

ORDINANCE NO.: 5122

A SECOND AMENDED ORDINANCE to repeal and recreate sec. 10-589(c), create sec. 10-591(b), create sec. 10-594(i) and create sec. 10-622(d) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding vehicles for public conveyance.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Sec. 10-589(c) shall be repealed and recreated as follows:

(c) Each public passenger vehicle shall be maintained as follows:

- (1) Vehicle interior and exterior shall be free of dirt, mud, oil, rips, tears, exposed springs, foodstuff, trash, waste material or any other substance or object capable of harm, damage or injury to, or interference with the person, clothing, personal property, comfort or convenience of any passenger, whether upon ingress or egress of such vehicle, or while riding therein.
- (2) Vehicle shall have an exterior which is free of any misshapen or deformed condition arising from collision, crash or other impact, excepting minor dents. Vehicles shall be free of holes in floorboards, and trunk shall be empty except for emergency equipment. Vehicle shall be free of exterior rust and exterior must be painted a uniform color so as not to have patches of unmatched paint on the vehicle.

~~SECTION II: Sec. 10-591(b) shall be created and remaining paragraphs renumbered as follows:~~

~~(b) If a licensee imposes a surcharge for a wheelchair load, such additional fee may not exceed \$10.00 per trip. Said surcharge shall be disclosed in licensee's schedule of rates.~~

~~(bc) The Common Council may approve or disapprove the proposed rates or may substitute in its discretion a rate or rates, which shall be reasonable under the circumstances. A copy of the rates shall be on file with the City Clerk at all times and no changes may be made without prior Common Council approval.~~

~~(cd) Each vehicle operated under a license required by this article shall have displayed in a prominent place, visible to passengers, the approved schedule of rates, including charges for additional stops, waiting periods and other potential charges. It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator to charge or permit to be charged any other or different rates of fares than those listed on such schedule.~~

SECTION II: Sec. 10-594(i) shall be created to read as follows:

- (i) ~~Service animals must be allowed to accompany people with disabilities pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act.~~ Licensees and their drivers must comply with all nondiscrimination requirements prohibiting exclusion, segregation and unequal treatment pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act and other applicable law including, but not limited to, refusing to provide service to individuals with disabilities who can use taxi vehicles, refusing to assist with the stowing of mobility devices,

refusing to allow a service animal, and charging higher fares or fees for carrying individuals with disabilities and their equipment than are charged to other persons.

SECTION III: Sec. 10-622(d) shall be created to read as follows:

- (d) Any public vehicle for hire licensed to operate in another city ~~of this State~~ may carry passengers from said city where so licensed to any place or point within the City of La Crosse and may freely enter and travel upon the streets and thoroughfares for that purpose without a license under this Article. However, neither the owner nor operator of such public passenger vehicle is permitted to solicit business in the City of La Crosse or otherwise operate within the City of La Crosse without a City of La Crosse license.

SECTION IV: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION V: This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Timothy Kabat, Mayor

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Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

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