

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Hackney Carriage.

No. 18.—1913.

28th May.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Port-of-Spain Hackney Carriage Ordinance, No. 156.

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GEORGE R. LE HUNTE,

GOVERNOR.

14th June, 1913.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows :—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the Port-of-Spain Hackney Carriage (Amendment) Ordinance, 1913. Short title and interpretation.

(2.) The Port-of-Spain Hackney Carriage Ordinance (No. 156) is hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance.

2.—(1.) The Inspector-General shall not grant a license for a hackney carriage to carry a greater number of persons than is consistent with the probable strength of the horse or horses to be used to draw such carriage or with the sitting accommodation of such carriage regard being had to the provision of adequate accommodation to enable every person to sit with ease. Conditions as to granting of licences.

(2.) Any driver who permits a larger number of persons to ride in a hackney carriage than is mentioned in a license

granted by the Inspector-General of Constabulary under the preceding sub-section is liable on summary conviction before a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding fifty shillings or in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding one month.

Fares may be
demanded in
advance.

3. Every proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall have a right to demand his fare of the person or persons employing him on their entering his carriage or ordering him to wait or to drive further, and may refuse to convey any such person who does not comply with such demand, and may require any Constable to remove and expel from the carriage any person so refusing to pay his fare; and any person obstructing or resisting a Constable in the performance of his duty under this section is liable on summary conviction before a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding Five pounds or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding one month.

Conduct of
drivers.

4. Every driver of a hackney carriage shall, at all times, when standing, plying, or driving for hire, conduct himself in an orderly manner, and with civility and propriety towards every person seeking to hire, or hiring, or being conveyed in such carriage; and shall comply with every reasonable requirement of any person hiring or being conveyed in such carriage.

Touting
prohibited.

5. A driver of a hackney carriage, when standing or plying for hire shall not, by calling out or otherwise, importune any person to hire such carriage to the annoyance of such person or of any other person.

Driver to obey
Constable
directing
traffic.

6. Every driver of a hackney carriage, who shall convey any person to or from any place of public worship, amusement or resort, or who shall for such purpose be in waiting with such carriage at or near to any such place, shall, as regards the manner of taking up or setting down any passenger, or of waiting for such purpose, comply with the directions of every constable authorised to keep order and prevent obstruction of the streets in the neighbourhood of such place.

Use of unfit
animals.

7. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage drawn by a horse or horses, shall not, at any time while standing,

plying, or driving for hire, drive or allow to be driven, or harness or allow to be harnessed for the purpose of drawing such carriage, any such animal whilst in such a condition as to expose any person conveyed or being in such carriage, or any person traversing any street to risk of injury.

8. Every driver of a hackney carriage drawn by a horse or horses, shall, at all times while standing, plying or driving for hire, cause every part of the harness of the animal or animals drawing such carriage to be kept in proper order, and duly fastened and adjusted, so that such animal or animals shall be properly and securely attached to such carriage, and shall be under the due control of such driver.

Harness to be in proper order.

9. Every proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause the seats of such carriage to be properly cushioned or covered, and the floor of such carriage to be provided with a proper carpet, mat or other suitable covering. He shall cause such carriage to be so furnished and fitted in all other respects as to secure cleanliness, and due provision for the safety and convenience of every person conveyed in such carriage.

How carriages are to be furnished.

10. Every proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause a statement of the fares authorised by law to be demanded in respect of the hiring of such carriage to be printed or painted on a suitable plate in legible letters and figures of such a colour as to be clearly distinguishable from the colour of the ground whereon such letters and figures are printed or painted. He shall cause such plate to be fixed on the inside of the splashboard of such carriage or otherwise in such a position and manner that the letters and figures on such plate shall be at all times distinctly and plainly visible and legible to any person being conveyed in such carriage.

Table of fares to be affixed.

Such proprietor shall, from time to time, as often as occasion may require, renew such plate or the letters and figures of such plate, and he shall not nor shall any driver of such carriage wilfully or negligently cause or suffer such plate to be inverted or detached or the letters or figures on such plate to be in any manner or by any means concealed from the view of any person being conveyed in such carriage at any time while such carriage may ply or be used for hire.

Penalty for
breaches of
preceding
sections.

11. Every proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage acting in contravention of any of the provisions of the seven preceding sections is liable on summary conviction before a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding fifty shillings or in default of payment to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding one month.

Repeal of
Schedule of
Fares.

12.—(1.) Schedule A of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and there shall be substituted in place thereof the Schedule to this Ordinance and all references in the principal Ordinance to the said Schedule A shall be construed and taken to refer to the Schedule to this Ordinance.

(2.) The Legislative Council may by resolution increase, reduce or otherwise alter the scale of fares provided in the substituted Schedule in the preceding section mentioned.

Passed in Council this Twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

HARRY L. KNAGGS,

Clerk of the Council.

THE SCHEDULE.

PART I.

CARRIAGES DRAWN BY HORSES.

Fares by distance:—From 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

A.—From any one part to any other part of Port-of-Spain, including St. Clair, for one passenger not more than 1/- and for each additional passenger not more than 6d. Provided that the fare from any one part to any other part of Port-of-Spain included within the following boundaries:—

On the East -- the Dry River,
On the North —Jerningham Avenue, and Queen's Park East and West,
On the West —Cipriani Boulevard and Colville Street,
On the South --The Sea,

shall not exceed 6d. for each passenger.

B.—In addition to the fares mentioned in A, for every half mile, or proportion thereof, beyond the limits of Port-of-Spain and St. Clair, for every person carried—6d.

For every child under the age of 10 years—3d.

(No charge will be made for infants in arms.)

From 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The charges to be 50 per cent. extra in each case.

FARES BY TIME.

	6 a.m. to 10 p.m.		10 p.m. to 6 a.m.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
For any time not exceeding 20 minutes ...	1	0	...	1 6
Above 20 minutes and not exceeding 40 minutes...	2	0	...	3 0
Above 40 minutes and not exceeding one hour ...	2	6	...	4 0
For every 15 minutes or portion thereof above the 1st hour	6	9

Provided that:

If a hackney carriage is hired by distance and in the course of the hiring the driver is at the request of the hirer made to wait (including waiting before starting) the driver shall be entitled to charge (in addition to what is due to him for distance) an extra payment of 3d. for each period of 10 minutes completed, whether in one stoppage or in several stoppages; but the driver shall not be entitled to receive any extra payment for waiting, if such waiting has not exceeded in the whole 10 minutes.

If the total fare by distance, together with the extra payment of 3d. for stoppages for every 10 minutes amounts to less than 1s. 6d. for half an hour, then such driver shall be at liberty to make a total charge of 1s. 6d. for every half hour so completed.

If the hiring be for conveyance within the distance fixed for 6d. fares, such fares by time to be in full for the hire of the whole of such hackney carriage, and the driver shall be compelled to carry, if required, the full number of persons the hackney carriage is permitted to carry. But, if the hiring be to a place or places beyond such distance, then the driver shall be entitled to be paid, in addition, one-half of the above fares by time for each additional person.

Passengers' Luggage—

For every package carried *outside*—2d.

PART II.

MOTOR CABS.

For any person conveyed in a motor hackney carriage within the boundaries of Port-of-Spain, including St. Clair, for the 1st mile or part of a mile—6d.

For each half mile or part thereof after the first mile—3d.

4/- an hour for one person.

Every other person 2/- an hour.

For the whole carriage per hour—10/-.

From 10 p.m to 6 a.m. 50% extra.

Passengers' luggage—

For every package carried *outside*—2d.
