
Chelmsford City Council

Licensing

Summary of hackney carriage/private hire offences

Town Police Clauses Act 1847

Section 44

A proprietor of a hackney carriage must notify the Council of a change of address in writing within seven days and produce the licence for amendment.

Section 45

A proprietor permitting plying for hire without licence of vehicle and driving, standing or plying for hire without licence or plate.

Section 47

Failure of driver to have licence (driver and proprietor may commit offence).

Section 48

Proprietor to retain driver's hackney carriage licence.

Section 49

Proprietor to return licence to driver on leaving employment unless guilty of misconduct.

Section 52

Neglecting or refusing to exhibit plate prescribed by Section 51.

Section 53

Driver refusing to drive without reasonable cause.

Section 54

Charging more than fare agreed at time of hiring being less than prescribed fare.

Section 56

Not carrying passenger distance equivalent to fee charged.

Section 57

Failing to wait when deposit paid.

Section 58

Overcharging in accordance with table of fares.

Section 59

Driver or proprietor permitting person other than hirer to ride without hirer's consent.

Section 60

Acting as driver without licence.

Section 61

Drunken driving/furious driving.

Section 62

Driver leaving hackney carriage unattended in street or public place.

Section 64

Driver obstructing other road users in picking up or setting down passengers.

Section 68

Breaches of hackney carriage byelaws.

[Local Government \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1976](#)

Section 49

Failure to notify the District Council in writing, within 14 days, of the transfer of interest in a hackney carriage.

Section 50

Failure to present hackney carriage for inspection when requested by District Council; Failure to state where hackney carriage is kept, and failure to afford facilities to inspect and test there; Failure to report accident to hackney carriage materially affecting safety, performance or appearance, or comfort or convenience of persons carried within seventy two hours; Failure to produce vehicle licence and/or certificate of insurance.

Section 53

Failure to produce hackney carriage driver's licence on request.

Section 57

Knowingly or recklessly making false statement, etc., in connection with licence application.

Section 58

Failure to return plate upon notice by District Council to do so.

Section 61

Failure to return driver's badge when required to do so.

Section 64

Causing or permitting vehicle other than licensed hackney carriage to wait on hackney carriage stand.

Section 66

Hackney carriage driver demanding for journey ending outside area fare greater than at prescribed rate.

Section 67

Using hackney carriage as a private hire vehicle and charging a fare in excess of that permitted by the table of fares.

Section 69

Unnecessarily prolonging journey.

Section 71

Tampering with seal on taxi meter without lawful excuse. Altering taxi meter with intent to mislead.

Section 73

Obstructing police or authorised officer in exercise of their duties.