

## Chapter 5.26

### AMBULANCES AND INVALID COACHES

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The following terms, as used in this chapter, shall have the respective meanings hereinafter set forth:

A. “Ambulance” means a motor vehicle constructed and equipped with facilities to transport sick or injured persons.

B. “Invalid coach” means any self-propelled motor vehicle for hire, other than an ambulance or taxicab, and which is designed, equipped and used for the transportation of invalid or handicapped persons on a non-emergency basis. Such vehicles shall require no personnel other than the driver, and shall

not be required to have first-aid equipment, flashing red lights or sirens.

C. “License” means and shall refer to the authorization granted by the city to those persons who own or operate an ambulance or invalid coach which they propose to drive or have driven upon the streets and highways of the city.

D. “Licensee” means and refers to any person holding a license under the provisions of this title.

E. “Manifest” means and refers to a daily record of all trips, showing the times and places of origin and destination, the number of passengers, the charge for each trip, and the general nature of the illness, injury or condition of each passenger.

F. “Person” means and includes an individual, a corporation or other legal entity, a partnership or unincorporated association, excluding, however, the United States, the state of Utah, or any political subdivision or instrumentality of either.

#### **5.26.020 License—Required.**

It is unlawful to operate an ambulance or invalid coach for hire within the city without having first obtained and having then in force a valid license.

#### **5.26.030 License—Fees.**

A. The annual fee, payable in advance, for a license to operate an ambulance or invalid coach shall be as specified in the consolidated fee schedule. Whenever the number of vehicles operated shall be increased during the year, the licensee shall notify the license official of such change and shall pay the additional fee.

B. Fees assessed under this section shall be in lieu of any other vehicle fee required by ordinance, and the license official shall issue suitable tags or stickers for the number of vehicles covered by the license. Such tags or stickers shall be displayed in a prominent place in each vehicle.

**5.26.040 Operation without other licenses prohibited.**

It is unlawful for any person who owns or controls an ambulance or invalid coach to permit it to be driven for hire without the required state and city licenses. No ambulance or invalid coach licensed by the city shall be driven at any time unless it is operated by a driver possessing a valid emergency medical services system license issued by the state of Utah.

**5.26.050 License—Insurance or bond required.**

A. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, no operations shall be conducted under any license issued pursuant hereto unless there is on file with the city bond office a certificate of insurance executed by an insurance company or association authorized to transact business in this state, upon a form as prescribed by the city, that there is in full force and effect a policy of insurance conditioned to pay any final judgment against the licensee or any settlement entered into by the licensee for bodily injury to or the death of any person resulting from the negligent operation, maintenance or use of ambulances or invalid coaches by such licensee, its servants, agents or employees, or for the loss or damage to the property of others, in the amount of \$50,000 per occurrence.

B. Such policy or policies shall cover all ambulances and invalid coaches used or to be used by such licensee. In lieu of this insurance herein provided for, the city may, in its discretion, accept a bond to be approved by it under such rules and regulations as the city may prescribe, with a sufficient corporate surety or not less than two personal sureties (who shall be residents and freeholders of this state), conditioned to pay damages as herein provided for.

**5.26.060 License—Vehicle certification.**

No license shall be issued under this section until the police department shall have found and certified that the ambulance or invalid coach has met all standards established by the health department and by the other applicable provisions of this title.

**5.26.070 Fares and charges to be filed.**

Every licensee shall keep on file with the city, or with such board or officer as it shall designate, a current schedule of all fares and charges for its transportation service hereunder, and no transportation shall be performed or service rendered except in conformity therewith. This section shall not apply to rates established by agreement with any public or private school, charitable or nonprofit organization, with the federal or state governments, or any political subdivision.

