

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 348
HOUSE BILL 591

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON TO
PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF VEHICLES FOR
HIRE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. That Chapter 495 of the 1977 Session Laws, being the Charter of the City of Wilmington, is amended by adding Section 27.2 to Article XXVII, to read:

"Section 27.2. Regulation and licensing of vehicles for hire.

(a) The city council may by ordinance license and regulate all vehicles operated for hire in the city. The ordinance may:

- (1) Require that drivers and operators of vehicles for hire engaged in the transport of passengers over the public streets to obtain a license or permit from the city.
- (2) Specify the types of services which are legal in the municipality, consistent with the provisions of
G.S. 160A-304.
- (3) Establish the procedures and reasons for issuing, refusing to issue, or for revoking a permit, which may include those factors set forth in G.S. 160A- 304.
- (4) Require the display in or on the vehicles, of any permit, schedule of fares, photograph of the driver or any other identifying or informational matter deemed appropriate.
- (5) Establish the rates which may be charged by the operator of a vehicle for hire.
- (6) Set or limit the number of licenses which may be issued.
- (7) Grant franchises on such terms as the council deems advisable.
- (8) Delegate the authority to administer any regulations established by the city council to the city manager or his designee.
- (9) Regulate the health of any driver, the physical condition of any vehicle, or the health of any animal utilized in the operation of a vehicle for hire.
- (10) Provide for procedures to appeal any decision to refuse to issue or to revoke any license or permit required by the ordinance.
- (11) Establish standards of service to be provided by anyone licensed to own or operate a vehicle for hire.

(12) Place such other reasonable regulations on the operation of a vehicle for hire as the council may deem necessary.

(b) for purposes of this section, 'vehicle for hire' shall mean any motor vehicle, animal-drawn vehicle or other conveyance, other than a bus operated by the city transit system, that is used to transport passengers for a fee payable by such passengers but is exempted from regulation by the North Carolina Utilities Commission under the provisions of G.S. 62-260."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of May, 1983.