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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Taxation—See Ch. 80.

ARTICLE I
Payment of Taxes and Assessments
[Adopted 9-3-1987 by Ord. No. 14-1987]

§ 59-1. Payment required prior to issuance.

The City of Gloucester City hereby declares that, effective immediately upon adoption of this ordinance, as a condition for the issuance, reissuance or renewal of any licenses or permits, the taxes of the applicant shall be current and there shall be no

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delinquent property taxes nor any other delinquent assessments before said permits or licenses are issued.

§ 59-2. Revocation or suspension for nonpayment.

In addition to the above, this ordinance shall empower the city, when three consecutive installments of taxes are due and payable but delinquent, to revoke, suspend or refuse to issue the license or permit until such time as all delinquent taxes or assessments have been paid in full, including any interest charged by Gloucester City.

§ 59-3. Repealer.

This ordinance supersedes all other ordinances or resolutions inconsistent herewith.

§ 59-4. When effective.

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication according to law.

ARTICLE II

Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates

**[Adopted 1-4-1996 by Ord. No. 1-1996; amended
in its entirety 12-5-2002 by Ord. No. 28-2002; amended
12-15-2011 by Ord. No. O28-2011]**

§ 59-5. Fees.

The City Clerk is directed to collect the following fees for vital statistics records: \$12. for each certified copy of a birth, death and marriage issued; \$12. for each certification of birth, death and marriage issued.

ARTICLE III

Limousine Licenses**[Adopted 5-19-2003 by Ord. No. 10-2003]****§ 59-6. Limousine licenses required; limousine defined.**

- A. As defined in New Jersey Statutes, any limousine owner, whose principal office or place of business is located within the City of Gloucester City, must file with the City Clerk an insurance policy issued by a company duly licensed to transact business under the insurance laws of this state in the sum of \$1,500,000 against loss by reason of the liability imposed by law upon every limousine owner for damages on account of bodily injury or death suffered by any person as the result of an accident occurring by reason of the ownership, maintenance or use of the limousine upon any public street or highway throughout the municipalities of the State of New Jersey and obtain from said Clerk a license for such operations. Such owner shall carry \$50,000.00 in property damage insurance coverage and such policy shall state that the insurances clearly state the vehicle(s) are insured as limousines. Each vehicle licensed under this section shall be registered as a limousine with the State of New Jersey. **[Amended 6-18-2015 by Ord. No. O14-2015]**
- B. Limousine shall mean large passenger vehicle used to transport customers. The vehicle must separate the passenger compartment from the driver's compartment. The vehicle must be capable of carrying no less than four (4) passengers, none of whom may be in the front seat. The time of service shall be not less than three (3) hours. Any transporting vehicle not meeting this definition shall be considered a taxi, and must be licensed as such, under the Code of the City of Gloucester City. **[Added 7-6-2015 by Ord. No. O24-2015]**

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§ 59-6.1. Owner application; owners and operators background checks.

[Added 6-18-2015 by Ord. No. O14-2015]

A. Owners application. The owner shall make application to the City Clerk in a form provided by the Clerk and provide the following information:

- (1) The full name and address of each person or entity who has an ownership interest in the vehicle. If the vehicle is owned by an entity, the full name and address of all persons having an ownership interest in the entity.
- (2) The year, make, model, ID number and registration number of each vehicle.
- (3) The place of business and location where the vehicles are stored.
- (4) The location where applicant will maintain an office where customers may call or correspond and where process can be served.
- (5) The name and address of the insurance company, the policy number and the declaration page.
- (6) A list of other municipalities where the applicant operates.
- (7) A statement regarding any criminal convictions of the applicant, whether the applicant has ever had a license revocation and the details of such revocation.

B. Owners and operators background checks and provide:

- (1) The operator(s) of the vehicle(s) shall apply for an operator's license to the City Clerk in a form provided by the Clerk.
- (2) Applicants for both owner's and operator's licenses shall undergo a criminal background check and a fingerprint check to be conducted under the direction of the Gloucester City Police Department, at the applicant's expense.

- (3) Neither an owner's nor operator's license shall be issued to anyone who does not prove to the Clerk that they hold a valid New Jersey drivers license, properly endorsed to operate a limousine and that they have not been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.

