

APPENDIX B

CURRENT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE CONDITIONS AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE BYELAWS.

Please note this Appendix is for information only.

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A. HACKNEY CARRIAGE CURRENT CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

In these conditions, unless the subject or context otherwise requires:-

‘The Council’ means the Caerphilly County Borough Council.

‘Authorised Officer’ means an Officer of the Council authorised in writing by the Head of Public Protection of the Council for the purposes of these conditions.

‘Hackney Carriage’ has the same meaning as in the Town Police Clauses Act 1847.

‘The Vehicle’ means the hackney carriage in respect of which the licence is issued.

‘Proprietor’ means any interested party or parties named in the licence who is concerned in the keeping, employed or letting on hire of the private hire vehicle.

‘Licence Disc’ and ‘Licence Plate’ means the disc and plate issued by the Council for the purposes of identifying the vehicle as a licensed private hire vehicle.

The Proprietor shall observe and perform the following terms and conditions in respect of hackney carriage licences.

1. **General Conditions**

- (i) the licence shall remain in force for a period of one year;
- (ii) the hackney carriage shall be subject to, with the exception of fares or distance specified in the Council’s byelaws under Section 68 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Section 171 of the Public Health Act 1875 with respect to hackney carriages in the district of Caerphilly County Borough Council, the provisions specified in the said byelaws, insofar as they do not conflict with these conditions, in which case the conditions shall prevail;
- (iii) the proprietor is advised that if the hackney carriage is suspended by an authorised Officer of the Council or Police Officer, for any reasons, the vehicle is not covered for MOT purposes under the Council’s exemption certificate;

- (iv) the proprietor shall notify the Council, in writing, within seven days, if the information supplied in his application for a hackney carriage is altered for any reason. Failure to do so may result in the suspension of the licence;
- (v) should the proprietor of a hackney carriage transfer his interest in the vehicle to a person other than the proprietor whose name is specified in the licence, he shall, within fourteen days after the transfer, notify the Council in writing, of the name and address of the person or persons to whom the vehicle has been transferred. In so doing, the proprietor must also notify the Council of any transfer of ownership of the meter.
- (vi) The Council may decide to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew any licence in respect of a hackney carriage for any reasonable cause, including:-
 - (a) that the vehicle is unfit for use as a hackney carriage;
 - (b) any offence under or non-compliance with the provisions of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 on the part of the proprietor;
- (vii) any person who commits an offence against any of the provisions of these conditions or Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 in respect of which no penalty is expressly provided shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand pounds (£1,000).

2. **Conditions of Licence**

- (i) the proprietor shall ensure that the fire extinguisher and first aid kit fixed in the vehicle are maintained in good working order at all times and readily available for use;
- (ii) the proprietor shall not allow a greater number of persons, exclusive of the driver, to be carried in the vehicle, than the number of persons specified in the licence and the licence plate provided;
- (iii) the proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause the table of fares fixed by the Council to be exhibited inside the carriage, being clearly distinguishable letters and figures, together with a notice displaying the limitations on the fare rates and charges to be made;
- (iv) the proprietor shall not tamper with or permit any person to tamper with the roof sign and the taxi meter with which the carriage is provided with the fitting thereof, or with the seals affixed thereto;
- (v) the proprietor of a hackney carriage, when standing or plying for hire, shall not by calling out or otherwise, importune any person to hire such carriage and shall not make use of the services of any other person for the purpose;
- (vi) the proprietor shall, during the period of the licence, keep in force an appropriate policy of insurance for hackney carriage purposes issued in accordance with the requirements of Paragraph VI of the Road Traffic Act 1972;

