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HIS Excellency the Governor in Executive Council acting pursuant to the powers conferred by the Traffic Act, 1919-1955, has been pleased to make the regulations set out in the Schedule hereunder.

GEO. S. LINDSAY,
Secretary for Local Government.

Schedule.

Regulations.

1. In these regulations the Traffic Regulations, 1954, published in the *Government Gazette* on the 15th December, 1954, as amended by regulations amending the same published in the *Gazette* on the 9th February, 1955; the 1st April, 1955; the 11th May, 1955; the 17th June, 1955; the 9th August, 1955; the 30th September, 1955; the 30th December, 1955; the 24th April, 1956; the 23rd October, 1956; the 16th November, 1956, and the 23rd November, 1956, are referred to as the principal regulations. Principal Regulations.
2. Regulation 15 of the principal regulations is amended by adding after the item— Regulation 15 amended.
 - (ii) Any motor wagon of an unladen weight of 40 cwt. or less

relating to class A and under the heading "Kind of Vehicle" the following item:

 - (iii) Any farm tractor (other than a prime mover type of tractor) used exclusively in connection with farming operations.
3. Regulation 24 of the principal regulations is amended— Regulation 24 amended.
 - (a) by substituting for the words "an identification number indicated thereon" in lines two and three of sub-regulation (2) the passage "indicated thereon characters which consist of a number or of a combination of three letters and three figures together with the symbol 'W.A.' placed above the combination of letters and figures";
 - (b) by adding after the word "thereon" being the last word of sub-regulation (3) the passage ", and may in addition have the symbol 'W.A.' painted or placed above the letter or letters and number";

(c) by adding after subregulation (6) a subregulation as follows:—

(6A) Where the characters on identification tablets or number plates issued in the metropolitan area in respect of a motor vehicle consist of a combination of three letters and three figures with the symbol "W.A." placed above the combination, those characters may be white on a black ground, or, if the vehicle is licensed for the carriage of passengers or goods for hire or reward, the characters may be black on a white ground.

Regulation 26 amended.

4. Regulation 26 of the principal regulations is amended by adding after the word "ground" being the last word of subregulation (2) the passage "but in the case of a disc or tablet issued in the metropolitan area the characters of which consist of a combination of three letters and three figures with the symbol 'W.A.' placed above the combination, those characters and that symbol may be white on a black ground."

Regulation 59A added.

5. The principal regulations are amended by adding after regulation 59 a new regulation as follows:—

59A. A person shall not drive, stand or use on a road a vehicle—

Mascots and other ornaments prohibited.

- (a) having any mascot, toy or similar article attached to the windshield, or to the rear or other window of the vehicle, or
- (b) having any mascot, toy or similar article attached to the interior of the vehicle in such a position as to obstruct or be likely to obstruct the vision, or to distract or be likely to distract the attention, of a person while driving the vehicle.

Regulation 65 amended.

6. Regulation 65 of the principal regulations is amended—

- (a) by adding after the subregulation designation "(1)" the paragraph designation "(a)";
- (b) by adding after the word "omnibus" in line two the passage "and a vehicle referred to in paragraph (b) of this subregulation";
- (c) by adding to subregulation (1) a paragraph as follows:—
 - (b) On and after the first day of July, 1957, the owner of a taxi car registered in the metropolitan area shall have fitted to the vehicle an efficient instrument which is in good working order and is capable of registering correctly within a tolerance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. the distance travelled by the vehicle and the fare charged for the hire of the vehicle.

Regulation 66 amended.

7. Regulation 66 of the principal regulations is amended—

- (a) by adding after the word "wheels" in line one of paragraph (b) of subregulation (2) the words "or tyres";
- (b) by substituting for the words "at the commencement of the hiring" in line one of paragraph (a) of subregulation (3) the words "when a passenger or a person hiring the vehicle enters the vehicle,";
- (c) by adding after paragraph (b) of subregulation (3) a paragraph as follows:—
 - (c) not operate the taxi meter in any manner so as to mislead or defraud any passenger or person hiring the vehicle.

8. The principal regulations are amended by substituting for regulation 67 the following regulation:—

67. (1) The owner of a taxi car fitted with a taxi meter shall affix or cause to be affixed to the vehicle either—

(a) a flag of a colour, material and strength approved by the licensing authority and bearing the words "FOR HIRE" in letters of plain block type which are clearly legible

or

(b) a sign bearing the words "FOR HIRE" and capable of being electrically operated and illuminated.

(2) (a) The flag or sign shall be so affixed to the vehicle that when in use it is visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 30 feet in front of the forward end of the vehicle.