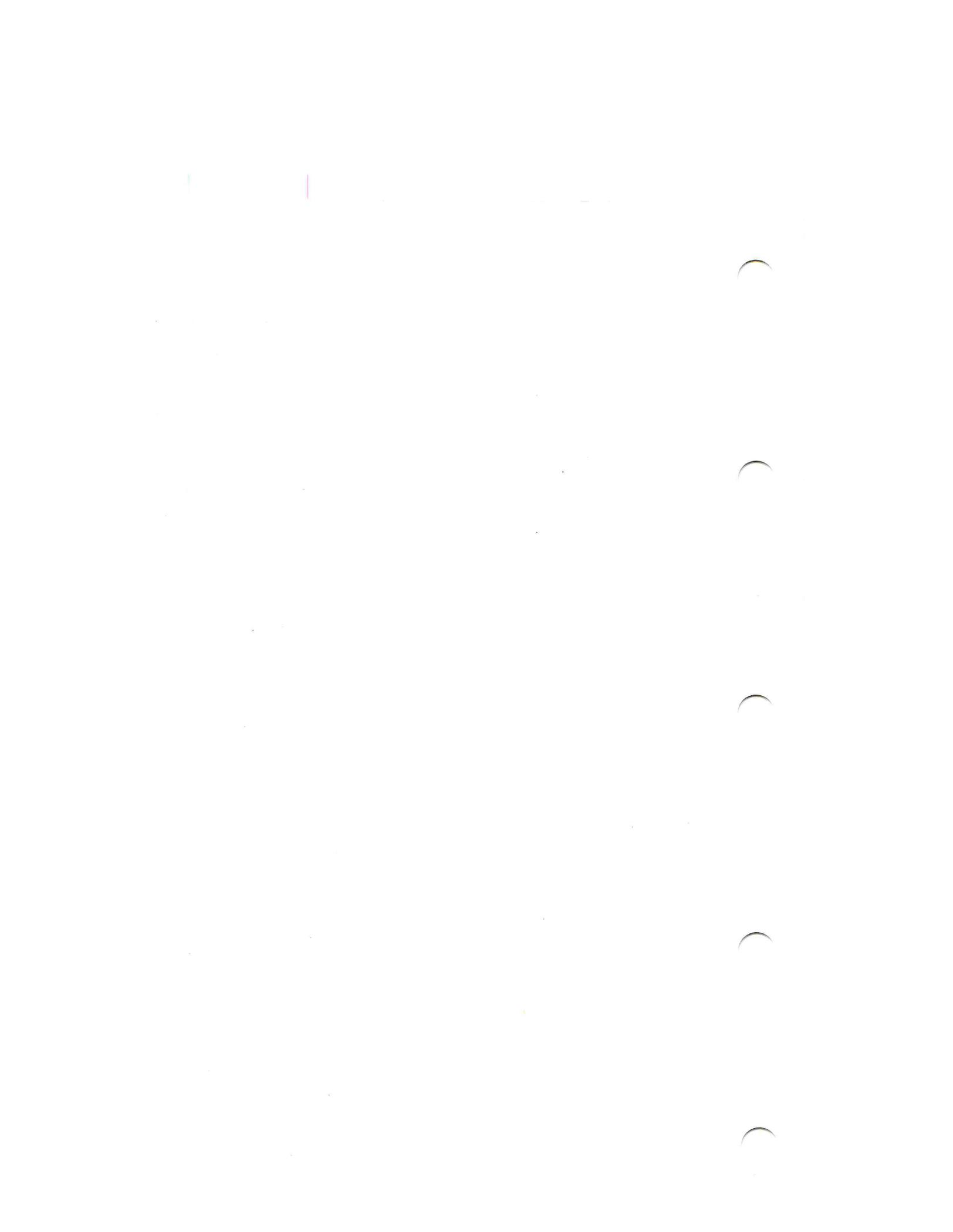
§ 59-7. Power of attorney filed.

The owner of a limousine shall execute and file a power of attorney with the Motor Vehicle Commission of the State of New Jersey concurrently with the filing of the above stated insurance policy, prior to the Clerk issuing a license.

§ 59-8. Equipment and examination required.

All limousines must be equipped with:

- A. A two-way communications system for communication with a person outside of the vehicle for a distance not less than 100 miles. This requirement may be satisfied by a mobile telephone.
- B. A removable first-aid kit and an operable fire extinguisher, which shall be placed in an accessible place within the vehicle.
- C. Sideboards attached to the permanent body construction of the vehicle if the height of the vehicle floor is 10 inches or more above ground level.
- D. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:16-22.2, the operator and owner, as the case may be, must inspect and examine the limousine to ascertain its fitness to operate and shall record the date and time of such examination.



§ 59-10. Violations and penalties.

Any person or persons, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall pay a fine on conviction thereof of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 or be imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both.

ARTICLE IV
Fees for Marriage and Civil Union Ceremonies
[Adopted 6-28-2007 by Ord. No. O16-2007]

§ 59-11. Marriage and civil union ceremonies.

§ 59-11.01. General provisions.

A. Purpose. The purpose of this Article is to establish policies and procedures for the collection of fees associated with the performance of marriage or civil union ceremonies by the Mayor or Designated Deputy Mayor.