- (vii) the Council will require proof that the vehicle is insured during the period of the licence and on receipt of a notice, in writing, the proprietor shall produce, within seven days from the date of notice, a current insurance certificate/cover note for hackney carriage purposes to an authorised Officer of the Council at Pontllanfraith, Blackwood. Failure to produce proof of insurance, as above, will result in the suspension of licence;
- (viii) the proprietor is advised that, in any event, he should, following the expiry of an insurance certificate/cover note, produce a current insurance policy to the Council;
- (ix) the proprietor shall, during the period of the licence, keep in force a current vehicle excise licence.
- (x) the proprietor shall report to the Council within 72 hours, any accident to the vehicle, causing damage materially affecting the safety, performance or appearance of the vehicle or the comfort or convenience of persons carried therein. The Council will require any vehicle, which has been involved in an accident, to be inspected and tested by the Council's Approved Examiner. If the vehicle is unroadworthy and is therefore unavailable for testing following an accident, the licence will be suspended. If the Council's Approved Examiner is not satisfied as to the fitness of the vehicle before the expiration of two months from the date of notice of suspension or the proprietor fails to produce a current certificate issued by the Council's Approved Examiner confirming the vehicle's mechanical fitness, the licence will be revoked;
- (xi) the proprietor shall permit an authorised Officer of the Council or Police Officer to inspect and test a vehicle or any taxi meter affixed to such vehicle at all reasonable times. If the Officer is not satisfied as to the fitness of the hackney carriage or as to the accuracy of the taxi meter, he may by a written notice, suspend the vehicle and require the proprietor to produce the vehicle for further inspection and testing at such reasonable time and place as may be specified in the notice. The disc and plate shall, on suspension of the licence, be handed to or removed by the Officer but will be returned upon reinstatement of the licence. If the Officer or Council's Approved Examiner however is not satisfied as to the fitness of the vehicle before the expiration of two months from the date of the suspension notice, the licence shall be revoked;
- (xii) in the event of a vehicle licence being suspended under (x) and (xi) above, the licence disc and plates shall be immediately surrendered to the authorised Officer or Police Officer and shall be held by the Council, pending the testing of the vehicle;
- (xiii) the proprietor shall, on receipt of notice in writing from the Council, present the vehicle for inspection and testing to the Council's Approved Examiner. The separate occasions of inspection and testing shall not exceed three in number in any one period of 12 months and a test shall not be required within two months of a previous test when the vehicle was found to be satisfactory. This, however, does not include the inspection and testing of vehicles following an accident or vehicles which have been inspected in accordance with conditions (xi) above;

- (xiv) any alteration in the design of the vehicle, whether to the machinery or to the body, shall be reported to the Council, who may require the proprietor to submit the vehicle for further examination.

3. **Issue and Display Disc and Plates**

- (i) on the issue of a licence the proprietor shall pay to the Council, an appropriate refundable deposit in respect of the licence plates. These plates, together with the licence disc issued, shall be fixed and displayed on the vehicle as follows:-
 - (a) the licence disc to be fixed and displayed inside the vehicle in the lower left hand corner of the windscreen;
 - (b) the small licence plate to be fixed and displayed inside the front of the vehicle in full display of all passengers;
 - (c) the large licence plate to be fixed and displayed outside and on the rear of the vehicle immediately above or below the bumper or in such a position as agreed by the licensing authority, with the details of the licence plate facing outwards, and in such a place that the licence plate and vehicle registration mark is clearly visible.
- (ii) failure to display the licence disc and plates in accordance with the above, will result in the suspension of the licence;
- (iii) the licence disc and licence plates shall remain the property of the Council and in the event that the licence is suspended, revoked or expired, shall be returned to the Council within seven days from the date of the notice served on the proprietor by the Council. Failure to do so will result in legal proceedings being taken to recover the licence plates;
- (iv) the Licensee is advised that the refund of a deposit will only apply to the voluntary return of plates and will not include plates that have been returned following prosecution by the Council, for non-return of plates by the proprietor, or confiscation by an authorised Officer of the Council or Police Officer.

B. PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE CURRENT LICENCE CONDITIONS

In these conditions, unless the subject or context otherwise requires:-

'The Council' means the Caerphilly County Borough Council.

