

**ORDINANCE**  
**By Vetaw**

**Amending Title 13, Chapter 305 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Pedicabs.**

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

Section 1. That Section 305.10 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

**305.10. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, the following terms shall mean:

*Darkness:* Any time from one-half (½) hour after sunset to one-half (½) before sunrise or any time when visibility is obstructed by elements such as fog, rain or snow.

*Pedicab:* A nonmotorized three-wheel bicycle that transports or is capable of transporting passengers on attached seats or similar vehicle with an electric motor that meets the requirements for an electric-assisted bicycle under Minn. Statutes Section 169.011, subdivision 27, clause (3), or as subsequently amended. A pedicab shall not exceed ~~one hundred twenty (120)~~ one hundred twenty-two (122) inches in length and sixty-six (66) inches in width.

*Pedicab business:* The business of operating one (1) or more pedicabs for the recreational or physical transportation of the general public for profit, not-for-profit, or as a free service accepting tips or displaying advertising.

*Pedicab driver:* Any person who operates, drives, or propels a pedicab.

*Pedicab driver license:* A license granted in accordance with this chapter.

*Pedicab trailer:* A two (2) wheeled vehicle no wider than fifty-five (55) inches and capable of carrying a maximum of three (3) passengers and securely attached and locked to the pedicab vehicle. Children aged twelve (12) and under are not allowed to ride in a trailer unless accompanied by an adult.

*Pre-arranged pedicab services:* Pedicab service for events such as weddings, group transportation, downtown tours or similar events which are pre-arranged with the pedicab company.

*Street:* Any street or roadway under the jurisdiction of the city.

*Vehicle* means every device in, upon, or by which any person is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway or street.

Section 2. That Section 305.90 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

**305.90. Operating restrictions and conditions.** (a) No pedicab shall be operated upon a public sidewalk or other city property where the operation of a pedicab is prohibited.

(b) No pedicab shall use any public street or other public property as a waiting or parking area unless such area is a legal motor vehicle parking area or as permitted pursuant to section 482.30, or in an established pedicab stand. Parked pedicabs shall not be attached to any object in accordance with Minneapolis Code of Ordinances section 490.150.

- (c) No pedicab driver shall consume an alcoholic beverage while on duty or allow any passenger of the pedicab to drink or consume alcoholic beverages or to possess an open container of alcoholic beverages.
- (d) All pedicabs shall be clean and maintained in a good state of repair. All pedicabs shall be maintained by the company so as to be well painted and have a damage or deterioration free appearance, and in safe operational condition. Pedicabs shall be, at all reasonable times, subject to inspection by the licensing official.
- (e) All pedicabs shall display a valid license decal, centered on the rear of the pedicab vehicle or between the turn signals, issued by the licensing official, and the name and phone number of the licensee, and the schedule of the rates or fees charged for passenger services.
- (f) Pedicab drivers shall have in their possession a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and a pedicab driver license while in control of any pedicab, and shall operate the pedicab in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local traffic laws, Minneapolis City Ordinance and in a manner so as to assure the safety of persons and property.
- (g) All pedicab operators shall obey and comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer, traffic control agent, or licensing official, and shall refrain from the use of any profane language or from interference with such officials while in the performance of their duties.
- (h) No pedicab driver shall have in his or her possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, or pipe while driving a pedicab which is occupied by a passenger.
- (i) A pedicab driver license issued under this chapter shall be coterminous with the licensee's driver license. Any time that a licensee's driver's license is suspended, revoked, or cancelled, his or her pedicab driver's license shall likewise be immediately suspended, revoked, or cancelled. The pedicab driver's license shall immediately be surrendered to the licensing official until such time his or her driver's license is reinstated.
- (j) No pedicab driver shall permit more than three (3) passengers to be carried per bench seat in a pedicab except that passengers weighing forty (40) pounds or less may be seated on the lap of a passenger who occupies a permanently affixed seat, and at no time shall the driver allow any passenger to ride in any area of the pedicab that was not specifically designed as a seat. No more than three (3) passengers shall be allowed in any affixed trailer except that passengers weighing forty (40) pounds or less may be seated on the lap of a passenger who occupies a permanently affixed seat.
- (k) At no time shall anyone other than a licensed pedicab driver be allowed to operate the pedicab.
- (l) At no time shall a pedicab driver play or allow the playing of any amplified sound equipment in violation of Chapter 389 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.
- (m) Pedicab drivers must have secure footwear.
- (n) Pedicab drivers shall not stop to load or unload passengers or their belongings in the intersections of any street, crosswalks or in any manner or other location that would be considered unsafe. No pedicab shall load or unload in any such manner that will in any way impede or interfere with the orderly flow of traffic on the streets.
- (o) It shall be unlawful for any pedicab owner or driver to allow or cause to be operated a pedicab in any unsafe manner or operating condition.

(p) In the event that a passenger leaves an article in the pedicab, the driver shall immediately attempt to return it. If the driver is unable to immediately return the article, it shall be turned into the pedicab company office at the end of the driver's shift or the first available opportunity.

(q) Any pedicab not in compliance with the minimum requirements of section 305.95 will be cited and placed "immediately-out-of-service." Any vehicle which has been so removed from service shall not be returned to service until such vehicle has been approved by the licensing official for service.

Section 3. That Section 305.95 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

**305.95. Vehicle safety and equipment standards.** No pedicab owner or driver shall operate or allow the operation of a pedicab on any street unless the pedicab meets the following equipment and safety standards:

(1) *Tires.* Tires shall be of a size appropriate for the pedicab with no mismatched tires. There shall be no cuts to the tire, localized worn spots that expose the ply, or visible tread wear indicators.

(2) *Operational horn.* The pedicab shall be equipped with a fully operational horn or bell.

(3) *Brakes.* It shall be unlawful for a licensee to operate, or cause to be operated, a pedicab that is not equipped with a front and rear braking system capable of being manipulated by the licensee from his normal position of operation and is capable of causing a pedicab with a loaded passenger compartment to come to a complete stop within a distance of fifteen (15) feet from a speed of ten (10) miles per hour in a linear path of motion when each wheel of the pedicab is in contact with the ground on dry, level, clean pavement. The braking system controlling the rear wheels shall be hydraulic or mechanical disc or drum brakes which are unaffected by rain or wet conditions

(4) *Headlights, tail lights, mirrors, turn signals, and other requirements.* Every pedicab shall be equipped with the operational equipment set forth in the subsections below:

a. A headlight capable of projecting a beam of white light for a distance at a minimum of three hundred (300) feet which shall be clearly visible during darkness and must be illuminated at all times during darkness.

b. A side mounted mirror affixed to the pedicab to reflect to the pedicab driver a view of the street for a distance of at least two hundred (200) feet from the rear of the pedicab.

c. A red tail light and brake light affixed to the rear of the pedicab which must be visible for a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet from the rear of the pedicab and must be illuminated at all times during darkness. Turn signals must be affixed to the front and rear of the vehicle.

d. All pedicabs shall have reflectors on each pedal, the front of the pedicab frame, mounted on the spokes of each wheel, and a red reflector mounted on each side of the rear of the pedicab, at least one (1) inch from the outer edge and centered.

(5) No more than one (1) trailer may be attached to any pedicab. All attached trailers must be equipped with turn signals and red tail lights. ~~Trailers may only be used for prearranged services as defined in the section 305.10.~~