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The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California,
ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 18, Division 1 of Title 4 of the San Bernardino County Code is amended to read as follows:

41.1801	Definitions.
41.1802	Permit Required for Taxicab Service.
41.1803	Application for Taxicab Service Permit.
41.1804	Issuance of Taxicab Service Permit.
41.1805	Grounds for Denial or Revocation of Taxicab Service Permit.
41.1806	Permit Fees.
41.1807	Taxicab Driver's Permit.
41.1808	Application for a Taxicab Driver's Permit.
41.1809	Grounds for Denial or Revocation of Taxicab Driver's Permit.
41.1810	Issuance of Taxicab Driver's Permit.
41.1811	Appeal Procedures.
41.1812	Revocation of Permits.
41.1813	Exemptions.
41.1814	Time for Compliance by Existing Taxicab Services and Taxicab Drivers.
41.1815	Penalty.

Section 41.1801 Definitions.

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

DRIVER. Any person driving a taxicab either as owner or under the direction, employment control, or service of the owner as herein defined.

OWNER. Every person having control, whether by outright ownership, lease or otherwise of any taxicabs for hire.

PERSON. Includes both singular and plural, and shall mean and include any individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, or society, exclusive of public agencies.

TAXICAB. Any vehicle which is used to provide taxicab service as defined in this Chapter.

TAXICAB SERVICE. Any public passenger transportation service available for hire on call or demand over the public streets of the unincorporated area of San Bernardino County where the service is not provided over a defined route but between such points and over such routes as may be directed by the passenger(s) or person(s) hiring the same, and irrespective of whether the operations extend beyond the area of the unincorporated portion of San Bernardino County.

Section 41.1802 Permit Required for Taxicab Service.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of operating or causing to be operated any taxicab service within the unincorporated area of San Bernardino County, without having a County permit to do so under the provisions of this Chapter.

Section 41.1803 Application for Taxicab Service Permit.

(a) Any person desiring to obtain a permit to operate a taxicab service under this Chapter shall submit a written application to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. The application forms will be provided by the Sheriff's Department.

1 Applications shall be signed under penalty of perjury and shall contain the following
2 information:

3 (1) Name, residence address, telephone number and email address of
4 the applicant;

5 (2) Business name, address and telephone number of the applicant;

6 (3) Number of vehicles to be operated under the permit;

7 (4) The make, type, year, manufacturer, and passenger seating of the
8 vehicles to be used by the applicant;

9 (5) The proposed color scheme, insignia or other distinguishable
10 characteristics of the taxicab to be used, including the type of illuminated sign to be
11 mounted on the top of the vehicle and legend thereon;

12 (6) Evidence of public liability insurance of not less than \$100,000.00
13 for each person killed or injured and not less than \$300,000.00 for injury or death of any
14 two or more persons in any one accident, and for damages to property of at least
15 \$50,000.00 from any one accident;

16 (7) Legal and registered ownership of the vehicles to be used by the
17 applicant;

18 (8) Prior experience of the applicant in the taxicab business including
19 any prior denial, revocation or suspension by any public agency of any taxicab service
20 or taxicab driving permit, license or certificate;

21 (9) All felony convictions of the applicant and of all persons having an
22 ownership interest in the proposed taxicab service.

23 **Section 41.1804 Issuance of Taxicab Service Permit.**

24 Upon the furnishing of all the information required by section 41.1803 and
25 payment of the required fee under this Chapter, the Sheriff's Department shall issue the
26 applicant a taxicab service permit if the applicant is in compliance with this Chapter and
27 there are no grounds for denial of the permit under the provisions of this Chapter. Any
28 applicant denied a permit shall be given written notice of the reasons for the denial.

