

Huntingdonshire District Council

HACKNEY CARRIAGE  
BYELAWS



JANUARY 1977 (as amended)

and closing not less than one window on each side;

- (d) cause the seats to be properly cushioned or covered;
- (e) cause the floor to be provided with a proper carpet, mat, or other suitable covering;
- (f) cause the fittings and furniture generally to be kept in a clean condition, well maintained and in every way fit for public service;
- (g) provide means for securing luggage if the carriage is so constructed as to carry luggage;
- (h) provide an efficient fire extinguisher which shall be carried in such a position as to be readily available for use;
- (i) provide at least two doors for the use of persons conveyed in such carriage and a separate means of ingress and egress for the driver.

4. The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause the same to be provided with a taximeter so constructed, attached and maintained as to comply with the following requirements, that is to say:

- (a) the taximeter shall be fitted with a key, flag or other device the turning of which will bring the machinery of the taximeter into action and cause the word "HIRED" to appear on the face of the taximeter;
- (b) such key, flag, or other device shall be capable of being locked in such a position that the machinery of the taximeter is not in action and that no fare is recorded on the face of the taximeter;
- (c) when the machinery of the taximeter is in action there shall be recorded on the face of the taximeter in clearly legible

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BYELAWS made under Section 68 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, and Section 171 of the Public Health Act 1875, by the HUNTINGDON DISTRICT COUNCIL with respect to hackney carriages in HUNTINGDON DISTRICT.

1. Throughout these byelaws "the Council" means the HUNTINGDON DISTRICT COUNCIL and "the district" means THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA OF HUNTINGDON DISTRICT AS DEFINED BY THE ENGLISH NON-METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS (NAMES) ORDER, 1973.
2. (a) The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause the number of the licence granted to him in respect of the carriage to be legibly painted or marked on the outside and inside of the carriage, or on plates affixed thereto;  
  
(b) A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall:  
  
i. not wilfully or negligently cause or suffer any such number to be concealed from public view while the carriage is standing or plying for hire;  
  
ii. not cause or permit the carriage to stand or ply for hire with any such painting, marking or plate so defaced that any figure or material particular is illegible.
3. The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall  
  
(a) provide sufficient means by which any person in the carriage may communicate with the driver;  
  
(b) cause the roof or covering to be kept water-tight;  
  
(c) provide any necessary windows and a means of opening

figures a fare not exceeding the rate or fare which the proprietor or driver is entitled to demand and take for the hire of the carriage by distance in pursuance of the byelaw in that behalf;

(d) the word "FARE" shall be printed on the face of the taximeter in plain letters so as clearly to apply to the fare recorded thereon;

(e) the taximeter shall be so placed that all letters and figures on the face thereof are at all times plainly visible to any person being conveyed in the carriage, and for that purpose the letters and figures shall be capable of being suitably illuminated during any period of hiring;

(f) the taximeter and all the fittings thereof shall be so affixed to the carriage with seals or other appliances that it shall not be practicable for any person to tamper with them except by breaking, damaging or permanently displacing the seals or other appliances.

5. Every proprietor of a hackney carriage provided with a taximeter, not fitted with a flag or other device bearing the words "FOR HIRE" shall cause the carriage to be provided with a sign so constructed as to comply with the following requirements, that is to say:

(a) the sign shall bear the words "FOR HIRE" in plain letters at least one inch in height;

(b) the sign shall be capable of being so operated that it indicates clearly and conveniently to persons outside the carriage whether or not the carriage is for hire.

6. The driver of a hackney carriage provided with a taximeter shall:

(a) when standing or plying for hire, keep the key, flag or



other device fitted in pursuance of the byelaw in that behalf locked in the position in which no fare is recorded on the face of the taximeter; and operate the sign provided in pursuance of Byelaw 5 so that the words "FOR HIRE" are clearly and conveniently legible by persons outside the carriage;

(b) as soon as the carriage is hired whether by distance or by time, operate the said sign so that the words "FOR HIRE" are not conveniently legible by persons outside the carriage;

(c) as soon as the carriage is hired by distance, and before beginning the journey, bring the machinery of the taximeter into action by moving the said key, or other device, so that the word "HIRED" is legible on the face of the taximeter and keep the machinery of the taximeter in action until the termination of the hiring;

(d) cause the dial of the taximeter to be kept properly illuminated throughout any part of a hiring which is during the hours of darkness as defined for the purposes of the Road Traffic Act 1972, and also at any other time at the request of the hirer.

