

Taxi and Private Hire Conditions of Licensing

Appendix E – Private Hire Special Occasion Vehicles

CONDITIONS OF LICENCE – PRIVATE HIRE – SPECIAL OCCASION VEHICLES

The following specifications and conditions of licence are made by Borough Council of Wellingborough under powers conferred by Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (as amended) to ensure effective regulation of private hire vehicle use and to ensure that proper vehicle and driver standards are maintained, in the interests of public safety.

Possession of this Conditions of Licence document does not guarantee that a private hire vehicle licence is in force for the vehicle nor do they imply that the vehicle is roadworthy or fit for use. The validity of any licence may be confirmed by contacting Borough Council of Wellingborough licensing team.

DEFINITIONS

In these conditions:

‘the 1976 Act’	means the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (as amended)
‘the Council’	means Borough Council of Wellingborough.
‘Authorised Officer’	means a Licensing Officer authorised in writing by Wellingborough Council.
‘the hirer’	means any person who, from time to time, hires or books the vehicle.
‘the licensee’	means the person(s) named in the licence.
‘the driver’	means the person(s) named in the licence
‘the operator’	means any person or company or partnership licensed by the council to operate private hire vehicles.
‘the vehicle’	means the vehicle named in the licence.

GENERAL

Special Occasion Vehicles shall comply, in all respects, with the conditions of licensing set out below and with the relevant parts of the Conditions of Licensing for Private Hire Vehicles. These conditions of licence are supplementary to and should be read in conjunction with applicable statutory legislation. The following list is not exhaustive:

The Town Police Clauses Act 1847 (as amended)
The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (as amended)
The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 (as amended)

1.0 PRIVATE HIRE –SPECIAL OCCAISION VEHICLES

- 1.1 Special Occasion Vehicles (including stretched limousines and all other specialist vehicles) shall not be used for every day private hire use. The vehicle shall meet with the Conditions of Licensing relating to private hire vehicles (Appendix B) with the exception that the vehicle:
- A. may be left hand drive;
 - B. may not have side facing seats;
 - C. may have tinted or privacy glass, in the passenger compartment only, provided that it complies with the requirements of current Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations;
 - D. that all seats be fitted with approved seat belts that comply with all relevant road traffic legislation.
- 1.2 The licensee of the vehicle shall ensure that the vehicle is, at all times, only driven by a person who holds a current private hire vehicle driver's licence issued by Borough Council of Wellingborough.
- 1.3 The licensee shall not carry in the vehicle more than the number of persons shown in the vehicle licence, regardless of the age or size of the passenger.
- 1.4 Passengers shall not be permitted to be carried in the front/drivers compartment of the vehicle whilst the vehicle is in use for private hire.
- 1.5 Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied in the vehicle unless there is in force an appropriate licence permitting the sale or supply of same.
- 1.6 Where alcoholic drink is supplied in the vehicle, no person under the age of 18 years being conveyed in the vehicle shall be allowed to consume alcohol. Any alcohol served shall only be served in non-breakable receptacles (e.g. plastic). Alcohol shall only be served whilst the vehicle is stationary and at all other times bottles are to be stored in a secure container.
- 1.7 The following activities are prohibited in the vehicle
- A. Striptease
 - B. Lap dancing
 - C. Pole dancing
 - D. Any other activity or performance of a similar kind

1.8 The licensee/driver of the vehicle shall not, knowingly, permit to be played any video, DVD, Blu-Ray or other recorded image that is unsuitable having regard to the age of the passengers. In that respect regard must be had to the British Board of Film classification of any video, DVD, Blu-Ray or other recorded images shown. The licensee shall ensure that appropriate permissions and licences (including Performing Rights Society (PRS) and/or a Phonographic Performance Licence (PPL)) are held for the vehicle, where appropriate. Copies of these documents must be carried in the vehicle at all times whilst it is available for hire.

2.0 VEHICLE SAFETY EQUIPMENT

2.1 The licensee of the vehicle shall provide a minimum of two fire extinguishers that conform to British Standard EN3:1996, have a minimum contents weight of 1 kilogram and be of the dry powder or foam type.

2.2 One fire extinguisher must be securely mounted, on a bracket, in a convenient position within the driver's compartment. The second must be securely mounted within the boot of the vehicle, so as to be readily available at all times.

2.3 The vehicle and all its fittings and equipment shall be kept in a fit, serviceable, efficient, safe and clean condition and all relevant statutory requirements (including those contained in the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations) are fully complied with. Should the vehicle fail to comply with any legal requirement then the vehicle should be removed from service until the reason(s) for non-compliance is corrected.

2.4 Vehicles must be fitted with a 'Life' safety hammer which must be securely located in the driver's compartment.

2.5 The licensee shall not, at any time, use or allow the use of in the vehicle any radio scanner or citizen band radio.

3.0 DOORS

3.1 The vehicle to which this licence is granted shall have a minimum of four doors, as standard, two available for the driver's compartment and, a minimum of, two available in the rear passenger compartment. All doors must work correctly.