

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ordinance #14-3 was introduced and passed on first reading on regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on the 4th day of February, 2014, and that said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 18th day of February, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk
Borough of Westwood

ORDINANCE 14-3

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 337 TAXICABS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Westwood that Chapter 337, Taxicabs, be amended as follows:

§ 337-10 Vehicle Inspection; equipment

- A. All taxicabs shall be inspected annually, or more often if the Mayor and Council so require by resolution. The fee for said inspection shall be \$25, which fee shall be submitted with the vehicle license application. In addition, any police officer may inspect any taxicab at any reasonable time to determine if it is in clean, sanitary operating condition and equipped with the equipment required herein, in good operating order.
- B. All vehicles to be licensed, used or operated for the carrying of passengers within the scope of this chapter shall be lawfully licensed sedans, minivans or sport utility vehicles (SUVs) with a minimum of three doors and, where applicable, a trunk lid, at least two of which shall be for the exclusive use of the passengers. The vehicles shall at all times be kept clean and in good repair and in a safe operating condition. Each vehicle shall be equipped with an interior ceiling light which shall be activated upon pickup and discharge of passengers.
- C. Any taxicab which fails to pass inspection shall be immediately taken out of service and shall not be operated again within the Borough until the defects which led to its rejection are corrected. In the case of minor defects which do not constitute an immediate danger to the health or safety of the public, the taxicab may continue to be operated for a period of one week, at the end of which time it shall be reinspected. If the defect has not by then been corrected, the vehicle shall immediately be taken out of service and remain out of service until the defect is corrected.
- D. Equipment required:
 - 1. A two-way communication system, which requirement may be satisfied by a mobile telephone;
 - 2. A removable first-aid kit, which shall be placed in an accessible place within the vehicle;
 - 3. An operable fire extinguisher, which shall be placed in an accessible place within the vehicle;
 - 4. Sideboards attached to the permanent body construction of the vehicle if the height of the vehicle floor is 10 inches or more above ground level;
 - 5. A child safety seat as defined in § 337-15;
 - 6. A zone flat rate sheet as defined in § 337-13.
- E. As part of the inspection process, the Westwood Police Department will verify that the vehicle and all of its operators are properly licensed, in possession of the proper registration, insurance identification, inspection documents and is in compliance with applicable Title 39 Statutes governing motor vehicles. While the Westwood Police Department is not responsible for inspecting the mechanical and operating systems of the vehicle, a vehicle may fail inspection due to obvious

visual defects and/or obviously inoperative equipment. The inspection will include verification of statutory requirements listed in section D(1) through D(6) of this section.

If any section, subsection, part, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, part, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted: _____

Approved:

Attest:

John Birkner, Jr., Mayor

Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk