

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR'S CONDITIONS OF LICENCE  
AND EXPLANATORY NOTES**

**1. OPERATING FROM A PREMISES**

- (a) The licensed operator shall inform the Council of the scale of fees he intends charging and give the Council at least one calendar month's notice of any changes proposed thereto.
- (b) The licence is not transferable.
- (c) Any premises or parts of premises occupied by Private Hire Vehicle operators and used by the public for the booking of Private Hire Vehicles shall be kept in good repair, clean and be of good decorative appearance.
- (d) The licensee shall obtain any necessary planning permission for the use of premises from which the business of operating Private Hire Vehicles is intended to be carried on and shall not engage in or allow such business to be carried on from any premises until any necessary planning permission has been so obtained.

**This condition shall apply to:-**

- (i) the grant of all new operators' licences on or after the 22nd December 1988
- (ii) the renewal of operators' licences on or after the 22nd December 1988, but only to the extent that the premises intended to be used in connection with the business of operating Private Hire Vehicles were not being so used on the said date.

**2. OPERATING FROM A MOBILE TELEPHONE**

- (a) The licensed operator shall inform the Council of the scale of fees he intends charging and give the Council at least one calendar month's notice of any changes proposed thereto.
- (b) The Licence is not transferable.
- (c) The vehicle in which the mobile telephone is being used must be stationary at all times when private hire bookings are made by way of the mobile telephone.
- (d) The mobile telephone must be of a hands-free type and fitted in such a manner as to ensure that it does not affect the driver's control of the vehicle when it is in use.

- (e) the relevant mobile telephone number must be supplied to the Licensing Officer at all times.

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

- (a) Every contract for the hire of a private hire vehicle shall be deemed to be made with the operator who has accepted the booking for the vehicle whether or not he himself provides the vehicle.
- (b) A licensed operator should keep a record in such a form as the Council prescribes which shall contain a record of all the drivers employed by him and all the private hire vehicles licensed and operated by him and he shall enter therein, before the commencement of each journey, such particulars of every booking of a private hire vehicle accepted by him whether by accepting the same from the hirer or by undertaking it at the request of another operator.

This record shall be supplied on request to an authorised officer or to any police constable for inspection.

- (c) A licensed operator shall produce his operator's licence on request to any authorised officer of the Council or police constable.
- (d) The Council may suspend or revoke or refuse to renew an operator's licence on any of the following grounds:-
  - (i) Any offence under or non-compliance with the provision of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976;
  - (ii) Any conduct on the part of the operator which renders him unfit to hold an operator's licence;
  - (iii) There has been a material change in the circumstances of the operator on the basis of which the licence was granted.
- (e) Any person who commits an offence against any of the provisions of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 in respect of which no penalty is expressly provided shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (f) Licences will not be issued until the appropriate fee is paid. Where payment is made by cheque which is subsequently dishonoured, any Licence issued shall be revoked from the date on which the Licensee is notified of such revocation.

### **NOTE:**

The Licence attached hereto does not convey any approval or consent required by the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.

