

Appendix 11



BYELAWS

made by the

COUNCIL

of the

BOROUGH OF TORBAY

with respect to

**HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND
PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES**

14. If a badge has been provided by the Council and delivered to the driver of a hackney carriage he shall when standing or plying for hire and when hired wear that badge in such a position and manner as to be plainly visible.
15. The driver of a hackney carriage so constructed as to carry luggage shall when requested by any person hiring or seeking to hire the carriage:
- Convey a reasonable quantity of luggage;
 - Afford reasonable assistance in loading or unloading;
 - Afford reasonable assistance in removing it to or from the entrance of any house station or place at which he may take up or set down such person.
16. A driver of a motor hackney carriage shall not at any time when driving for hire smoke tobacco or any other like substance except with the consent of the hirer.
17. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage who shall knowingly convey in the carriage the dead body of any person and shall immediately thereafter notify the fact to the Medical Officer of Health of the Council.
18. The driver or proprietor of a motor hackney carriage shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent the discharge herefrom in any street or public place of oil or spirit and shall not repair such carriage in any such street or public place so as to cause any such discharge except where such repairs are essential to secure the continued safe functioning of the vehicle and shall not wash such carriage in any street or public place.
19. The driver of a hackney carriage shall during the time that such carriage is standing at one of the stands referred to in these Byelaws keep such stand in a clean and tidy condition.
20. The driver of a hackney carriage vehicle shall at all times while standing or plying for hire, have a copy of these Byelaws and shall produce the same for perusal and inspection on request by any person hiring the carriage, or other passenger, or any Authorised Officer of the Council.
21. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall not, while standing, plying or driving for hire drive or allow to be driven or harnessed to the carriage any animal in such a condition as to expose any person conveyed or being in such carriage or any person traversing any street to risk of injury.
22. The driver of a hackney carriage drawn by any animal or animals shall while standing plying or driving for hire cause every part of the harness of the animal or animals drawing the carriage to be kept in order so that the animal or animals shall be properly and securely attached to the carriage and under due control.

8. The driver of a hackney carriage of a description for which stands are fixed by any byelaw in that behalf shall when plying for hire in any street and not actually hired:
- Proceed with reasonable speed to and station the carriage on one of such stands or the stands provided at Torquay Paignton or Torre Stations if authorised by the Railway Authorities to use such stands;
 - If a stand at the time of his arrival is occupied by the full number of carriages authorised to occupy it proceed to another stand;
 - On arriving at a stand not already occupied by the full number of carriages authorised to occupy it station the carriage immediately behind the carriage or carriages on the stand and so as to face in the same direction;
 - From time to time when any other carriage immediately in front is driven off or moved forward cause his carriage to be moved forward so as to fill the place previously occupied by the carriage driven off or moved forward;
 - If his carriage is the first or second carriage on the stand remain with the carriage ready to be hired at once.
9. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage when standing or plying for hire shall not be calling out or otherwise importune any person to hire such carriage and shall not make use of the services of any person for the purpose.
10. Every proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall at all times when standing plying or driving for hire, conduct himself in a civil and orderly manner be clean and respectable in his dress and shall act with civility towards every person seeking to hire such carriage and shall comply with every reasonable requirement of any person hiring such carriage and shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of persons conveyed in or entering or alighting from the vehicle.
11. The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage who has agreed or has been hired to be in attendance with the carriage at an appointed time and place shall unless delayed or prevented by some sufficient cause punctually attend with such carriage at such appointed time and place.
12. The driver of a hackney carriage when hired to drive to any particular destination shall subject to any directions given by the hirer proceed to that destination by the shortest available route.
13. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall not convey or permit to be conveyed in such carriage any greater number of persons than the number of persons specified on the plate affixed to the outside of the carriage. For the purposes of this byelaw, two children between the ages of three and ten years shall be regarded as one person but no more than six such children may be conveyed in a hackney carriage at any one time. A child under the age of three years shall not be reckoned.