

ORDINANCE NO. 2009 - 04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE  
VII. VEHICLES FOR HIRE, DIVISION 2 TAXIS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT  
ARANSAS, COUNTY OF NUECES, STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. Amendment 12-168 (a) Port Aransas City Code of Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows, new matter being indicated by underscoring:

- (7) The maximum age of a vehicle is ten (10) years. Vehicles 10 years or older at the time of the passage of this ordinance may be retained until they are retired.
- (8) Company information - name, telephone number, and taxi unit number must be printed on each side and back side of the vehicle (minimum 5 inch).
- (9) Fees must be posted inside each taxi. A picture identification of the driver, company information - name, phone number, address, city, must also be posted large enough for passengers to read.
- (10) Records Required: The police department must retain a record of complaints that lead to convictions on the company and personnel regarding public safety. A limit of three convictions in a six (6) month period or four (4) in a one year period can lead to the revocation of their permit. Permit will remain revoked for a two (2) year period before they will be able to reapply.

Section 2. Amendment 12-168 (b), Port Aransas City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows, new matter being indicated by underscoring:

A \$400 Street Use Fee must be paid by each company (not per taxi) and will be due on January 1, 2010 and each January 1 thereafter. No permits will be issued unless and until such fee has been paid in full. The Street Use Fee may be set by city council by resolution thereafter each year. Notwithstanding the above the fee from the effective date of this Ordinance to December 31, 2009 shall be prorated. Said Fee will not thereafter be pro-rated.

Section 3. Effective Date. As provided by Article III, Section 12.C. and by Article XII, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Port Aransas, this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and, in addition, if any penalty, fine or forfeiture is imposed by this ordinance, then this ordinance shall be effective only after publication of this ordinance in its entirety or in summary form once in the official newspaper of the City of Port

Aransas, but notwithstanding the above this Ordinance shall not be effective until April 1, 2009.

Section 4. Reading. As provided by Article III, Section 13 and Article III, Section 12.b. of the Charter of the City of Port Aransas, this ordinance or the caption of it shall be read at three city council meetings with at least one week elapsing between each reading.

Section 5. Severance. If any part of this ordinance is invalid or void or is declared to be so, then said part shall be severed from the balance of this ordinance and said invalidity shall not affect the balance of this ordinance, the balance of the ordinance to be read as if said invalid or void portion thereof were not included.

Section 6. Publication. As provided by Article III, Section 12.C., this ordinance shall be published one time in the official newspaper of the City of Port Aransas, Nueces County, Texas, which publication shall contain the caption of this ordinance stating in substance the purposes of same.

**PASSED, ORDAINED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 19<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2009.

CITY OF PORT ARANSAS

By: 

Hon. Claude Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Esther Arzola, City Secretary