1 **Section 41.1805 Grounds for Denial or Revocation of Taxicab Service Permit.**

2 (a) Taxicab service permits shall be denied or revoked on the following
3 grounds:

- 4 (1) Failure to have or maintain insurance as required by this Chapter;
5 (2) Failure to maintain vehicles in good and safe order and in
6 compliance with all laws;
7 (3) False statements made on an application submitted under this
8 Chapter;
9 (4) Failure to pay any fees as required under this Chapter or the
10 County Code Fee Schedule;
11 (5) Repeated and persistent violations by the permittee or the permit
12 holder's drivers of the traffic laws of the County and State;
13 (6) Employing of a driver who does not have a valid taxicab driver's
14 permit under the requirements of this Chapter;
15 (7) Violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter by the permit
16 holder.

17 **Section 41.1806 Taxicab Service Permit Fees.**

18 Every person engaging in or carrying on the business of taxicab service shall pay
19 an annual permit fee as set forth in San Bernardino County Code section 16.0226(w)(4)
20 and (5). Required fees shall be paid at the time an application for a permit is submitted
21 under this Chapter.

22 Every permit issued under this Chapter shall terminate at the expiration of one
23 year from the date of its issuance unless revoked prior to said termination. Any renewal
24 of a permit issued under this Chapter shall be pursuant to the same requirements,
25 procedures, provisions and regulations set forth in this Chapter for an original permit. A
26 person holding a taxicab service permit may not drive a taxicab without also possessing
27 a taxicab driver's permit. Permits issued under this Chapter may not be transferred to
28 any other person.

Section 41.1807 Taxicab Driver's Permit.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a taxicab in the unincorporated area of San Bernardino County without having a taxicab driver's permit to do so under the provisions of this Chapter. Every person engaging in the activity of driving a taxicab shall pay an annual permit fee as set forth in San Bernardino County Code section 16.0226(w)(4) and (5).

Section 41.1808 Application for a Taxicab Driver's Permit.

(a) Any person desiring to obtain a taxicab driver's permit shall submit a written application to the Sheriff's Department. The applicant shall provide requested information on application forms supplied by the Sheriff's Department regarding the following:

- (1) Pertinent personal data and proof of possession of a valid Class 3 driver's license issued by the State of California;
- (2) Physical condition;
- (3) Traffic record for three years prior to application;
- (4) All criminal convictions of the applicant;
- (5) Experience in driving motor vehicles, taxis and other vehicles for hire;
- (6) The name and address of the taxicab service by whom the applicant will be employed.

Each applicant shall be fingerprinted and photographed by the Sheriff's Department and a criminal records check shall be conducted on the applicant. The applicant will be required to pay the Sheriff Department's established fees for such services in addition to the taxicab driver's permit fee. A driver obtaining a permit renewal need not be fingerprinted and photographed if the Sheriff's Department determines that such is not necessary for proper administration of this Chapter.

Section 41.1809 Grounds for Denial or Revocation of Taxicab Driver's Permit.

1 (a) Taxicab driver's permits shall be denied or revoked on the following
2 grounds:

3 (1) The person does not possess a valid Class 3 driver's license issued
4 by the State of California;

5 (2) The person is less than 18 years of age;

6 (3) The person is required to register pursuant to Penal Code section
7 290;

8 (4) The person has been convicted of a crime involving moral
9 turpitude, soliciting for prostitution, narcotics or dangerous drugs, unless a period of not
10 less than three years has elapsed since the date of conviction or the date of release
11 from confinement for such offense, whichever is later;

12 (5) The person has been convicted for driving a taxicab recklessly
13 within the preceding two years;

14 (6) Repeated and persistent violations of the traffic laws of the County
15 and State;

16 (7) Driving any taxicab the driver knew or should have known was not
17 in good order and repair;

18 (8) False statements made on an application submitted under this
19 Chapter;

20 (9) Operating a taxicab while under the influence of alcoholic
21 beverages, narcotics or other habit-forming drugs;

22 (10) Violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter.

