

# **Temporary Taxicab Registration and Operating Agreement**

## **Purpose of This Temporary Taxicab Registration and Operating Agreement**

The Purpose of this Temporary Taxicab Registration and Operating Agreement (Agreement) is to:

1. Promote safe, effective and efficient use of the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport (Airport);
2. Provide a comfortable, convenient and predictable experience for travelers using the Airport;
3. Ensure compliance with existing County ordinances (Exhibit A to this Agreement); and
4. Enable Taxicabs to stage and operate at the Airport in an orderly manner, on a temporary basis, until the Airport Commercial Vehicle Regulations become fully effective.

## **Part 1. Term of This Agreement**

The term of this Agreement shall be from the date it is signed by the County until the date the Airport's Commercial Vehicle Operator Ordinance becomes fully effective, and during any transition period approved by the Airport Manager, unless this Agreement is terminated earlier.

## **Part 2. Early Termination of This Agreement**

This Agreement may be terminated before the Airport's Commercial Vehicle Operator Ordinance becomes fully effective if any one of the following occurs:

- (a) The Airport Manager determines that the Taxicab Operator or any of its drivers have violated the Taxi Rules established in Part 5 of this Agreement, or any other term of this Agreement;
- (b) The Airport Manager determines that the Purposes of this Agreement are not being achieved; or
- (c) The Airport Manager determines it is not in the best interests of the Airport to continue with the Temporary Taxicab Registration and operating procedures established in this Agreement.

## **Part 3. Definitions**

- (a) "Airport" means the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport.
- (b) "Airport Commission" means the Airport Advisory Commission appointed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

(c) “Airport Manager” means the manager of the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport or his or her duly authorized representative.

(d) “Airport Premises” means the entire Airport property including all public roadways, commercial vehicle hold areas, parking lots, terminal building curbside areas and any other areas within Airport control, as depicted on Exhibit “C” to this Agreement.

(e) “Airport Staging Permit” means a preprinted permit purchased from the Airport by Taxicab Operators and Taxicab Drivers that authorizes the Taxicab Operator or Driver to stage and/or make one (1) passenger pickup at the Airport on the date and at the time the Permit is date-stamped by Republic Parking. An Airport Staging Permit shall be required for Taxicab staging and for all passenger pick-ups, including Pre-Arranged Passenger Pick-Ups, at the Airport. Date stamped Permits shall be displayed on the dashboard of the Taxicab and shall serve as evidence that the Taxicab is authorized to stage and pick-up passengers, including Pre-Arranged Passengers, at the Airport. All Permits are the property of the Airport. Permits are not replaceable and Permit fees are not refundable. An Airport Staging Permit is required whether or not a Taxicab makes a passenger pick up.

(f) “Commercial Lane” means the area designated by the Airport Manager for parking all commercial vehicles including Taxicabs while waiting for passengers or for Pre-Arranged Passenger Pick-Up. The Commercial Lane was formerly called the “Inner Loop.”

(g) “Double Parking” means to park alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to a curb.

(h) “FBO” means a business providing aeronautical services at the Airport and referred to as a “Fixed Based Operator” or “FBO”. An Airport Staging Permit is required before making a passenger pick-up at an FBO.

(i) “Ordinances” means the existing Sonoma County Code of Ordinances that govern commercial operations, including taxicab operations, at the Airport. Applicable parts of the Ordinances are incorporated as a part of this Agreement and are found in Exhibit A to this Agreement.

(j) “Pre-Arranged Passenger Pick-Up” means passenger pick-ups that are arranged in advance with a Taxicab Company dispatcher before a Taxicab drives on the Airport Premises to pick up a passenger at any location on the Airport Premises.

(k) “Pre-Arranged Passenger Loading Zone” means a designated zone in the Commercial Lane that shall be used only for a Pre-Arranged Passenger Pick-Up.

(l) “Sheriff” means the Sonoma County Sheriff and employees of the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Department.

