

1 [Denying taxi driver permits to applicants having certain criminal convictions within four years.]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Police Code by amending Section 1089, to**
4 **provide that persons having certain criminal convictions shall not be eligible to receive**
5 **a taxi driver permit for four years after the date of conviction.**

6 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;
7 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.
8 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
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9 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

10 Section 1. The San Francisco Police Code is hereby amended by amending
11 Section 1089, to read as follows:

12 **SEC. 1089. DRIVERS PERMITS.**

13 (a) **Permit Required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to act as a driver of any
14 motor vehicle for hire licensed pursuant to this Article unless that person holds a driver's
15 permit from the Police Department issued pursuant to this Section.

16 (b) **Application.** Application for a permit to drive a motor vehicle for hire shall be
17 made to the Chief of Police on a form provided by the Police Department and shall pay to the
18 City and County of San Francisco a fee to cover the costs of investigating and processing the
19 application, such fee to be determined periodically as deemed appropriate by the Police
20 Commission. No application for a driver's permit hereunder shall be deemed to be complete
21 until and unless such sum is fully paid.

22 (c) **Examination for Permit.** Every applicant for a driver's permit as required by this
23 Article shall be required to take and pass an examination given by the Chief of Police. Said
24 examination shall cover the provisions of this Article and all rules or regulations promulgated
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1 pursuant thereto, the California Vehicle Code, the traffic regulations of the City and County of
2 San Francisco.

3 (d) **Requisites for Driver's Permit.** Each applicant for a driver's permit from the Chief
4 of Police must:

5 (1) Be a resident of the United States, of good moral character, and not have been
6 convicted of any felony sexual assault, stalking, crimes against children, robbery, assault with a deadly
7 weapon, felony hate crimes, murder, or domestic violence within a four-year period prior to the date of
8 his or her application;

9 (2) Be of the age of 21 years or over;

10 (3) Be of sound physique, with good eyesight and not subject to any disease,
11 condition, infirmity, or addiction to the use of alcohol or any controlled substance, which might
12 render the applicant unfit for the safe operation of a taxicab or other motor vehicle for hire;

13 (4) Be able to read and write the English language;

14 (5) Be clean in dress and person;

15 (6) Hold a valid California driver's license of a class sufficient for the lawful operation of
16 the motor vehicle to be driven.

17 (e) **Photographs of Applicant.** Each applicant for a driver's permit under this Section
18 must file with his or her application to recent photographs of himself or herself of a size that
19 may be easily attached to a motor vehicle for hire driver's license. One copy of said
20 photograph shall be attached to the license when issued, and carried by such licensed driver
21 at all times when driving a taxicab or other motor vehicle for hire. The photograph shall be so
22 attached to the license that it cannot be removed and another photograph substituted without
23 detection. Each licensed driver shall, upon demand by any police officer or passenger, exhibit
24 his license and photograph for inspection. The other copy of the photo shall be filed with the
25 application to the Police Department.

1 (f) **Issuance of Permit.** After approving the application, the Chief of Police shall
2 forward notice of that approval to the Tax Collector, who shall issue the permit upon payment
3 by the applicant of the applicable fee.

4 (g) **Badge for Drivers.** In addition to the permits required by this Section, there shall
5 be furnished to each licensed driver of a taxicab, or other motor vehicle for hire, upon the
6 presentation of a driver's annual permit granted by the Chief of Police, a badge of such form
7 and style as the Tax Collector may prescribe, with the license number of such driver thereon,
8 which must, under penalty of revocation of the license, be constantly and conspicuously
9 displayed on the outside of the driver's clothing when engaged in his or her employment, and
10 shall only be worn by the person to whom the badge is issued.

11 In addition thereto, the Tax Collector shall issue annually, to the person named in such
12 permit, a driver's annual identification card which identification card shall be of such design
13 and lettering as the Tax Collector shall determine. Separate fees shall be charged for the
14 identification card and the driver's badge to cover the cost of issuance.

15 (h) **Renewal of Driver's Permits.** Driver's licenses and permits shall be issued as of
16 the first day of January of each year and shall be valid unless revoked or suspended, up to
17 and including the 31st day of December, next succeeding. The Chief of Police may cause the
18 renewal of the driver's license from year to year upon the filing with the Tax Collector of a
19 statement by the driver providing his or her current address and current employer and the

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1 payment of the annual license fee. All driver's licenses and permits which are valid on the
2 effective date of this Article shall remain in effect and may be renewed under this Section.

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