers and vehicles may obtain reciprocity event licenses under the following conditions:
- (1) Applicant driver must hold and demonstrate proof of a current valid taxi driver's license in a designated jurisdiction. The driver must have been subject to a criminal background check in order to obtain the taxi license.
  - (2) Applicant vehicle must hold and demonstrate proof of a current valid taxi vehicle license in designated jurisdiction.
  - (3) Applicant vehicle must demonstrate proof of a passed inspection within 6 months of application for a reciprocity event license or submit to an inspection of the applicant vehicle prior to obtaining a reciprocity event license.
  - (4) Submit payment of any license fees established for the reciprocity event license. Such license fees will be established by the director of licenses and consumer services and shall be based upon the actual costs incurred to effectively issue the reciprocity event licenses and decals.
  - (5) Attend any reciprocity event training or instructional sessions.
- (d) *Regulations.* The following regulations shall apply to reciprocity event licenses:
- (1) Licensee must abide by fare limits and all regulations applicable to the reciprocity event.
  - (2) Any reciprocity event license issued is valid only for the specified time provided for in the license.
  - (3) Licensed vehicles shall conspicuously display the reciprocity event decal on the passenger side rear window of the vehicle.
  - (4) All regulations applicable to taxis in this chapter apply to reciprocity event licenses, unless otherwise stated as part of the reciprocity event information.

- (5) Failure to follow any applicable regulations may result in adverse licensing action on both the reciprocity event license and the taxi license held by the offending driver and vehicle owner.