(m) “Solicitation” means the uninvited initiation of a conversation by a driver, representative, employee or agent of a Taxicab Operator with any potential customer for the purpose of

persuading or urging any potential customer to use or hire a Taxicab for transportation from the Airport to any destination. Solicitation includes the placement of business cards, flyers, or other materials in the passenger terminal telephone booth, kiosks, or other places on the Airport without prior written approval of the Airport Manager. The Walker Group handles the placement of advertisements of any kind in the areas listed.

(n) “Staging” means parking or waiting in a Taxicab anywhere on the Airport Premises including the Commercial Lane, any roadway, or any other designated or undesignated Taxicab staging, parking or waiting area while waiting for passengers, whether the passenger is a Pre-Arranged Passenger or not.

(o) “Taxicab” means a motor vehicle, as that term is defined in the Vehicle Code of the State of California, that is used for the transportation of passengers for hire, equipped with a Taximeter, when driven by the owner or by an agent of the owner at rates per mile, per trip, per hour, per day, or per other period of time, which such vehicle is routed under the direction of the passengers or other persons hiring such vehicle.

(p) “Taxicab Driver” means any individual who drives a Taxicab in which passengers are accepted for hire pursuant to a business relationship with a Taxicab Operator or is operating as both an Operator and Driver.

(q) “Staging Area” means a location or locations on the Airport Premises that are designated by the Airport Manager for temporary parking of authorized Taxicabs while waiting for passengers.

(r) “Taxicab Operator” means a person engaged in the business of owning, controlling or operating one or more Taxicabs using Taxicab Drivers to transport passengers in such Taxicab, or Taxicabs at the Airport. A Taxicab Operator who drives a Taxicab is also a Taxicab Driver.

(s) “Taximeter” means an instrument, or device, attached to a Taxicab that mechanically or electronically, calculates a fare on the basis of distance traveled or waiting time, or a combination thereof, and displays the fare in figures of dollars and cents. The County of Sonoma Department of Weights and Measures regulates taximeters.

#### **Part 4. Processing Fees**

All Taxicab Operators, including Taxicab Operator-Drivers, shall pay the following fees to the Airport for processing this Agreement:

(a) Fee for each Taxicab Operator (Company) registered - \$25.00

The Airport only accepts cash or checks for payment of fees. No credit or debit cards will be accepted.

Processing fees are due and payable before the Airport will process completed paperwork.

Failure to pay required fees will result in the revocation of permission to operate at the Airport and may result in the Taxicab Operator receiving a citation pursuant to the provisions of the Applicable Ordinances (Exhibit “A”).

## **Part 5. Airport Staging Permits**

**Taxicabs shall not stage or pick up passengers at any location on the Airport Premises unless an Airport Staging Permit, purchased from the Airport and date stamped by Republic Parking, is clearly displayed on the Taxicab’s dashboard or as directed by the Airport or by Republic Parking.**

Each registered Taxicab shall purchase Airport Staging Permits from the Airport at a cost established by the Airport Manager. Airport Staging Permits may be purchased at the Airport Administrative Office on weekdays between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Airport Staging Permits may not be purchased on weekends, on holidays, or after 4:00 pm on weekdays.

Airport Staging Permits shall be displayed inside of each Taxicab vehicle so that they are clearly visible from the front of the Taxicab. Each Airport Staging Permit constitutes a Permit that authorizes the Taxicab Operator or Driver to stage and/or make one passenger pickup at the Airport on the date, and at the time the Permit is date-stamped by Republic Parking. An Airport Staging Permit shall be required for all passenger pick-ups, including Pre-Arranged Passenger Pick-Ups, at the Airport and **an Airport Staging Permit is required for staging, whether or not a Taxicab makes a passenger picked up.**

**An Airport Staging Permit is required *before* making a passenger pick-up at an FBO.** The Airport Staging Permit will be presented to the FBO before a pick-up is made. The FBO will date stamp or will write the date and time on the Permit, and sign the Permit, then detach and retain Part A of the Permit. Part B of the Permit shall be clearly displayed on the Taxicab’s dashboard until the Taxicab leaves the Airport Premises.