'Authorised Officer' means an Officer of the Council authorised in writing by the Chief Trading Standards Officer of the Council for the purposes of these conditions.

'Hackney Carriage' means a vehicle licensed by the Council under the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, which may ply for hire from a designated stand or rank or in any street or public road.

'The Vehicle' means the private hire vehicle in respect of which the licence is issued.

'Proprietor' means any interested party or parties named in the licence who is concerned in the keeping, employing or letting on hire of the private hire vehicle.

'Licence Disc' and 'Licence Plate' means the disc and plate issued by the Council for the purposes of identifying the vehicle as a licensed private hire vehicle.

The Proprietor shall observe and perform the following terms and conditions in respect of private hire vehicle licences.

1. General Conditions

- (i) the licence shall remain in force for a period of one year.
- (ii) the proprietor is advised that the vehicle must at all times operate through a private hire vehicle operator licensed with this Council. The vehicle is not allowed to ply for hire on a street, public road or hackney carriage stand/rank in the same way as a hackney carriage;
- (iii) the proprietor is advised that if the private hire vehicle licence is suspended by an authorised Officer of the Council or Police Officer, for any reason, the vehicle is not covered for MOT purposes under the Council's exemption certificate;
- (iv) the proprietor shall notify the Council in writing within seven days, if the information supplied in his application for a private hire vehicle licence is altered for any reason, including any change of private hire vehicle operator. Failure to do so may result in the suspension of the licence;
- (v) should the proprietor of a private hire vehicle transfer his interest in the vehicle to a person other than the proprietor whose name is specified in the licence, he shall within fourteen days after the transfer, notify the Council, in writing, of the name and address of the person or persons to whom the vehicle has been transferred;
- (vi) the Council may decide to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew any licence in respect of a private hire vehicle for any reasonable cause, including:-
 - (a) that the vehicle is unfit for use as a private hire vehicle;

- (b) any offence under or non compliance with the provisions of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 on the part of the proprietor.
- (vii) any person who commits an offence against any of the provisions of these conditions or Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 in respect of which no penalty is expressly provided shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand pounds (£1,000).

2. **Conditions of Licence**

- (i) the proprietor shall ensure that the fire extinguisher and first aid kit fixed in the vehicle are maintained in good working order at all times and readily available for use;
- (ii) the proprietor shall not allow a greater number of persons, exclusive of the driver, to be carried in the vehicle, than the number of persons specified in the licence and the licence plate provided;
- (iii) the proprietor shall, during the period of the licence, keep in force an appropriate policy of insurance for private hire purposes issued in accordance with the requirements of Paragraph VI of the Road Traffic Act 1972;
- (iv) the Council will require proof that the vehicle is insured during the period of the licence and on receipt of a notice, in writing, the proprietor shall produce, within seven days from the date of notice, a current insurance certificate/cover note for private hire purposes to an authorised Officer of the Council at Pontllanfraith, Blackwood. Failure to produce proof of insurance, as above, will result in the suspension of licence;
- (v) the proprietor is advised that, in any event, he should, following the expiry of an insurance certificate/cover note, produce a current insurance policy to the Council;
- (vi) the proprietor shall, during the period of the licence, keep in force a current vehicle excise licence;
- (vii) the proprietor shall report to the Council within 72 hours, any accident to the vehicle, causing damage materially affecting the safety, performance or appearance of the vehicle or the comfort or convenience of persons carried therein. The Council will require any vehicle, which has been involved in an accident, to be inspected and tested by the Council's Approved Examiner. If the vehicle is unroadworthy and is therefore unavailable for testing following an accident, the licence will be suspended. If the Council's Approved Examiner is not satisfied as to the fitness of the vehicle before the expiration of two months from the date of notice of suspension or the proprietor fails to produce a current certificate issued by the Council's Approved Examiner confirming the vehicle's mechanical fitness, the licence will be revoked.
- (viii) the proprietor shall permit an authorised Officer of the Council or Police Officer to inspect and test a vehicle at all reasonable times. If the Officer is not satisfied as

to the fitness or condition of the vehicle he may by a written notice, suspend the vehicle and require the proprietor to produce the vehicle for further inspection and testing at such reasonable time and place as may be specified in the notice. The disc and plate shall on suspension of the licence be handed to or removed by the Officer, but will be returned upon reinstatement of the licence. If the Officer or Council's Approved Examiner, however, is not satisfied as to the fitness of the vehicle before the expiration of two months from the date of the suspension notice, the licence shall be revoked.

