

Driver

18-76 Taxi Driver Permit Required

No person shall drive any vehicle for hire within the Town of Newport nor between Newport and any unincorporated place within five (5) miles of Newport until such person shall have been granted a permit by the Chief of Police or his designee to do so.

Each applicant for a taxicab driver permit shall make application on a form provided by the police department. The application shall contain the applicant's name, address, physical condition, former employers, criminal history, and driver license number and state of issue, and any other information required on the application.

The application shall be signed and notarized by the applicant. The applicant shall be fingerprinted and photographed as directed by the Chief of Police or his designee.

A criminal records check shall be performed on all taxicab driver applicants. Fingerprint cards of the applicant shall be presented to the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and processed as allowed by applicable law.

Fee

The fee for a taxicab driver permit, both initial and renewal shall be \$15 and is due annually. All fees are non-refundable. **A copy of the receipt reflecting payment to the Town Clerk must accompany this form before a permit is issued.**

Driver Qualifications

- (a) Each applicant or holder of a taxicab permit shall:
1. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age, and eligible to work in the United States
 2. Have possessed a driver license for the past twelve (12) months issued by any state of the United States.
 3. Not have committed an offense of driving while subject to an impairing substance or with an alcohol concentration of 0.08, or more, within five (5) years.
 4. Not have committed a felony within five (5) years.
 5. Not have committed an offense of prostitution or controlled substances within five (5) years.
 6. Not have been convicted of more than two (2) motor vehicle moving violations in the past twelve (12) months.
- (b) A taxicab driver applicant must not be physically or mentally incapable of operating a taxicab. Upon request by the Chief of Police or his designee, the applicant must submit a written opinion from a physician stating that the applicant is physically capable and/or mentally competent to operate a taxicab.
- (c) The applicant shall not make a material false or misleading statement on the application for a taxicab driver permit. An applicant cannot submit more than one application in any ninety (90) day period.
- (d) An applicant or taxicab driver shall have a valid North Carolina driver's license. Upon revocation of a driver's license by the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles or a court, a taxicab driver permit becomes immediately revoked.

18-83 Revocation of a driver permit

The Chief of Police or his designee may revoke a taxicab driver permit for any violation enumerated in section 18-83. When a taxicab driver permit is revoked, the holder shall cease operation of taxicabs immediately and surrender the permit to the Chief of Police or his designee.

TAXICAB DRIVER PERMIT APPLICATION CONTINUED

Last medical exam: _____ GOOD FAIR POOR (← Circle one)

Last hearing exam: _____ GOOD FAIR POOR (← Circle one)

Last eye exam: _____ GOOD FAIR POOR (← Circle one)

Has the applicant been treated for any mental disorders, heart attacks, epilepsy, or diabetes in a six-month period prior to filing an application?

Yes: _____ must have written opinion from a physician or psychiatrist, or both stating that the applicant is physically capable and mentally competent to operate a vehicle for hire. Attach original to application.

No: _____

List all convictions of local, state, or federal laws: (write N/A if you have never been convicted of a crime/infraction)

Failing to list all convictions can cause the permit to be denied.

<u>Approximate date of conviction</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>City/County, State</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Applicant signature
_____ County, North Carolina

I, _____, a notary public of said county and state, certify that _____

_____ personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn or affirmed, and acknowledged his or her signature on this instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the _____ day of _____, 2____.

Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My commission expires: _____

STOP HERE AND SUBMIT APPLICATION

I find that the above applicant has been investigated as to fitness to be licensed to drive a taxicab. Based on that investigation and in accordance with town ordinances, this application is approved or denied as indicated by the signature below of the Chief of Police or of his designee.

APPROVED

DATE

DENIED