**An Airport Staging Permit is required *before* making a passenger pick-up from any Airport Express vehicle on the Airport Premises.** The Airport Staging Permit will be presented to the Airport Express driver before a pick-up is made. The Airport Express driver will date stamp or will write the date and time on the Permit, and sign the Permit, then detach and retain Part A of the Permit. Part B of the Permit shall be clearly displayed on the Taxicab’s dashboard until the Taxicab leaves the Airport Premises.

## **Part 6 Taxicab Records Requirements**

All Taxicab Operators, including Taxicab Operator-Drivers, **shall maintain current and accurate information on file with the Airport, and shall notify the Airport immediately of any changes to the information required by the Airport in connection with this Agreement, including the following required information:**

1. Name, address, and telephone number of Taxicab Operator;

2. Emergency contact information for owner;
3. Color Copy of Each Taxicab Driver's California driver's license;
4. Copy of vehicle registration certificate for each Taxicab vehicle listed on the Vehicle Identification Form (Exhibit "D");
5. Evidence of insurance required for this Agreement as specified in Exhibit "B" to this Agreement and incorporated into this Agreement by this reference;
6. Color pictures of all vehicles that are being registered with the Airport, including: a) a picture taken of the front of the vehicle clearly showing the license plate and b) a picture taken from the side clearly showing compliance with Taxi Rules Numbers 16 and 18 (posting of rates and credit card information).
7. Completed and Up-To-Date Vehicle Identification Form listing current information for each authorized vehicle (Exhibit "D");

#### **Part 7. Taxicab Operating Rules (Taxi Rules)**

The following Taxicab Rules apply to a Taxicab Owner and to all Taxicab Drivers who have a business relationship with the Taxicab owner for the operation of Taxicabs, regardless of the nature of the business relationship (i.e. employer/employee, independent contractor, or other agency relationship). The Taxicab Owner and each Taxicab Driver affiliated with the Taxicab Owner shall comply with these Taxi Rules during the term of this Agreement.

The Airport Manager may amend these Taxicab Rules from time to time if necessary to carry out the Purposes of this Agreement, to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the Airport, or to ensure that the quality of customer service is being upheld. Permission to operate a Taxicab on the Airport's roads and authorization to engage in the operation of a Taxicab service business at the Airport are conditioned upon compliance with these Taxicab Rules. Taxicab Operators shall inform Drivers of any updates or modifications to the Taxi Rules.

Any violation of these Rules may result in revocation or denial of permission to operate on the Airport and may result in enforcement measures as provided in Section 1.8 (County Code Chapter 3 Section 3-17) of the attached County Ordinances including revocation of authorization to do business at the Airport. Violations of these Taxi Rules will be taken into account during any future application process for permission to operate taxicabs or other commercial vehicles at the Airport.

- 1. Taxicab Parking Is Permitted Only In Designated Areas and Only if a Staging Permit is Properly Displayed.** Taxicabs shall park in the designated Taxicab Parking Area (Commercial Lane) or other areas that may be designated by the Airport Manager for Taxicab parking. Taxicabs may not park in the designated Taxicab Parking Area (Commercial Lane) for longer than thirty (30) minutes at any time.

