

SUMMARY

An Ordinance to amend Secs. 10-588 and 10-589 removing pedal cabs from Public Vehicles for Hire and to create Sec. 2-2(b)(24) and Article XVIII in Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regulating pedicabs and pedal cars.

SECTION I: Remove pedal cab from definitions in Public Vehicle Ordinance.

SECTION II: Removes conditions specific for pedal cabs in the Public Vehicle Ordinance.

SECTION III: Renumber remaining paragraphs.

SECTION IV: No other changes to Article XIII.

SECTION V: Creates insurance requirements for pedicabs and pedal cars.

SECTION VI: Creates Article XVIII regarding pedicabs and pedal cars (aka tour bikes).

Sec. 10-867. Creates Definitions.

Sec. 10-868. Creates Restrictions and Conditions.

- Cannot operate or park on a public sidewalk or shared-use path.
- Cannot use any street or other public property as a waiting area unless a legal parking area.
- Cannot load or unload in intersections or crosswalks or other location that would be considered unsafe or that would impede or interfere with the orderly flow of traffic on the streets.
- Drivers shall:
 - Not consume any alcoholic beverages or smoke while on duty or operate while impaired.
 - Not permit more passengers other than the normal seating capacity.
 - Hold a valid operator's license.
 - Be properly attired.
 - Not text or use cell phone while driving.
 - Not drive for more than a period of ten (10) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour day.
 - Manage the behavior of passengers.
 - Properly dispose of all trash using the licensee's trash receptacle.
- Vehicles shall:
 - Be clean and maintained in a good state of repair, be well painted, free of damage and deterioration and be in a safe operational condition.
 - Operate on park property only with written approval from the Park Board.
- Prohibited:
 - Glassware on vehicles.
 - Loud music or amplified sound.
 - Alcoholic beverages.

Sec. 10-869. – Operating Hours.

- Hours of operation shall be from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- No pedal cars may operate during the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any weekday, excluding national holidays, in the Central Business District unless part of a permitted parade.

Sec. 10-870. – Assembly Sites.

- Pedal cars - commercial locations on private property.

Sec. 10-871. – Advertising on vehicles.

- Allowed only on manufactured body of the vehicles - no banners, poles, flags, detached signs.

Sec. 10-872. – Vehicle Safety and Equipment Standards.

- Tires – appropriate size, no mismatched tires.
- Operational horn or bell.
- Brakes - front and rear braking system.
- Headlights, tail lights, mirrors, turn signals, reflectors and slow moving triangle.
- Annual inspections.
- Maintain maintenance records.
- Notify Clerk within five business days of any accident involving a pedicab or pedal car.

Sec. 10-873. – Insurance coverage required.

- \$2 million general liability with City named as additional insured.

Sec. 10-874. – Bicycle Registration.

- Bicycles operated in the City must be licensed with the City of La Crosse Police Department.

Sec. 10-875. – Rates.

- Vehicles may be rented pursuant to a written contract.
- Council approves rates and no changes may be made without prior Council approval.
- Rates must be displayed in vehicle and visible to passengers.

Sec. 10-876. – Vehicle markings.

- Exterior - name and phone number of licensee, both sides of vehicle, 2 inches in height and contrasting color.
- Interior - name and phone number of licensee and current rate of fares.
- License decal.

Sec. 10-877. – Operator's license.

- Drivers must obtain an operator's license.
- Drivers must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license.
- Drivers must be clean in dress and person and be of sound physique and not subject to any infirmity of body or mind which might render such person unfit for the safe operation of vehicle.
- \$30. 2 year license, no pro rating, background check by Police Department.

Sec. 10-878. – Miscellaneous requirements.

- Cannot refuse to carry passengers with reasonable promptness and at the rates fixed.
- Upon demand, shall provide the person paying for the hiring of the public vehicle a receipt.

DIVISION 2. – VEHICLE LICENSE

Sec. 10-904. – License required.

- No person shall operate a pedicab or pedal car for hire without a license.

Sec. 10-905. – Application.

- Application, fee, insurance and bicycle registration must be filed with the Clerk.

Sec. 10-906. – License Fee.

- \$50 per vehicle.

Sec. 10-907. – License Year.

- Annual license, January 1 to December 31.

Sec. 10-908. – Granting and issuing license and renewal.

- Owner subject to background check.
- City Clerk may license additional vehicles of the licensee.
- Licensing are not transferable.

Sec. 10-909. – Revision of license.

- With due notice and hearing, the Council may revise a license by inserting therein additional terms or conditions or changes in the rates as may appear to be for the public good.

Sec. 10-910. – Denial, suspension or revocation of license.

- Council may deny, revoke or suspend for reasons which it deems to be for the best interest of the City or if the licensee lacks the necessary qualifications for the license.
- The Chief of Police may revoke any license for repeated violations or law that might reflect adversely on the applicant's necessary qualifications.
- Notice shall be given to the licensee and allowed a public hearing before J&A. Council action.
- Summary suspensions are for failure to provide proof of insurance, mechanical defect in a vehicle that renders it unsafe or failure to submit a vehicle to an inspection. A licensee may appeal a summary suspension to J&A and the decision of J&A shall be final.

SECTION VII: Fees Schedule

Operator's license fee	\$30.00
Pedicab or Pedal Car License fee – per vehicle	\$50.00
Duplicate Fees – Pedicab or Pedal Car or Operator	\$ 5.00