CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 14-181

To Amend By-law No. 07-170, a By-law to License and Regulate Various Businesses

WHEREAS Council enacted a by-law to license and regulate various businesses being City of Hamilton By-law No. 07-170;

AND WHEREAS this By-law provides for amendments to Schedule 25 – Taxicabs;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. Paragraph 25(1)(a) of Schedule 25 of By-law No. 07-170 is deleted and replaced with the following new paragraph 25(1)(a):

(a) A licence issued under this Schedule shall expire one year from the date of issue or on an earlier or later date as specified by the Issuer of Licences and appearing on the licence unless the licence expires as otherwise provided for under this Schedule or under the General Provisions of this By-law. If the term under this paragraph is longer or shorter than one year, then any fee prescribed shall be prorated accordingly.

2. Subsection 56(4) of Schedule 25 of By-law No. 07-170 is deleted and replaced with the following new subsection 56(4):

(4) Every taxicab owner shall provide, at the time of renewing their licence and at such times as required by the Issuer of Licences, at the taxicab owner’s expense:

(a) either:

(i) an Ontario Ministry of Transportation Vehicle Inspection Report, showing that the taxicab has been accepted within the past 36 days; or
(ii) a Safety Standards Certificate issued under the Highway Traffic Act for the taxicab within 36 days of the inspection date;

(b) a certificate verifying the onboard camera is fully operational issued by the camera manufacturer or the camera manufacturer's authorized agent within 36 days of the inspection date.

3. Paragraph 62(1)(v) of Schedule 25 of By-law No. 07-170 is deleted and replaced with the following new paragraph 62(1)(v):

(v) each day, before commencing the operation of a taxicab:

(i) examine the taxicab to ensure it complies with this Schedule including checking for mechanical defects, interior or exterior damage and a jack and usable spare tire;

(ii) report immediately any defects found to the owner of the taxicab;

(iii) record the examination and its results including any defects reported to the taxicab owner on the daily trip sheet.

4. Paragraph 64(1)(o) of Schedule 25 of By-law No. 07-170 is deleted and replaced with the following new paragraph 64(1)(o):

(o) equip each licensed taxicab with:

(i) at all times when the taxicab is in service, a fully operational Global Positioning System;

(ii) at all times when the taxicab is in service, a fully operational onboard camera;

(iii) from December 15 of one calendar year to March 15 of the next calendar year at all times when the taxicab is in service, four tires specifically designed for winter driving bearing an icon representing mountain with a superimposed snowflake.

5. Subsection 57(2) of Schedule 25 of By-law No. 07-170 is deleted and replaced with the following new subsection 57(2):

(2) Despite subsection 57(1):

(a) a taxicab that is fuelled by an alternative fuel or is a hybrid vehicle, as
determined by the Issuer of Licences from time to time, shall be no more than seven years old, excluding the manufactured year;

(b) a taxicab that is accessible, as determined by the Issuer of Licences from time to time, and is no more than two years old when first approved as a taxicab under section 56(5), shall be no more than ten years old, excluding the manufactured year;

(c) a spare taxicab, previously approved as a taxicab under section 56(5), shall be no more than one year older than the age set out under subsection 57(1), paragraph 57(2)(a) or paragraph 57(2)(b), whichever is applicable.

6. This By-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED this 11th day of July, 2014.

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Mayor

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City Clerk