7. The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause to be affixed to the roof of the vehicle an illuminated sign with the wording "HUNTINGDON LICENSED TAXI CAB" thereon, such wording to be visible on either side of the said sign and to be of an appropriate size to enable the sign to be read clearly from a distance of 15 yards.
8. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall not tamper with or permit any person to tamper with any taximeter with which the carriage is provided, with the fittings thereof, or with the seals affixed thereto.
9. The driver of a hackney carriage shall, when plying for hire in any street and not actually hired:

(a) proceed with reasonable speed to one of the stands fixed by the byelaw in that behalf;

(b) if a stand, at the time of his arrival, is occupied by the full number of carriages authorised to occupy it, proceed to another stand;

(c) on arriving at a stand not already occupied by the full number of carriages authorised to occupy it, station the carriage immediately behind the carriage or carriages on the stand and so as to face in the same direction;

(d) from time to time when any other carriage immediately in front is driven off or moved forward cause his carriage to be moved forward so as to fill the place previously occupied by the carriage driven off or moved forward.

10. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage, when standing or plying for hire, shall not by calling out or otherwise, importune any person to hire such carriage and shall not make use of the services of any other person for the purpose.
11. The driver of a hackney carriage shall behave in a civil and orderly manner and shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of persons conveyed in or entering or alighting from the vehicle.
12. The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage who has agreed or has been hired to be in attendance with the carriage at an appointed time and place shall, unless delayed or prevented by some sufficient cause, punctually attend with such carriage at such appointed time and place.
13. The driver of a hackney carriage when hired to drive to any particular destination shall subject to any directions given by the hirer, proceed to that destination by the shortest available route.

14. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall not convey or permit to be conveyed in such carriage any greater number of persons than the number of persons specified on the plate affixed to the outside of the carriage.

15. If a badge has been provided by the Council and delivered to the driver of a hackney carriage he shall, when standing or plying for hire, and when hired, wear that badge in such a position and manner as to be plainly visible.

16. The driver of a hackney carriage so constructed as to carry luggage shall, when requested by any person hiring or seeking to hire the carriage:

(a) convey a reasonable quantity of luggage;

(b) afford reasonable assistance in loading and unloading;

(c) afford reasonable assistance in removing it to or from the entrance of any building, station, or place at which he may take up or set down such person.

17. Each of the several places specified in the following list shall be a stand for such number of hackney carriages as is specified in the list:-

Ramsey - Gt. Whyte - each day of the week adjoining the eastern kerb of the central reservation opposite nos. 21-25 and the cinema, Gt. Whyte 2

St. Ives - Market Hill - Tuesdays to Sundays inclusive and from 6.00 p.m. on Mondays adjoining the southern kerb fronting the Robin Hood Public House, Market Hill 1

Broadway - each day of the week adjoining the southern kerb fronting Bobby's Bandbox and White's dental surgery 3

Huntingdon and Godmanchester

- Market Square - Sundays to Fridays inclusive, and from 5.30 p.m. on Saturdays fronting the Town Hall 4

- Bus Station - each day of the week new lay-by at Huntingdon Bus Station, Princes Street 5

- St. Germain Street - each day of the week rear of Eastern Electricity show room 2

St. Neots - Market Square - each day of the week eastern side of Market Square between the car parking area and bus station 8

18. The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall be entitled to demand and take for the hire of the carriage the rate or fare prescribed by the following table, the rate or fare being calculated by distance unless the hirer express at the commencement of the hiring his desire to engage by time.

Provided always that where a hackney carriage furnished with a taximeter shall be hired by distance the proprietor or driver thereof shall not be entitled to demand and take a fare greater than that recorded on the face of the taximeter, save for any extra charges authorised by the following table which if may not be possible to record on the face of the taximeter.

