

APPENDIX 1 – PENALTY POINT SCHEME

FOR MINOR BREACHED OR INFRINGEMENTS BY HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS, DRIVERS AND VEHICLE PROPRIETORS

SCALE OF PENALTY POINTS

REF No	BREACH/OFFENCE OR INFRINGEMENT	PENALTY POINTS
1	Use/Cause/Permit a vehicle to be driven with a defect contrary to Road Vehicle (Construction & Use) Regs 1986 (as amended) (per defect)	10
2	Serious contravention of a Road Traffic Act requirement or other legislation relating to vehicle, driver or operator licensing eg hackney carriage charging more than the prescribed fee	10
3	Failing to produce Certificate of Compliance, MOT certificate, driving licence or insurance certificate, which is valid on the day of request, within 7 days of being requested	5
4.	Obstructing an authorised officer of Police Officer	10
5	Failure to carry an assistance dog without an exemption notice	5
6	Using or allowing a vehicle to be used subject to a suspension issued by an Authorised Officer or Police Officer	10
7	Using a vehicle for which the licence has been suspended or revoked	10
8	Using an unlicensed vehicle or licensed vehicle without Insurance	10
9	Driver using a handheld mobile phone, handheld two way radio,eating or drinking whilst the vehicle is in motion	5
10	Presenting a vehicle for testing in an unsafe or dangerous Condition	10
11	Providing false or misleading information on licence application form / failing to provide relevant information or the relevant fee (including dishonoured cheques)	10
12	Failure to submit a licensed vehicle that is 5 years old, or more for a 6 monthly MoT and provide documented proof to the Council that it has passed such a test. The Council will expect to see documentary evidence that such a test has been carried out within 4 weeks of the due date of the MoT test.	5
13	Operator failing to keep proper records or keep records in accordance with the licence conditions	5
14	Failing to notify the Council of details of road traffic collision within the prescribed time limit	5
15	Minor abusive behaviour to a member of the public or a licensed driver	10
16	Failure to behave in a civil and orderly manner (including rude or aggressive behaviour)	10
17	Using insulting or threatening words or disrespectful behaviour towards any Officer of the Council	10
18	Plying for hire by private hire drivers.	10
19	Carrying more passengers than the capacity stated on the vehicle licence.	10
20	Failure to carry an up to date fire extinguisher.	5

21	Failure to carry an up to date first aid kit	5
22	Failure to wear private hire or hackney carriage driver's badge.	5
23	Refusal to accept hiring without reasonable cause e.g. drunk or rude customer	5
24	Failure to observe rank discipline – taxi drivers (e.g. plying for hire outside the markings of one of the County's taxi ranks).	5
25	Failure to give assistance with loading/unloading luggage to or from any building or place.	5
26	Failure to attend punctually at appointed time and place without sufficient cause.	5
27	Leaving a Hackney Carriage unattended whilst on a designated rank	5
28	Failure to comply with the Driver Dress Code	5
29	Failure to comply with the Code of Good Conduct	5
30	Displaying any feature on a private hire vehicle that may suggest that it is a taxi vehicle.	5
31	A licensed vehicle with illegal tyres	10
32	Failure to carry a legal spare wheel and tools.	5
33	Failure to use authorised roof light on a hackney carriage vehicle.	5
34	Failure to display the external/internal licence plate or signs as required.	5
35	Displaying unsuitable or inappropriate sited signs or advertisements in or on the vehicle.	5
36	Presenting a vehicle for testing in an unsafe or dangerous condition	10
37	Charging hackney carriage passenger more than the metered or agreed fare	10
38	Failure to return a vehicle licence plate within 7 days after request	5
39	Using a non-approved or non-calibrated taximeter	5
40	Unreasonably prolonging a journey or any misconduct regarding the charging of fares	10
41	Failure to notify the Council, in writing, of any conviction, caution, fixed penalty or similar within 7 working days	10
42	Failure to attend punctually at appointed time and place without reasonable cause	5
43	Failure to carry Driver/Vehicle Conditions in vehicle	5
44	Displaying unsuitable, inappropriate or unauthorised signs or advertisements in or on a vehicle	5
45	Failure to notify the Council, in writing, of a change of address within 7 working days	5
46	Failure to notify, in writing, a change in medical circumstances	5
47	Unsatisfactory condition of a vehicle (interior or exterior)	5
48	Any other offence/breach/infringement not specifically covered in this scheme	5-10
49	Driving or parking in a manner likely to cause inconvenience, distress or danger to	5

	members of the public	
50	Parking in contravention of public highway parking restrictions	5
51	Parking/stopping or picking up or dropping passengers on zigzags of a pedestrian crossing or school entrance	10
52	Sounding the vehicle horn to announce arrival or to tout for business	5
53	Failing to display Hackney Carriage fare card in vehicle	5
54	Occupying/parking in a loading bay	5
55	Failure to present vehicle for inspection by an authorised officer at required time/location	5
56	Private Hire driver charging or attempting to charge more than the fare agreed with the customer by the operator	10
57	Private hire vehicle parking/waiting on or near of a taxi rank without a booked fare	5
58	Contravention of any byelaw or condition not specified above	5-10