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## **Vehicles for Hire Bylaw No. 7853, 2007**

Consolidated

**CONSOLIDATED VERSION**  
**PRINCE GEORGE VEHICLES FOR HIRE BYLAW No. 7853, 2007**

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<b>AMENDING BYLAW</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	<b>AMENDMENT</b>
8391, 2012	February 6, 2012	Section 2.2.10
8855, 2017	July 10, 2017	Section 1.4 Section 2.2 Section 3.1 Schedule A Schedule B

**CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE**

**BYLAW NO. 7853**

**A Bylaw of the City of Prince George to provide for the regulation of vehicles for hire.**

**WHEREAS** Council may, pursuant to s. 8 (6) of the *Community Charter*, regulate in relation to business;

**AND WHEREAS**, Council may, pursuant to s. 154 of the *Community Charter*, delegate its powers, duties and functions to an officer or employee of the City, which delegation may under s. 60(4) of the *Community Charter* include the authority to suspend or cancel a **license**;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has given notice of its intention to adopt this Bylaw by publishing such notice in 2 consecutive issues of a newspaper, the last publication appeared not less than 3, and not more than 10 days before the hearing, and has provided an opportunity for persons who consider they are affected by this Bylaw to make representations to Council at a hearing pursuant to s. 59 of the *Community Charter*;

**NOW THEREFORE** Council of the City of Prince George, in an open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 Title**

This bylaw may be cited as the “City of Prince George Vehicles for Hire Bylaw No. 7853, 2007”.

**1.2 Transitional Provisions**

**1.2.1** A **chauffeur’s permit** issued pursuant to City of Prince George Business License Bylaw No. 6279, 1994 that has not expired is deemed to have been issued under this Bylaw, and shall expire on March 31, 2008 or such earlier date as may be specified in the permit.

**1.3 General Provisions**

Unless otherwise defined herein, all words and phrases in this Bylaw shall have the meaning given to them in the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter*.

## 1.4 Definitions

In this Bylaw:

**Bylaw No. 8855** “**application**” means a written request by an **applicant** for the issue of a **license** required by the City of Prince George Business Regulation and Licensing Bylaw No. 7851, 2007 in a form and with content prescribed by the **Authorized Person** and the City of Prince George Business Regulation and Licensing Bylaw No. 7851, 2007;

“**applicant**” means the **owner** or a representative of the **owner** duly authorized to act on the **owner’s** behalf in relation to an **application**;

“**Authorized Person**” means the person appointed by **Council** as head of the Development Services Department, or a person designated in writing by the head of the Development Services Department to carry out any act or function under this bylaw;

“**business**” means:

- a) carrying on a commercial or industrial activity or undertaking of any kind, or
- b) providing professional, personal or other services for the purpose of gain or profit;

but does not include:

- i) an activity carried on by the Federal government, by corporations owned by the Federal government, or by agencies of the Federal government; or
- ii) an activity carried on by the Provincial government, by corporations owned by the Provincial government, by agencies of the Provincial government; or
- iii) an activity carried on by a Local government, by corporations owned by the Local government, or by agencies of the Local government; or
- iv) an activity carried on by a band (as defined by the Indian Act) or organization composed of bands.

**Bylaw No. 8855** “**Bylaw Enforcement Officer**” means an officer or employee of the City who has responsibility for inspection and enforcement relating to bylaw compliance including a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or other Peace Officer;

“**chauffeur**” means a person who drives or has control of a Taxicab or **Limousine** whether or not the Taxicab or **Limousine** is in motion.

“**chauffeur’s permit**” means a permit issued by the Chief of Police required to be held by a **chauffeur** pursuant to the provisions of this bylaw and the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

**Bylaw No. 8855** “**Chief of Police**” means the appointed Officer in charge of the Prince George City Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or their designate.

“**City**” means the **City** of Prince George

“**Hire**” means a fare, toll, fee, or rate charged or collected from any person for the transportation of a person or chattels of persons.

**Bylaw No. 8855** “**license**” means a **business license** required for a **business** under the City of Prince George Business Regulation and Licensing Bylaw No. 7851, 2007;

“**limousine**” means any motor vehicle that is licensed under the laws of the Province of British Columbia and this Bylaw for the transportation or passengers for **hire** and has not less than 4 doors and a **seating capacity** for not less than 6 and not more than 10 passengers including the driver.

“**owner**” means a **person** who owns a **business**;

“**person**” in addition to its usual connotation, shall include a firm or partnership, association, company, society, and body corporate;

“**seating capacity**” means the rated passenger load assigned to a vehicle as shown on the vehicle registration;

“**taxicab**” means any motor vehicle that is licensed under the laws of the Province of British Columbia and this Bylaw for the transportation or passengers for **hire** and has not less than 4 doors and a **seating capacity** for not less than 4 and not more than 6 passengers including the driver; and

“**taxi/limousine/shuttle service**” means providing, offering, or furnishing a service involving a motor vehicle which is employed in the conveying of passengers for **hire**, excepting ambulances, hearses, drive-yourself vehicles, and motor buses, which are rented solely by the hour or chartered solely by the trip.

## SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS

### 2.1 Taxicabs and Limousine Service

**2.1.1 Taxicab or limousine licenses** will be issued by the **City** on the basis of one (1) **license** for each **taxicab** or **limousine** whether or not the same shall be wholly and entirely owned by the **applicant** and any such **licenses** issued shall be posted by the said **person**, corporation or association in a conspicuous place in the Dispatching Office from which the **taxicab** or **limousine** operates.

- 2.1.2** An **applicant** for a **taxicab** or **limousine license** shall produce to the **Authorized Person** proof that a permit or **license** has been or will be issued to the **applicant** by the Provincial Authority having jurisdiction.
- 2.1.3** Every **applicant** for a **taxicab** or **limousine license** shall furnish proof in his **application** that he has sufficient off-street parking facilities to accommodate all of his **taxicabs** or **limousines** while not in use.
- 2.1.4** Every **licensee** and every **taxicab** or **limousine** shall operate out of an established place of **business**.
- 2.1.5** Every **licensee** shall have on each **taxicab** or **limousine**, operated by him, an illuminated sign, complying in all respects with the regulations made pursuant to the *Motor Vehicle Act* and bearing the word "Taxi", "Cab" or "Limousine". Such sign shall be kept illuminated during the hours of darkness while the **taxicab** or **limousine** is in operation. Every **taxicab** or **limousine** shall have on its side, in letter not less than five (5) centimeters (2 inches) high, the word "Taxi", "Cab", or "Limousine" and the name of the **licensee** or **licensee's business**, and such letter shall kept clear, clean and distinguishable at all times.
- 2.1.6** The interior and exterior of every **taxicab** or **limousine** shall be kept clean and in good repair.
- 2.1.7** No **person** driving, operating or in charge of any **taxicab** or **limousine** shall charge, demand, collect, or receive any fare or rate except those authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of the Province of British Columbia, if such can be obtained pursuant to the *Motor Carrier Act*, and all amendments as adopted from time to time.
- 2.1.8** Every **applicant** for a **taxicab license** shall furnish in his **application**, the name of the owner of the vehicle(s) concerned, and the motor vehicle license number of all such vehicles.

## **2.2 Chauffeurs and Chauffeur's Permits**

- 2.2.1** No **person** shall drive, operate or be in charge of a **taxicab** or **limousine** for **hire** pursuant to this Bylaw unless that **person** is the holder of a valid and subsisting **chauffeur's permit**.

- Bylaw No. 8855** **2.2.2** Any **person** who is driving, operating or apparently in charge of a **taxicab** or **limousine** for **hire** shall produce for inspection his or her **chauffeur's permit** when requested to do so by the **Authorized Person** or a Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

- Bylaw No. 8855** 2.2.3 Every **person** who wishes to apply for a **chauffeur's permit** pursuant to this Bylaw and the *Motor Vehicle Act* of British Columbia shall deliver in person to the **Chief of Police** a written **application** and other documents in the form and with the content referred to in Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" to this Bylaw, together with the then current fee charged by the R.C.M.P. for a criminal record check.
- Bylaw No. 8855** 2.2.4 Upon receipt of an **application** for a **chauffeur's permit** as set out in this Bylaw the **Chief of Police** will decide whether or not to issue the **chauffeur's permit** on the basis of the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" to this Bylaw.
- 2.2.5 If the **Chief of Police** refuses an **application** for a **chauffeur's permit**, the **Chief of Police** shall within twenty four (24) hours after such refusal send a written notice stating the grounds for the refusal to:
- i) the **applicant** for that **chauffeur's permit**; and
  - ii) the owner or lessee of the **taxicab** or **limousine** that signed the **application** for that **chauffeur's permit**.
- Bylaw No. 8855** 2.2.6 The **Chief of Police** may at any time suspend or cancel a **chauffeur's permit** on the basis of the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" to this Bylaw.
- Bylaw No. 8855** 2.2.7 If the **Chief of Police** suspends or cancels a **chauffeur's permit**, the **Chief of Police** shall within twenty four (24) hours after such suspension or cancellation send a written notice stating the grounds for the suspension or cancellation to:
- i) the **holder** for that **chauffeur's permit**; and
  - ii) the owner or lessee of the **taxicab** or **limousine** that signed the **application** for that **chauffeur's permit**.
- Bylaw No. 8855** 2.2.8 The **applicant** for a **chauffeur's permit** that has been refused by the **Chief of Police**, or the holder of the **chauffeur's permit** that has been suspended or cancelled by the **Chief of Police**, may appeal the decision of the **Chief of Police** to **Council** within seven (7) days of delivery of the written notice under Section 2.2.7".
- 2.2.9 Every person holding a **chauffeur's permit** under this Bylaw shall within ten (10) days after changing his or her residential address notify the **Chief of Police** in writing of his or her new residential address.
- Bylaw No. 8391** 2.2.10 A **chauffeurs permit** issued under the provisions of this Bylaw shall be issued so as to expire on the date that is two years from the date of issuance. For greater certainty a chauffer's permit issued before the adoption of the "City of Prince George Vehicles for Hire Bylaw No. 7853, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 8391, 2011" shall expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March next succeeding the date of issuance.