- (ix) In the event of a vehicle licence being suspended under (vii) and (viii) above, the licence disc and plates shall be immediately surrendered to the authorised Officer or Police Officer and shall be held by the Council, pending the testing of the vehicle;
- (x) The proprietor shall, on receipt of notice in writing from the Council, present the vehicle for inspection and testing to the Council's Approved Examiner. The separate occasions of inspection and testing shall not exceed three in number in any period of 12 months and a test shall not be required within two months of a previous test when the vehicle was found to be satisfactory. This, however, does not include the inspection and testing of vehicles following an accident or vehicles which have been inspected in accordance with condition (viii) above;
- (xi) Any alteration in the design of the vehicle, whether to the machinery or to the body, shall be reported to the Council, who may require the proprietor to submit the vehicle for further examination.

3. Issue and Display of Licence Disc and Plates

- (i) on the issue of a licence the proprietor shall pay to the Council an appropriate refundable deposit in respect of the licence plates. These plates, together with the licence disc issued, shall be fixed and displayed on the vehicle as follows:-
 - (a) the licence disc to be fixed and displayed inside the vehicle on the lower left hand corner of the windscreen;
 - (b) the small licence plate to be fixed and displayed inside the front of the vehicle in full display of all passengers;
 - (c) the large licence plate to be fixed and displayed outside and on the rear of the vehicle immediately above or below the bumper or in such a position as agreed by the licensing authority, with the details of the licence plate facing outwards, and in such a place that the licence plate and vehicle registration mark is clearly visible.
- (ii) failure to display the licence disc and plates in accordance with the above, will result in the suspension of the licence;
- (iii) the licence disc and licence plates shall remain the property of the Council and in the event that the licence is suspended, revoked or expired, shall be returned to the Council within seven days from the date of the notice served on the proprietor

by the Council. Failure to do so will result in legal proceedings being taken to recover the licence plates;

- (iv) the Licensee is advised that the refund of a deposit will only apply to the voluntary return of plates and will not include plates that have been returned following prosecution by the Council, for non return of plates by the proprietor, or confiscation by an authorised Officer of the Council or Police Officer.

4. **Signs on Private Hire Vehicles**

- (i) in accordance with the Transport Act 1980, the proprietor shall not display or allow to be displayed on the vehicle or above the roof of a private hire vehicle:-
 - (a) any sign which consists of or includes the word “taxi” or “cab”, whether in the singular or plural, or “hire” or any word of similar meaning or appearance to any of those words, whether alone or as part of another word; or
 - (b) any sign, notice, mark, illumination or other feature, which may suggest that the vehicle is a taxi, i.e. hackney carriage.
- (ii) any person who knowingly drives a vehicle in respect of which the above is contravened or causes or permits the above to be contravened in respect of any vehicle, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale under the Criminal Justices Act 1982, which is at present £1,000.

C. HACKNEY CARRIAGE BYELAWS

Please note that Hackney Carriage Byelaws are not subject to any change.

Made by Caerphilly County Borough Council under Section 68 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, and Section 171 of the Public Health Act 1875, with respect to Hackney Carriages in the County Borough of Caerphilly. Made under Section 68 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Section 171 of the Public Health Act 1875 by the Council of the County Borough of Caerphilly with respect to hackney carriages in Caerphilly County Borough.

