

Sec. 33-13. - Establishment and use of taxicab stands.

- (a) The city may locate and designate taxicab stands or designated curb space on any public street in the city, which stands, when so established, shall be appropriately designated. Taxicab stands so established shall be in operation during the hours designated by the city. The city council delegates its authority of institution, removal, and operation of taxicab stands to the city engineer and his designees who shall designate taxicab stands on public streets for use of taxicabs operating pursuant to this chapter. Notice shall be given to the requestor of a taxicab stand, if any, and to the owner(s) of the property in front of which a taxicab stand is to be located or removed.
- (b) The decision of the city engineer may be appealed to the traffic and transportation commission and subsequently to the city council. The requestor or property owner may appeal the decision of the city engineer, and subsequently, of the traffic and transportation commission, by filing a notice of appeal with the city clerk within ten days after the service of the notification from the city engineer or his or her designee. Upon failure to file the notice within the ten-day period, the action of the city engineer in approving the installation or the removal of a taxicab stand shall be final and conclusive.
- (c) Any person authorized pursuant to this chapter to operate a taxicab business may request to the city, in writing, to designate a taxicab stand(s) at a location(s) on a public street(s).
  - (1) Such request shall include the written consent of the owner(s) of the property in front of which such taxicab stand is to be located.
  - (2) The city reserves its authority to locate a taxicab stand on any city street, notwithstanding the consent required in this section, if it is determined that such stand is necessary to provide accessible public transportation.
- (d) Taxicab stands authorized by the city engineer shall remain in effect until revoked by the city engineer or by the city council. No taxicab stand shall be installed, moved, relocated, or removed except by prior written approval from the city engineer upon consideration of a request in writing accompanied by the written consent of the property owner as provided herein.
- (e) Taxicab stands shall be subject to the criteria and standards set by the city engineer including, but not limited to, the size and dimensions of the taxicab stand and the markings for such taxicab stand.
- (f) Only one vehicle shall be parked in any one stand at any time.
- (g) The use of an approved taxicab stand is not limited to any one owner or driver and may be used by any and all owners and drivers operating pursuant to this chapter.
- (h) If designated taxicab stands are established by the city pursuant to this section, no owner, driver or operator of any taxicab shall allow such taxicab to remain parked, while awaiting employment, except in a regularly established taxicab stand. Taxicabs may drop off or collect passengers at other locations on public streets subject to any parking restrictions or prohibitions on the street.

(Ord. No. 2508 (NCS), § 1, 7-20-2010)

Sec. 33-15. - Taxicabs standing in streets or public place prohibited; exception.

No taxicab shall be allowed to remain standing on a public street or in a public place unless it is attended by a driver, except when the driver is assisting passengers to load or unload, is answering his telephone or displays a sign reading "Not for Hire."

(Ord. No. 2508 (NCS), § 1, 7-20-2010)