## 2.3 Tow Trucks

No person shall operate a vehicle as a tow truck unless:

- a) that vehicle conforms to all of the requirements of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, and regulations made pursuant to the Act;
- b) the operator has produced to the **Authorized Person** proof that the vehicle and any driver thereof is covered by an Insurance Policy for Public Liability in an amount of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

## 2.4 Car Storage and Towing

**2.4.1** All **persons** carrying on a Car storage and towing business shall, in each twenty-four (24) hour period report to the **Chief of Police**:

- a) In the case of persons operating a tow truck, a list containing the following information:
  - i) the license number, vehicle identification number, make, model, colour and year of every vehicle towed by that tow truck during the twenty-four (24) hour period,
  - ii) the place or origin of the tow, and
  - iii) the destination of the tow.

**2.4.2** All **persons** carrying on a Car storage and towing business shall, in each twenty-four (24) hour period report to the **Chief of Police**:

- a) The license number, or vehicle identification number, make, model, colour, and year of every vehicle towed to that compound; and
- b) The towing company that towed the vehicle to the compound.

## 2.5 Trucks and Vehicle Business Use

No person shall operate a commercial vehicle or other vehicle for commercial purposes unless the commercial vehicle or other vehicle has in writing on both sides of such vehicle, letters which are of a colour in contrast to the colour of or predominant colour of the part of the vehicle on which they are painted, and which are at least five (5) centimeters (2 inches) in height, and which show the name of the **business**.

## SECTION 3 – OFFENSE AND PENALTY

### 3.1 Penalty

- 3.1.1** A Bylaw Enforcement Officer may initiate enforcement of this bylaw,
- a) by an Information laid in accordance with the *Offence Act*,
  - b) by means of a ticket under the *Community Charter*,
  - c) by Bylaw Notice in accordance with the “*Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act*”; or
  - d) by a combination of the above noted methods in (a), (b) and (c).
- 3.1.2** With respect to enforcement further to a ticket issued pursuant to the *Community Charter*, the fines outlined in the “City of Prince George Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No. 5422, 1990”, as amended or replaced from time to time, shall apply.
- 3.1.3** Pursuant to *Community Charter* section 269(1), Council hereby delegates to Bylaw Enforcement Officers, the Chief of Police and the Authorized Person, the authority to refer disputed tickets to the Provincial Court for a hearing.
- 3.1.4** With respect to enforcement further to a Bylaw Notice issued pursuant to the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act*, the fines outlined in Schedule “B” of the “City of Prince George Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 8813, 2016”, as amended or replaced from time to time, shall apply.
- 3.1.5** Except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw, the “City of Prince George Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No. 5422, 1990”, or the “City of Prince George Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 8813, 2016”, and amendments thereto, any person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of this Bylaw, or who refuses, or omits or neglects to fulfill, observe, carryout or perform any duty or obligation imposed by the Bylaw shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).”

READ A FIRST TIME THIS THE **4th** DAY OF **DECEMBER** , **2006**.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS THE **4th** DAY OF **DECEMBER** , **2006**.

First Two readings passed by a **unanimous** decision of Members of City Council present and eligible to vote.

FIRST TWO READINGS RESCINDED ON THIS THE **5th** DAY OF **MARCH** , **2007**, BY A **UNANIMOUS** DECISION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS THE **5th** DAY OF **MARCH** , **2007**.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS THE **5th** DAY OF **MARCH** , **2007**.

First Two readings passed by a **unanimous** decision of Members of City Council present and eligible to vote.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS THE **2nd** DAY OF **APRIL** , **2007**.

Third reading passed by a **unanimous** decision of Members of City Council present and eligible to vote.

Certified correct as passed Third Reading, this the **18th** day of **APRIL**, **2007**.

**Don Schaffer**  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE

APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 52(3)(a) OF THE TRANSPORTATION ACT THIS THE **24th** DAY OF **APRIL** , **2007**.

**Karen Andrews**  
for MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION

ADOPTED THIS THE **30th** DAY OF **APRIL**, **2007**, BY A  
**UNANIMOUS** DECISION OF ALL MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL PRESENT AND  
ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

**Colin Kinsley**  
**MAYOR**

**Don Schaffer**  
**CLERK**