§ 59-11.02. General regulations.

A. Collection of fees.

(1) Persons seeking to be married or joined in civil union by the Mayor of Gloucester City shall remit the applicable fees, defined below, to be paid to the City of Gloucester City:

- (a) Residents of Gloucester City \$50
- (b) Nonresidents of Gloucester City \$75
- (c) Active and or retired military \$35

(d) The Mayor may, in his discretion, waive the above stated fee for reasons such as relatives and friends.

(2) An administrative fee of \$5 shall be added to the above established fee.

- (3) In addition to the performance and administrative fees above, the following travel and expense fees shall be paid for travel to ceremonies being performed outside of Gloucester City and a five mile radius thereof.
 - (a) Beyond five (5) miles: the IRS Standard Mileage Rate rounded up to the next half dollar for each mile to be traveled. (Current rate is 48 1/2 cents per mile; this would be rounded up to 50 cents per mile.)
 - (b) If tolls are necessarily to be incurred for such travel, they shall be calculated and included in addition to the above stated rate.
 - (c) If the mode of travel is different than passenger vehicle, i.e. public or other form of transportation, or other costs would need to be incurred, such as overnight accommodations or tuxedo rentals, such expenses for the same shall be calculated and included in addition to the above stated fees.
- B. Compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred through the performance of marriage and civil union ceremonies.
- (1) Receipt of fees. The fee shall be paid by check, payable to the City of Gloucester City. Fees collected shall be deposited into the city's current fund.
 - (2) Disbursement of fees.
 - (a) Fees for service may be disbursed to the Mayor or Designated Deputy Mayor through the appropriate budget line item and with appropriate authorization.
 - (b) Fees for reimbursement of appropriate expenses (travel, tuxedo rental, direct cost reimbursement) may be disbursed to the Mayor or Designated Deputy Mayor in accordance with Gloucester City's established procedure for

reimbursement, including vouchers with receipts documenting the expenses, duly authorized and with expenditure from the appropriate line item.

- (3) Eligible persons. The City of Gloucester City shall reimburse only proper and reasonable expenses incurred directly by and for the Mayor. Under no circumstances shall the City reimburse expenses or expenditures on behalf of or because of any spouse, child, guest or other person.

ARTICLE V
Fees for Issuance of Zoning Certificate
[Adopted 7-9-2007 by Ord. No. O17-2007]

§ 59-12. Zoning certificate.

§ 59-12.01. General provisions.

- A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish policies and procedures for the collection of fees associated with the application for an issuance of a zoning certificate when so requested by an interested party.

§ 59-12.02. General regulations.

- A. Application and collection of fees.
 - (1) Persons seeking a zoning permit which acknowledges that a use, structure or building complies with the provisions of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and any duly authorized variance therefrom shall apply for the same on a form provided by the administrative officer, who shall be the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Such application form shall be accompanied by a payment of a \$25 fee to investigate and prepare such a certificate.

- (2) Within fifteen (15) business days after receipt of the application, the Zoning Enforcement Officer shall investigate the property in question, and issue a statement of his findings to the requester certifying as to its compliance with applicable zoning laws and variances authorized.

ARTICLE VI

Fees for Issuance of Fence Permit

[Adopted 7-9-2007 by Ord. No. O17-2007]

§ 59-13. Fence permits.

§ 59-13.01. General provisions.

- A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish policies and procedures for the collection of fees associated with the application, review and issuance of a fence permit in accordance with the Development Ordinance of the City of Gloucester City.

59-13.02. General regulations.

- A. Application, collection of fees, review and permit issuance.
 - (1) Before the construction, alteration, or removal and reconstruction of any fence within the Gloucester City, the property owner wherein the fence is to be constructed, altered or reconstructed shall first apply to the Zoning Enforcement Officer on a form provided by him that shall provide information that details the height, style, location, and other such information that the Zoning Officer may require for the proper review of the application. This form shall be accompanied by a payment of a \$25 fee to review such application.
 - (2) The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall investigate the application and its compliance with applicable

zoning and other city laws to determine if a permit may be issued.

- (3) If the application is deemed to be in compliance, the Zoning Officer shall forthwith issue a permit for the fence; however, if the application is not in compliance, the Zoning Officer shall issue a denial of zoning conformity and refer the applicant to the Planning Board Secretary. If, after applicant appears before the Planning Board, a variance is granted for the proposed fence with or without amendments thereto, the Zoning Enforcement Officer shall issue a permit without charge to reflect the approval of the Planning Board. If the applicant does not apply to the Planning Board within one (1) year after denial by the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or if the applicant does apply to the Planning Board and the application is denied, any fence permit fees previously submitted shall be forfeited to the City for administrative fees, and the applicant would need to submit a new permit application and pay the \$25 fee.

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