DIVISION II. PEDICABS

Sec. 114-695. Definitions.

(a) *Pedicab* means a device having up to four wheels that transports or is capable of transporting passengers on attached seats.

(b) *Pedicab business* means the business of operating one (1) or more pedicabs for the recreational or physical transportation of the general public for profit, not-for-profit, or as a free service accepting tips or displaying advertising.

(C00, § 114-695, O.15,487)

Sec. 114-696. Compliance with Division I. Bicycles.

Every operator of a pedicab shall comply with all provisions of Division I. Bicycles, except Section 114-684, Improper Riding.

(C00, § 114-696, O.15,487)

Sec. 114-697. License Required.

Every pedicab shall have affixed to the back of the pedicab a current City of Des Moines pedicab license, which is clearly visible to others using the roadway.

(C00, § 114-697, O.15,487)

Sec. 114-698. License Application.

(a) Applications for a pedicab license must be submitted to the City of Des Moines Traffic Engineer and approved prior to operating a pedicab.

(b) Requirements for approval:

   (1) Provide to the Traffic Engineer a certificate of a general liability insurance policy covering the operation of the pedicab(s) including coverage for bodily injury, death and property damage with limits of liability not less than $1,000,000.00 per occurrence and aggregate combined single limit. Insurance must be effective for same period as the license remains valid and effective.

   (2) The certificate of insurance referred to in this section shall provide that the insurance policy or policies have been endorsed to provide thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation, forty-five (45) days advance written notice of non-renewal, and ten (10) days advance written notice of cancellation due to nonpayment of premium, and that these written notices shall be provided by e-mail, facsimile, delivery, or regular mail to the Traffic Engineer.
(3) The cancellation or other termination of any required insurance policy shall automatically revoke and terminate the pedicab license.

(c) The pedicab license shall be valid and effective from January 1 to December 31 of the year approved. However, pedicab licenses approved in 2016 will be valid from the approval date to December 31, 2017.

(C00, § 114-698, O.15,487)


(a) No person under the age of sixteen (16) shall operate a pedicab.

(b) No person shall operate a pedicab without a pedicab license.

(c) No person shall operate a pedicab which is not solely operated by human power.

(d) No person shall operate a pedicab on a street with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or greater, except for the purpose of crossing the street.

(e) No person, while operating a pedicab, shall stop on a street with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or greater in order to pick up or drop off passengers.

(C00, § 114-699, O.15,487)

Sec. 114-700. Penalty.

Any person who fails to perform an act required by this division or who commits an act prohibited by this division shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor punishable by a penalty as provided by section 1-15 of this Code.

(C00, § 114-700, O.15,487)

Sec. 114-701—114-1100. Reserved.