(b) When the vehicle is available for hire, the driver of the vehicle shall—

(i) if the vehicle is equipped with a flag as required by subregulation (1) of this regulation, display the flag in a vertical position and during the hours of darkness shall also illuminate the flag; or

(ii) if the vehicle is equipped with a sign as required by that subregulation, illuminate that sign so that the words "FOR HIRE" are clearly displayed.

(3) The driver of a taxi car fitted with a taxi meter shall, during the hours of darkness, illuminate the dial of the meter, if the vehicle is engaged.

(4) (a) The owner of a taxi car fitted with a taxi meter shall display or cause to be displayed prominently and maintain or cause to be maintained on the left hand side and the rear of the vehicle, to the satisfaction of the licensing authority, the flag-fall charge and the rate per mile for the hire of that vehicle.

(b) A person shall not drive a taxi car fitted with a taxi meter unless the flagfall and the rate per mile for the hire of the vehicle is so displayed.

9. The principal regulations are amended by substituting for regulation 192 the following regulation:—

192. A person who is the driver of a vehicle shall—

(a) when approaching an intersection or a junction of roads, and

(b) before and when turning the vehicle round a bend or corner of a road, and,

(c) before driving the vehicle across any road, and,

(d) at all other times whenever necessary, reduce the speed of the vehicle, if it is in motion, and take all other necessary precautions to ensure that he may proceed with safety.

10. Regulation 197 of the principal regulation is revoked.

11. Regulation 205 of the principal regulations is amended—

(a) by adding after the word "hour" in line three of subregulation (1) the passage "or without taking all necessary precautions to ensure that the road or right-of-way, as the case may be, is sufficiently clear of pedestrians and traffic to allow him to proceed with safety";

Regulation 67 substituted.

Taxi car fitted with taximeter to have flag or electrically operated sign.

Regulation 192 substituted.

Driver of vehicle to reduce speed and take precautions in certain cases.

Regulation 197 revoked.

Regulation 205 amended.

(b) by substituting for subregulation (2) the following subregulation:—

Horn not to be sounded except in emergency.

(2) A person shall not on any road or right-of-way sound or cause to sound a horn or other instrument or device capable of making a sound, which is fitted to a motor vehicle, except in a case of emergency or for the purpose of preventing injury to any person or property.

Regulation 249 amended.

12. Regulation 249 of the principal regulations is amended by adding after subregulation (1) a subregulation as follows:—

(1a) If a pedestrian is crossing the carriageway of a road in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of subregulation (1) of this regulation, a person driving a vehicle on that carriageway shall yield the right of way to that pedestrian.

Regulation 352A added.

13. The principal regulations are amended by adding after regulation 352 a regulation as follows:—

Interpretation.

352A. (1) In this regulation

“the area” means that portion of the municipal district of the City of Perth which is contained within and bounded by a line starting at the point where a prolongation of the Western building line of George Street meets the Northern building line of Wellington Street and proceeding thence East along the Northern building line of Wellington Street, thence South along the Eastern building line of Pier Street, thence East along the Northern building line of Murray Street, thence South along the Eastern building line of Irwin Street, thence West along the Southern building line of St. George's Terrace, thence South along the Eastern building line of Barrack Street, thence West along the Southern building lines of Esplanade and Mounts Bay Road, thence along the South-Western building line of Spring Street, thence Eastwards along the Northern building line of Mount Street, thence West along the Southern building line of St. George's Terrace, thence along the South-Western building line of St. George's Place, thence along the Western building line of George Street to the starting point.

Backing of vehicles into or out of roads in the area prohibited at certain times.

(2) (a) A person shall not at any time—

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day excepting Saturdays and Sundays

or

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays,

back a vehicle into or out of any road, or any private lane, driveway or right-of-way, or any building or other premises situated within the area.

(b) This subregulation does not affect a vehicle—

(i) in respect of which a written permit has been granted and issued by or with the authority of the Minister authorising the backing of that vehicle into or out of any road or other place which is specified in the permit and to which paragraph (a) of this subregulation applies; and

(ii) while that vehicle is being used for such purpose or purposes and during such hours as are specified in the permit.