**5.26.080 Vehicle—Equipment, maintenance and operation—Inspection.**

Prior to the use and operation of any vehicle within the city under the provisions of this title, the vehicle shall be thoroughly and carefully inspected by the police department, shall at all times be in a safe condition for the transportation of sick, injured or handicapped persons, shall be clean, of good appearance, and well-painted, and shall have such equipment as may be required by the health department, including, with respect to invalid coaches, but not limited to, the following:

A. Doorways wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair;

B. Ramps or lifting devices for elevating handicapped persons from the curb or sidewalk into the vehicle, which ramps and lifting devices must be stored inside the vehicle while it is moving;

C. Adequate means for securing handicapped persons safely to the inside of the vehicle and safety belts for all passengers:

D. A door, in addition to those provided on such vehicles for normal ingress and egress, located at the rear, to be used as a method of escape in case of an emergency; and

E. A fire extinguisher, first aid equipment and such other supplies as may from time to time be required by the health department.

**5.26.090 Vehicles—Identifying design required.**

A. Each ambulance shall bear on the outside of each rear or front door, in painted letters not less than five-sixteenths inch stroke, and more than two and one-quarter inches in height, the name of the licensee and the company number, which number shall also be painted on the rear of the vehicle and, in addition, may bear an identifying design approved by the city.

B. Each invalid coach shall bear on the outside of each rear or front door in painted letters not less than five-sixteenths inch stroke and more than two and one-quarter inches in height either the words “Special Transportation” or “Invalid Coach,” the name of the licensee and the company number, which name and number shall also be painted on the rear of such vehicle and, in addition, may bear an identifying design approved by the city.

**5.26.100 Vehicles—Design restrictions.**

No vehicle covered by this chapter 5.26 shall be licensed if the color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia to be used thereon shall, in the opinion of the manager, conflict with or imitate any color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia used on a vehicle or vehicles already operating under this chapter. If, after a license has been issued, the color scheme, identifying design, monogram or insignia is changed so as to be, in the opinion of the manager, in conflict with or in imitation of those used by any other person, owner or operator, the

license for such vehicle shall be suspended or revoked.

**5.26.110 Vehicles—Sanitation regulations.**

Every ambulance or invalid coach operating under the provisions of this title shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition according to the rules and regulations promulgated by the health department.

**5.26.120 Manifests—Driver duties.**

A. Every driver shall maintain a daily manifest as defined in section 5.26.010. All manifests shall be returned to the licensee by the driver at the conclusion of his working day. The police department shall be notified by the driver of an ambulance licensed hereunder of all cases where beating, knifing, poisoning, shooting, suicide or homicide may possibly have been involved.

B. The forms for each manifest shall be furnished to the driver by the licensee and shall be of a character approved by the city.

C. Every licensee shall retain and preserve all driver manifests in a safe place for at least one calendar year after the year in which such manifests are made. Manifests so retained shall be available to the police department, license official or their designee at any time upon request.

**5.26.130 Recordkeeping requirements.**

A. Every licensee shall keep accurate records of all receipts from operations, including operating and other expenses, capital expenditures, and such other operating information as may be required by the city. Records so retained shall be made available to the police department or license official for inspection upon request.

B. Every licensee shall maintain all records required by this section at a place readily accessible for examination by the city.

**5.26.140 Invalid coaches—Emergency equipment prohibited.**

No invalid coach licensed under this section shall be equipped with a siren or permitted to operate as an emergency vehicle or permitted to carry oxygen.

**5.26.150 Invalid coaches—Operation of street stands prohibited.**

Licenseses of invalid coaches shall not operate street stands or accept passengers except on orders received at the licensee's dispatching office or by appointment or contract.

**5.26.160 Inspection of vehicles.**

Every ambulance or invalid coach operating under the provisions of this title shall be inspected every six months by the police department and shall comply with all rules and regulations adopted by the health department.

**5.26.170 Enforcement.**

The police department or license official are authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

**5.26.180 Violation—Report to manager.**

Upon the discovery of a violation of the provisions of this title, the police department shall, in addition to the institution of criminal proceedings, report the same to the manager, who shall make such order respecting the licenses of those persons involved as the manager deems appropriate.