

45.

(a) No taxicab business shall be operated in any incorporated city or town having a population of more than 50,000 persons or in Baltimore County [or Cecil counties] or the cities of Cumberland and Hagerstown, or between points within such cities, county or town and points outside thereof, without a written permit from the Commission.

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441.

The term "Taxicabs" as used in this subtitle shall embrace any motor vehicle for hire designed to carry seven persons or less, including the driver, operated upon any public street or highway in Cecil County, or, on call or demand, accepting or soliciting passengers indiscriminately for transportation for hire between points along public streets or highways in Cecil County as directed by the passenger or passengers being transported; but nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to include as a taxicab a motor vehicle operated, with the approval of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, on fixed routes and schedules.

442.

In order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Cecil County and other persons who may use taxicab facilities therein, the County Commissioners of Cecil County may enact, amend, and repeal ordinances, prescribing reasonable rates of fare, fixing requirements for the ownership and operation of taxicabs in the county and providing for inspection and licensing of taxicabs, their owners and operators. The regulation herein provided for the taxicab industry for Cecil County shall be in addition to any regulation by the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Public Service Commission of Maryland.

Any person, firm, or corporation subject to this subtitle who or which is dissatisfied with any ordinance of the County Commissioners or their agent, enacted pursuant to the authority herein conferred, may commence an action in the Circuit Court of Cecil County against the County Commissioners or their agent to vacate and set aside the ordinance on the ground that the regulation, practice, act, or service established by the ordinance is unreasonable or unlawful. The decision of the Circuit Court shall be appealable to the Court of Appeals of Maryland by either party, provided the appeal is entered within twenty days after the judgment of the Circuit Court is rendered.

443.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any ordinance promulgated under the authority of Section 442 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. In addition, the incorporated town or the County Commissioners or their agent, upon proof of any violation of any ordinance promulgated under Section 442, may revoke or suspend any license issued under the authority of Section 442 after affording reasonable opportunity to the licensee to be heard in his, her, or its defense.