- (3) (a) A person driving a vehicle within the area shall not at any time—
 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day excepting Saturdays and Sundays
 or
 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays
 turn the vehicle to the right for the purpose of entering or leaving
 a road or any private lane, driveway, or right-of-way, or any entrance to a building or other premises which does not exceed 25 feet in width.
- (b) This subregulation does not affect a vehicle which is, or is about to be, turned to the right for the purpose of entering or leaving a portion of a road which is by virtue of any provision of these regulations, set apart for the driving of vehicles in only one direction.
- (4) This regulation shall come into operation on the first day of July, 1957.
14. Regulation 378B of the principal regulations is amended—
 (a) by adding before the word "between" appearing firstly in line one of paragraph (a),
 and
 secondly in line one of paragraph (b)
 of column 1 of the tabulation the subparagraph designation "(i)";
 (b) by adding after the word "Road" being the last word of each of paragraphs (a) and (b) of column 1 of the tabulation the word "and" and a subparagraph as follows:—
 (ii) between any point two chains East of the Eastern building line of Cunningham Street and any point half a chain East of the Eastern building line of Hislop Street.
15. The principal regulations are amended by substituting for the word "Road" in the subheading immediately preceding regulation 384 the word "Municipal."
16. The principal regulations are amended by adding after regulation 384 a regulation as follows:—
 384A. A person shall not park a vehicle—
 (a) on the South-East side of Canning Highway between Barker Avenue and any point 117 feet South-West thereof.
 (b) on the North-West side of Canning Highway between any point 158 feet South-West of its intersection with Thelma Street and any point 120 feet South-West of a point first referred to in this paragraph,
 within the South Perth Municipal District.
17. Regulation 395 of the principal regulations is amended by adding after subregulation (3) a subregulation as follows:—
 (3a) Where a passenger vehicle is fitted with a taxi meter in accordance with these regulations, the driver, conductor or person in charge of that vehicle shall not make a charge in respect of a hiring of that vehicle which is in excess of that registered on the meter in respect of that hiring.

Right hand turns into and out of narrow roads within the area prohibited at certain times.

This regulation to come into operation on 1/7/57.

Regulation 378B amended.

Principal regulations amended.

Regulation 384A added.

Parking restrictions in Canning Highway.

Regulation 395 amended.

Seventh
Schedule
amended.

18. The Seventh Schedule to the principal regulations is amended—

(a) by substituting for paragraph (1) the following paragraph—

(1) (a) For the purposes of these regulations—

“flagfall” means the time when the taxi meter, with which a taxi car is equipped, is set in motion in accordance with subregulation (3) of regulation 66;

“flagfall charge” means the charge which is payable by the hirer of a taxi car to the driver or conductor of that vehicle at flagfall, but does not include any charge for distance travelled or for detention time during a hiring.

(b) (i) The flagfall charge in respect of a taxi car is hereby prescribed as one shilling.

(ii) The flagfall charge is payable by the person hiring the taxi car, in addition to any other charge authorised by these regulations whether for distance travelled or for detention time or for any other service so authorised during a hiring.

(c) (i) A driver, conductor or person in charge of a taxi car fitted with a taxi meter shall not make a charge at a rate exceeding 3d. for each one-eighth part of a mile (or portion thereof) travelled.

(ii) The taxi meter shall be so adjusted as to be capable of registering the distance travelled in relation to each unit of 3d. charged on that account.

(d) (i) A driver, conductor or person in charge of a taxi car fitted with a meter shall not make a charge at a rate exceeding one shilling for every five minutes (or part thereof) of any period of detention during a hiring.

(ii) The taxi meter shall be so adjusted as to be capable of registering the detention time in relation to each unit of 3d. charged on that account.

(e) (i) The maximum charges prescribed by subparagraphs (c) and (d) of this paragraph apply with respect to a complete journey from the point of picking up to the point of setting down of a passenger.

(ii) Within the metropolitan area a return fare is not payable in respect of the hiring of a taxi car fitted with a taxi meter, unless a passenger is carried on the return journey.

(f) With the approval of the appropriate licensing authority, the owner of a taxi car fitted with a taxi meter may have the meter so adjusted as to be capable, by manual operation, of registering a charge calculated at a rate not exceeding the rate prescribed by regulation 396 for ordinary personal luggage in excess of 28 lb. carried on the vehicle by a passenger. ;

(b) by deleting the word “or” appearing firstly in line one and secondly in line six of paragraph (2);

(c) by substituting for the passage “a radius of 15 miles from the General Post Office, Perth” in line eight of paragraph (2) the passage “the metropolitan area”;

(d) by adding after the word “vehicle” in line one of subparagraph (c) of paragraph 3 the words “not equipped with a taxi meter”;

(e) by substituting for the words "eight pence" in line two of subparagraph (c) of Paragraph 3 the words "one shilling."

19. Table "A" of the Eleventh Schedule to the principal regulations is amended by adding after item "3. Elder Street—" an item as follows:—

Table "A"
Eleventh
Schedule
amended.

In Column 1.

In Column 2.

3a. Emerald Hill Terrace—
East side

Parking of vehicles prohibited at all times.

20. Table "B" of the Eleventh Schedule to the principal regulations is amended by substituting for the whole of item "2. Alma Street—" the following item:—

Table "B"
Eleventh
Schedule
amended.

In Column 1.

In Column 2.

2. Alma Street—
(a) North side—
between South Terrace and Attfield Street

Parking of vehicles prohibited at all times.

(b) South side—
between South Terrace and Brennan Street

Parking of vehicles prohibited at all times.