23 **Section 41.1810 Issuance of Taxicab Driver's Permit.**

24 If the Sheriff's Department finds that the applicant is duly qualified, of good moral
25 character, in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and there are no grounds
26 for denial, the Sheriff's Department shall issue a taxicab driver's permit to the applicant.
27 Any applicant denied a permit shall be given written notice of the reasons for the denial.
28 Permits shall remain the property of San Bernardino County and are not transferable to

any other driver. A permit shall be surrendered to the Sheriff's Department by the driver upon such driver ceasing to engage in the activity of a taxicab driver. The taxicab driver's permit shall set forth the driver's name and working address. The permit shall bear the driver's picture and shall be displayed while the driver is operating the taxicab so as to at all times be easily visible in the passenger's compartment of the taxicab.

Upon payment of all required fees, submittal of the required application and completion of fingerprinting and photographing, the Sheriff's Department shall issue a temporary taxicab driver's permit which shall be valid for up to 60 days if the applicant certifies under penalty of perjury that there are no grounds for denying the applicant a permit under the provisions of section 41.1809. A temporary taxicab driver's permit may be terminated by the Sheriff's Department at any time by written notification of termination to the holder of a temporary driver's permit if the Sheriff Department's investigation determines that grounds for denial of a permit exists under section 41.1809. Any temporary permit shall automatically terminate upon the issuance of a regular taxicab driver's permit to the applicant after the completion of the Sheriff Department's investigation.

Section 41.1811 Appeal Procedures.

Any person denied a permit pursuant to this Chapter may appeal the decision in accordance with County Code section 12.2709.

Section 41.1812 Revocation of Permits.

No permit issued under this Chapter shall be revoked until notice is provided and a hearing to determine whether there are grounds for revocation shall have been held in accordance with County Code sections 12.2711 through 12.2730.

Section 41.1813 Exemptions.

This Chapter shall not apply to public transportation service being performed pursuant to a contract with San Bernardino County or any other public entity in this State. A taxicab service shall not be required to obtain a permit under this Chapter for taxicab service in the unincorporated area of the County when said taxicab service is

1 located within a city of the County and its vehicles are based within said city and the
2 taxicab service has a license, certificate or permit from said city to engage in taxicab
3 service under a city ordinance which regulates taxicab service.

4 A driver operating a taxicab for a service that is exempt from a permit under the
5 preceding sentence shall not be required to have a driver's permit under this Chapter if
6 such driver has a valid permit or license from a city within San Bernardino County which
7 requires an individual taxicab driver's permit or license.

8 **Section 41.1814 Time for Compliance by Existing Taxicab Services and Taxicab**
9 **Drivers.**

10 Any taxicab service or taxicab driver performing service on the effective date of
11 this Chapter shall have 60 days from the effective date of this Chapter to obtain permits
12 required hereunder.

13 **Section 41.1815 Penalty.**

14 Violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter is a misdemeanor and
15 punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment in the County Jail not
16 exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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18 SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of its
19 adoption.

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21 _____
22 DAWN ROWE, Chair
23 Board of Supervisors

24 SIGNED AND CERTIFIED THAT A COPY
25 OF THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED
26 TO THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

26 LYNNA MONELL
27 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
28 of San Bernardino County

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
2) ss.
3 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY)

4 I, LYNNA MONELL, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County,
5 State of California, hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors
6 of said County and State, held on the 6th day of May, 2025, at which meeting were
7 present Supervisors: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt
8 Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr., and the Clerk, the foregoing ordinance was passed and
9 adopted by the following vote, to wit:

10 AYES: SUPERVISORS: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez,
11 Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

12 NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

13 ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: None

14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official
15 seal of the Board of Supervisors this 6th day of May, 2025.

16 LYNNA MONELL
17 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
18 of San Bernardino County

19 By: _____
20 Deputy

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

22 TOM BUNTON
23 County Counsel

24 By: _____
25 JOLENA E. GRIDER
26 Deputy County Counsel

27 Date: _____
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