Fares for Distance (inclusive of Value Added Tax)		New Pence
if the distance does not exceed	1830 yards	
for the whole distance		45
If the distance exceeds	1830 yards	
for the first 1830 yards		45
for each subsequent 305 yards or		5
uncompleted part thereof		

Waiting Time	New Pence
for each period of 2¼ minutes or uncompleted part thereof	5
<b>Extra Charges</b>	
(a) for hirings begun between Midnight and 6.00 a.m.	50% of the above rate or fare, waiting time and extra passengers
(b) for each article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage (other than bicycle or perambulator but including a folding pushchair)	3
(c) for each person in excess of two (any two children under 12 years of age to count as one person)	6
(d) for each bicycle or perambulator	6

19. (a) The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause a statement of the fares fixed by the byelaw in that behalf to be exhibited inside the carriage, in clearly distinguishable letters and figures;

(b) The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage bearing a statement of fares in accordance with this byelaw shall not wilfully or negligently cause or suffer the letters or figures in the statement to be concealed or rendered illegible at any time while the carriage is plying or being used for hire.

20. The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall immediately after the termination of any hiring or as soon as practicable thereafter carefully search the carriage for any property which may have been accidentally left therein.

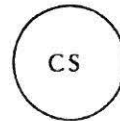
21. The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall, if any property accidentally left therein by any person who may have been conveyed in the carriage be found by or handed to him,
- (a) carry it as soon as possible and in any event within 48 hours, if not sooner claimed by or on behalf of its owner, to the office of the Council, and leave it in the custody of the officer in charge of the office on his giving a receipt for it;
- (b) be entitled to receive from any person to whom the property shall be re-delivered an amount equal to five pence in the pound of its estimated value (or the fare for the distance from the place of finding to the office of the Council, whichever be the greater) but not more than five pounds.

22. Every person who shall offend against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding five pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

23. The byelaws contained in the following table are hereby repealed:

Date Made	By Whom Made	Date Confirmed	By whom Confirmed
24 December 1965	Huntingdon & Godmanchester Borough Council	15 March 1966	One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State
20 November 1974	Huntingdon District Council	10 January 1975	- Ditto -
7 December 1973	St. Neots Urban District Council	21 December 1973	- Ditto -

The Common Seal of the Huntingdon District Council was hereunto affixed on the 18th day of November 1976 pursuant to a Resolution of the Council at a meeting held on the 17th day of November 1976 in the presence of



N. GODFREY

No.281/76

Chief Executive Officer

The foregoing byelaws with the exception of Byelaw 7 are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the 28th day of January 1977

Signed  
An Assistant Under Secretary of State

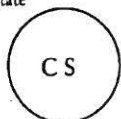
Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Home Office  
Whitehall

28th January 1977

I certify that this is a true copy of the Byelaw made by the Huntingdon District Council on 18th November 1976 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on 28th January 1977 with respect to Hackney Carriages in Huntingdon District.

*L. Bell*  
Secretary and Proper Officer



HUNTINGDON DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1976.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE STANDS - ST. IVES.

In accordance with Section 63 of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the District Council have considered the amendment of Byelaw No. 17 of the Byelaws made by the Council on the 18th November, 1976 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 28th January, 1977, insofar as that Byelaw relates to the provision of Hackney Carriage Stands at St. Ives.

The Council having advertised their proposals in accordance with the said Section 63 of the Act and given notice to the Chief Officer of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary and to the County Highway Authority do now order that the Byelaw relating to the Hackney Carriage Stands set out in Schedule 1 to this Order be revoked and that in their place new Hackney Carriage Stands, as set out in Schedule 2 hereof, be appointed with effect from the 9th May, 1980.

SCHEDULE 1.

ST. IVES - Market Hill - Tuesdays to Sundays inclusive and from 6.00 p.m. on Mondays adjoining the southern kerb fronting the Robin Hood Public House, Market Hill 1 Hackney Stand.

- Broadway - each day of the week adjoining the southern kerb fronting Bobby's Bandbox and White's Dental Surgery 3 Hackney Stands.

SCHEDULE 2.

ST. IVES - Market Hill - each day of the week adjoining the southern kerb fronting Clement's Newsagent Market Hill 1 Hackney Stand

- Broadway - each day of the week adjoining the southern kerb fronting No. 7 & Bobby's Bandbox 3 Hackney Stands

*L. Bell*  
Secretary and Proper Officer - Huntingdon District Council

Dated this Ninth day of May, 1980.

Pathfinder House,  
St. Mary's Street,  
Huntingdon,  
Cambs.