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2 **Taxicab Driver License Criteria** – For the purpose of updating the criteria for a City taxicab
3 driver license; requiring a Class C driver's license from the State instead of a Class D license;
4 requiring a driver-for-hire tag from the State; limiting the size of a taxicab vehicle; and generally
5 dealing with taxicab driver qualifications.

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
8 **City of Annapolis**

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10 **Ordinance 21-24**

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12 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**

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14 **Referred to:**

15 **Economic Matters Committee**

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17 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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19 **Taxicab Driver License Criteria**

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21 **FOR** the purpose of updating the criteria for a City taxicab driver license; requiring a Class C
22 driver's license from the State instead of a Class D license; requiring a driver-for-hire tag
23 from the State; limiting the size of a taxicab vehicle; and generally dealing with taxicab
24 driver qualifications.

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26 **BY** repealing and reenacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City
27 of Annapolis, 2024 Edition:
28 **7.48.520**

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30 **SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**
31 **COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

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33 **Title 7 - BUSINESS LICENSES, TAXES AND REGULATIONS**

34 **Chapter 7.48 - TAXICABS**

35 **Article IV - Owner/Driver Permitting**
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1 **7.48.020 Definitions.**

2 B. "Taxicab" means:

- 3 ~~1. Except as provided in Subsection (B)(2) of this section, a motor vehicle for hire that:~~
4 ~~a. Is designed to carry seven or fewer individuals including the driver; and~~
5 ~~b. Is used to accept or solicit passengers for transportation for hire between those~~
6 ~~points along highways in this City as the passengers request.~~

7 Taxicab.

- 8 1. Except as provided in Paragraph 2 below, "Taxicab" means a motor vehicle for hire
9 engaged by the passenger for transportation service between points chosen by the
10 passenger.
11 2. Taxicab does not include a motor vehicle operated on a regular schedule and between
12 fixed termini with the approval of the Maryland ~~p~~Public s~~S~~ervice s~~C~~ommission.

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15 **Section 7.48.520 - Qualifications.**

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~~Each applicant for a taxicab driver's license shall:~~

- 18 ~~A. Be of the age of eighteen years or over and a citizen of the United States or a declarant;~~
19 ~~B. Hold a State class D driver's license and have resided in the County for six months~~
20 ~~before making the application;~~
21 ~~C. Have a general geographical knowledge of the public thoroughfares and street~~
22 ~~locations in the City, and be able to pass any test the Department of Public~~
23 ~~Transportation may devise in the future as proof of such general knowledge.~~

24 To apply for a taxicab driver's license, the applicant shall:

- 25 1. Be at least 18 years old and either a United States citizen or a declarant;
26 2. Hold a valid State class **C** driver's license;
27 3. Hold a "B" license tag, indicating that they are a for-hire driver;
28 4. Drive a vehicle that weighs less than 26,001 pounds and carry no more than the
29 number of passengers rated for the vehicle; and
30 5. Pass any Maryland Department of Transportation-required tests.

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1 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**
2 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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