



TOWN OF GARNER

TAXICAB INSPECTION PROGRAM INSPECTION PROCESS OVERVIEW

As the holder of a Town of Garner Taxicab Company Authorization, you are obligated to have your taxicabs inspected by the Garner Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit on a semi-annual basis.

In order to comply with the requirements of the Town of Garner Ordinances regarding taxicab inspections, you need to know the following:

- These inspections are normally scheduled in April and October of each year. You will be required to contact the Traffic Safety Unit Sergeant to schedule your inspections.
- A Town of Garner taxicab safety inspection does not take the place of the standard North Carolina state vehicle inspection that is required in order to operate any vehicle on public roadways.
- The taxicab operator will be required to provide their North Carolina Driver's License, their Town of Garner Taxicab Driver's License, the current North Carolina registration for the taxicab, proof of the taxicab's most recent North Carolina state inspection, and proof of insurance for the taxicab.
- You will be provided documentation for a successful inspection; this document will be required by North Carolina DMV to renew the taxicab registration each year.
- There is no cost for the semi-annual inspection; you may, however, incur costs in order to bring your taxicab into compliance with prescribed safety standards.
- Each semi-annual inspection will address the following:
 - Overall exterior vehicle condition, including appearance, cleanliness, and proper marking
 - Overall interior vehicle condition, including doors, flooring, headliner, rear view mirror, seats, trunk, and windshield
 - Proper operation of the taxicab fare meter
 - Verification of proper tire size and inflation and sufficient tread depth on all four tires
 - Proper operation of all required lighting (to include brake lights, headlights, interior light(s), taillights, turn signals, and the "Taxi" light)
 - Proper operation of all required equipment (to include brakes, horn, steering, and windshield wipers)

Any questions about the taxicab inspection process may be directed to the Garner Police Department Traffic Safety Unit Sergeant in person at 912 Seventh Avenue or by phone at (919) 772-8810.

TOWN OF GARNER ORDINANCES RELATING TO TAXICAB INSPECTIONS

Sec. 16-24. - Vehicles to be examined, inspected, found to be in compliance with rules and regulations and inspected prior to use.

Prior to the use and operation of any vehicle under the provisions of this article, such vehicle shall be thoroughly examined and inspected by the police department and found to comply with such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the town council. These rules and regulations shall be promulgated to provide safe transportation and shall specify such safety equipment and regulatory devices as the council shall deem necessary therefor. When the police department finds that a vehicle has met the standards established by the council, the department shall issue an inspection, which shall also state the authorized seating capacity of the vehicle.

Sec. 16-25. - Semi-annual inspections.

Every vehicle operating under this article shall be inspected by the police department semi-annually in April and October to ensure the continued maintenance of the vehicle in a safe operating condition. Additional inspections may be required based on citizen complaints or Police Department observations of taxicab condition.

Sec. 16-26. - Vehicles to be kept clean, sanitary.

Every vehicle operating under this article shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition according to rules and regulations promulgated by the town council.

Sec. 16-27. - Designation of taxicabs.

Each taxicab shall bear on the outside of each side of the vehicle, in painted letters not less than four (4) inches nor more than twelve (12) inches in height, the name of the holder, and, in addition, may bear an identifying design approved by the town council. No vehicle covered by the terms of this article shall be licensed whose color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia to be used thereon shall, in the opinion of the council, conflict with or imitate any color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia used on a vehicle already operating under this article in such a manner as to be misleading or tend to deceive or defraud the public; and provided further, that if after a license has been issued for a taxicab hereunder, the color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia thereof is changed so as to be, in the opinion of the council, in conflict with or imitate any color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia used by any other person, owner or operator in such a manner as to be misleading or tend to deceive the public, the license of or authorization covering such taxicab shall be suspended or revoked.

Sec. 16-28. - Minimum fees chargeable; unlawful to request excessive fees; notice to be posted.

(a) In accordance with authority granted to the municipality by General Statutes, Section 160A-304, the maximum fees which are chargeable by any licensed taxicab on the public streets to all points in Garner and within one mile of the town limits are hereby fixed according to the following schedule:

Mileage Rates: First 1/8 mile (or fraction)	- \$1.95
Each additional 1/8 mile	- \$0.25
Waiting Time: Each one minute (or fraction)	- \$0.25

Extra charges if requested by passenger to assist in carrying packages to or from vehicle:

Hand bags in excess of 1 per person	- \$0.10	Grocery bags in excess of one per person	- \$0.10
Foot lockers	- \$0.50	Grocery in carton, boxes, or crates under 50 lbs	- \$0.10
Trunks	- \$1.00	Bulky items, over 50 lbs	- \$0.10
Large trunks requiring two men	- \$1.50		

(b) It shall be unlawful to charge or request payment of any amount in excess of the fees herein set out.

(c) Each operator of every taxicab is hereby required to post notice inside the vehicle where it will at all times be visible and easily read by passengers in same.

Sec. 16-29. - Display of rate card, map required.

Every taxicab operated under this article shall have a rate card setting forth the authorized rates clearly shown conspicuously displayed in such a place as to be in full view of all passengers occupying the rear seat of the taxicab.