INTERPRETATION

1. Throughout these byelaws:-
 - “THE COUNCIL” means the Council of the County Borough of Caerphilly
 - “TABLE OF FARES” means the table of fares fixed by the Council under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
 - “THE COUNTY BOROUGH” means the County Borough of Caerphilly.

PROVISIONS REGULATING THE MANNER IN WHICH THE NUMBER OF EACH HACKNEY CARRIAGE CORRESPONDING WITH THE NUMBER OF ITS LICENCE, SHALL BE DISPLAYED

2. The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall:-
3. (a) cause to be affixed on the outside and inside of the carriage the plates and disc provided by the Council on which shall be marked the number of the licence granted in respect of such carriage in a manner as follows:

namely:-
 - i.* The exterior plate shall be fixed and displayed outside and on the rear of the vehicle and be at all times clearly visible from the rear and be maintained in a clean condition:
 - ii.* The interior plate shall be fixed on the inside of the carriage in such a position as to be easily observed by the passengers:
 - iii.* The licence disc to be fixed and displayed inside the vehicle on the lower left hand corner of the windscreen in order to be clearly visible from the front of the carriage by persons outside the vehicle.
- (b) the proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall:-
 - i.* not wilfully or negligently cause or suffer any such number to be concealed from public view while the carriage is standing or plying for

hire;

- ii.* not cause or permit the carriage to stand or ply for hire with any such painting, marking or plate so defaced that any figure or material particular is illegible.

PROVISIONS REGULATING HOW HACKNEY CARRIAGES ARE TO BE FURNISHED OR PROVIDED

4. The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall:-

- (a) Provide sufficient means by which any person in the carriage may communicate with the driver;
- (b) Cause the roof or covering to be kept water-tight;
- (c) Provide any necessary windows and a means of opening and closing not less than one window on each side;
- (d) Cause the seats to be properly cushioned or covered;
- (e) Cause the floor to be provided with a proper carpet, mat or other suitable covering;
- (f) Cause the fittings and furniture generally to be kept in a clean condition, well maintained, and in every way, fit for public service;
- (g) Provide means for securing luggage if the carriage is so constructed as to carry luggage;
- (h) Provide an efficient fire extinguisher and first aid kit which shall be carried in such a position as to be readily available for use;
- (i) Provide and maintain an electric light in the interior of such carriage;
- (j) Carry a spare wheel and tyre and suitable tools for the replacement of damaged or punctured tyres;
- (k) Provide at least two doors for the use of persons conveyed in such carriage and a separate means of ingress and egress for the driver.

5. The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause the same to be provided with a taximeter so constructed, attached and maintained as to comply with the following requirements, that is to say:-

- (a) The taximeter shall be fitted with a key, flag or other device, the operation of which will bring the machinery of the taximeter into action and cause the word "HIRED" to appear on the face of the taximeter;
 - (b) Such key, flag or other device shall be capable of being locked in such a position that the machinery of the taximeter is not in action and that no fare is recorded on the face of the taximeter;
 - (c) When the machinery of the taximeter is in action there shall be recorded on the face of the taximeter in clearly legible figures a fare not exceeding the rate or fare which the proprietor or driver is entitled to demand and take for the hire of the carriage by distance in pursuance of the tariff fixed by the Council:
 - (d) The word "Fare" shall be printed on the face of the taximeter in plain letters so as clearly to apply to the "Fare" recorded thereon;
 - (e) The taximeter shall be so placed that all letters and figures on the face thereof are at all times plainly visible to any person being conveyed in the carriage, and for that purpose the letters and figures shall be capable of being suitably illuminated during any period of hiring;
 - (f) The taximeter and all the fittings thereof shall be so affixed to the carriage with seals or other appliances that it shall not be practicable for any person to tamper with them, except by breaking, damaging or permanently displacing the seals or other appliances.
6. Every proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause the same to be provided with a roof sign so constructed as to comply with the following requirements, that is to say:-
- (a) The sign shall bear the words "FOR HIRE" in plain letters at least two inches in height;
 - (b) The sign shall be capable of being so operated that it indicates clearly and conveniently to persons outside the carriage whether or not the carriage is for hire.

PROVISIONS REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF THE PROPRIETORS AND DRIVERS OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES PLYING WITHIN THE COUNTY BOROUGH IN THEIR SEVERAL EMPLOYMENTS, AND DETERMINING WHETHER SUCH DRIVERS SHALL WEAR ANY, AND WHAT BADGES

7. The driver of a hackney carriage provided with a taximeter shall:-
 - (a) When standing or plying for hire, keep the key, flag or other device fitted in pursuance of the Byelaw in that behalf locked in the position in which no fare is recorded on the face of the taximeter;
 - (b) As soon as the carriage is hired by distance, and before beginning the journey, bring the machinery of the taximeter into action by moving the said key, flag or other device, so that the word "HIRED" is legible on the face of the taximeter and keep the machinery of the taximeter in action until the termination of the hiring;
 - (c) Cause the dial of the taximeter to be kept properly illuminated throughout any part of the hiring which is during the hours of darkness, this being the time between half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise, and also at any other time at the request of the hirer.
8. A proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall not tamper with, or permit any person to tamper with, any taximeter with which the carriage is provided, with the fitting thereof, or with the seals affixed thereto.
9. The driver of a hackney carriage shall behave in a civil and orderly manner and shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of persons conveyed in or entering or alighting from the vehicle.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The driver of a hackney carriage shall, when standing or plying for hire, and when hired, display on his person in such a manner as to be plainly visible, the hackney carriage driver's badge issued to him by the Council.
13. 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:-
 - (a) Convey a reasonable quantity of luggage;

- (b) Afford reasonable assistance in loading and unloading;
- (c) Afford reasonable assistance in removing it to or from the entrance of any building, station or place at which he may take up or set down such person.

PROVISIONS FIXING THE RATES OR FARES TO BE PAID FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES WITHIN THE COUNTY BOROUGH; AND SECURING THE DUE PUBLICATION OF SUCH FARES

- 14. The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall not be entitled to demand and take a fare greater than that recorded on the face of the taximeter, save for any extra charges authorised by the Council's table of fares, for the time being in force, which it may not be possible to record on the face of the taximeter.
- 15. The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause the table of fares for the time being in force, to be exhibited inside the carriage, in clearly distinguishable letters and figures.
- 16. The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage bearing the table of fares in accordance with the preceding byelaw, shall not wilfully or negligently cause or suffer the letters or figures in the statement to be concealed or rendered illegible at any time while the carriage is plying or being used for hire.

PROVISIONS SECURING THE SAFE CUSTODY AND RE-DELIVERY OF ANY PROPERTY ACCIDENTALLY LEFT IN HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND FIXING THE CHARGES TO BE MADE IN RESPECT THEREOF

- 16. The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall immediately after the termination of any hiring, or as soon as practicable thereafter, carefully search the carriage for any property which may have been accidentally left therein.
- 17. The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall, if any property accidentally left therein by any person who may have been conveyed in the carriage be found by or handed to him:-
 - (a) carry it, as soon as possible, and in any event within 48 hours, if not sooner claimed by, or on behalf of its owner, to the Council Offices, Ty Penallta, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed and leave it in the custody of the officer in charge of the office on his giving receipt for it;
 - (b) be entitled to receive from any person to whom the property shall be re-delivered an amount equal to five pence in the pound of its estimated value (or the fare for the distance from the place of finding to the office of the Council, whichever be the greater) but not more than five pounds.

PENALTIES

18. Every person who shall offend against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding two pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

REPEAL OF BYELAWS

19. The byelaws relating to hackney carriages which were made by the former Rhymney Valley District Council on the 7th day of January, 1975 and which were confirmed by the secretary of State on the 7th day of March 1975 are hereby repealed.