

ORDINANCE NO. 4487

An ordinance of San Bernardino County, State of California, to amend Chapter 18, Division 1 of Title 4 of the San Bernardino County Code relating to Taxicab Service.

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:

**Section**

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1 **Section 41.1801 Definitions.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 **Section 41.1802 Permit Required for Taxicab Service.**

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

24 **Section 41.1803 Application for Taxicab Service Permit.**

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

1 **Section 41.1807 Taxicab Driver's Permit.**

2 It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a taxicab in the unincorporated area of  
3 San Bernardino County without having a taxicab driver's permit to do so under the  
4 provisions of this Chapter. Every person engaging in the activity of driving a taxicab  
5 shall pay an annual permit fee as set forth in San Bernardino County Code section  
6 16.0226(w)(4) and (5).

7 **Section 41.1808 Application for a Taxicab Driver's Permit.**

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

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

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

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

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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

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

6       Upon payment of all required fees, submittal of the required application and  
7 completion of fingerprinting and photographing, the Sheriff's Department shall issue a  
8 temporary taxicab driver's permit which shall be valid for up to 60 days if the applicant  
9 certifies under penalty of perjury that there are no grounds for denying the applicant a  
10 permit under the provisions of section 41.1809. A temporary taxicab driver's permit may  
11 be terminated by the Sheriff's Department at any time by written notification of  
12 termination to the holder of a temporary driver's permit if the Sheriff Department's  
13 investigation determines that grounds for denial of a permit exists under section  
14 41.1809. Any temporary permit shall automatically terminate upon the issuance of a  
15 regular taxicab driver's permit to the applicant after the completion of the Sheriff  
16 Department's investigation.

17 **Section 41.1811   Appeal Procedures.**

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

20 **Section 41.1812   Revocation of Permits.**

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

24 **Section 41.1813   Exemptions.**

25       This Chapter shall not apply to public transportation service being performed  
26 pursuant to a contract with San Bernardino County or any other public entity in this  
27 State. A taxicab service shall not be required to obtain a permit under this Chapter for  
28 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.**

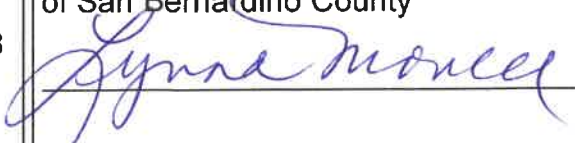
14 Violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter is a misdemeanor and  
15 punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment in the County Jail not  
16 exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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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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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

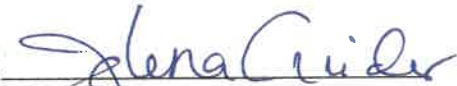
16 LYNNA MONELL  
17 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
18 of San Bernardino County

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: 5/14/25  
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