- 2. No Taxicab Parking In Front Of Terminal.** Taxicabs may not park in front of the Airport Terminal Building to wait for arriving passengers. Taxicabs may drop off passengers in the designated Loading Zone in front of the Airport Terminal Building, but must then move to the designated Taxicab Parking Area (Commercial Lane) to wait for new passengers. Taxicabs cannot be in loading zone for more than five (5) minutes at any time.
- 3. No Taxicab Parking In Loading Zone.** Taxicabs may drop off passengers in the designated Loading Zone in front of the Airport Terminal Building, but must then move to the designated Taxicab Parking Area (Commercial Lane) to wait for new passengers. Taxicabs cannot be in loading zone for more than five (5) minutes at any time. Any Taxicab left unattended in the Loading Zone in front of the Airport Terminal Building for any reason will be ticketed and may be towed at the Taxicab owner's expense.
- 4. No Double Parking.** Taxicabs shall not double-park anywhere on Airport property, including the Commercial Lane, under any circumstances.
- 5. No Parking In Designated Public Parking Spaces Or In Short Term Parking Lot.** Taxicabs shall not park or stage in designated public parking spaces, including disabled parking spaces and the Short Term Parking Lot, while operating at the Airport.
- 6. Drivers Shall Remain In Or Near Taxicabs. Taxicabs Shall Not Be Left Unattended.** Taxicab Drivers shall remain in their Vehicles or in the immediate vicinity (immediately adjacent to the Vehicle) at all times while at the Airport except as permitted by Rule Number 14. Taxicab Drivers are not allowed to sleep in their Taxicabs while at the Airport.
- 7. No Loitering In Or Near Terminal.** Taxicab Drivers are prohibited from loitering or standing inside the Airport Terminal Building at any time while their Vehicle is in position in the designated Taxicab Parking Area (Commercial Lane).
- 8. Passengers Rights:**
  - a) **Passengers Right To Choose Taxicab.** Taxicab passengers have the right to choose which Taxicab Operator they prefer to use, regardless of where the Taxicab is positioned in line in the designated Taxicab Parking Area (Commercial Lane).
  - b) **Passengers Right to Know Amount Of Fare.** Any passenger may request fare information before beginning a trip in a Taxicab.
- 9. No Soliciting Of Passengers On Airport.** Taxicab Drivers shall not make verbal or written communication with potential customers for the purpose of soliciting a passenger while inside or outside of the Airport Terminal Building. Taxicab Drivers shall not put business cards, flyers, or any other materials in the passenger terminal telephone booth, kiosks, or any other places on the Airport without prior written approval. The County or a designated agent of the County handles the placement of advertisements of any kind in the areas listed..

**10. No Posting Of Business Cards Or Advertisements On Airport.** Taxicab Drivers shall not hand out or post business cards or advertisements anywhere on the Airport.

**11. No Overnight Parking At Airport.** Taxicabs shall not be parked overnight in the designated Taxicab Parking Area (Commercial Lane). If a Taxicab vehicle is left overnight in the designated Taxicab Parking Area (Commercial Lane) or in any other unauthorized area on the Airport Premises, it will be ticketed and may be towed at the Taxicab owner's expense.

**12. No Taxicab Staging More Than 15 Minutes Before Flight Arrival.** Taxicab Drivers must follow the current airline schedule for flight times and cannot enter Airport property to pick up passengers prior to fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled airline arrival and may not stage for longer than thirty (30) minutes. Taxicab Drivers shall contact the airline or their company dispatcher to determine if airline flight arrival or departure schedules have changed. See Exhibit "C" to this Agreement for current designated parking spaces.

**13. Drivers May Not Enter Terminal To Pick Up Passengers.** Taxicab Drivers may not enter the Airport Terminal Building to meet passengers. Taxicab Drivers shall wait for passengers in approved Taxicab parking areas in the Commercial Lane. Taxicab Drivers shall remain with their vehicle at all times and must wait for potential passengers to cross the street to the designated Taxicab Parking Area (Commercial Lane) before drivers can offer their Taxicab services.

**14. Entering Terminal For Personal Needs.** Taxicab Drivers may enter the Airport Terminal Building while parked in the Commercial Lane for no more than five (5) minutes to attend to personal needs such as restroom use, vending machine purchases, or to use the pay telephone. Taxicab Drivers shall contact the airline or their company dispatcher to determine if airline flight arrival or departure schedules have changed.

**15. Pre-Arranged Passenger Pick-Up.** Passengers may make prior arrangements with a Taxicab Operator for transportation from the Airport. A Taxicab Driver may pick up a pre-arranged passenger in the designated Commercial Lane Pre-Arranged Taxi Passenger Loading Zone if the passenger's name is clearly posted in the Taxicab's passenger door window before the Taxicab makes a stop. Taxicabs may only stop for five (5) minutes while using the Commercial Lane Loading Zone. The Commercial Lane Loading Zone shall only be used while in the process of picking-up a pre-arranged passenger. See Exhibit "C" to this Agreement for current designated parking spaces.

**16. Posting Fares On Taxicabs.** Taxicab Vehicles shall have fares posted both inside and outside of the vehicle in a permanent manner that is readily visible to both prospective and actual passengers. The fares for the first mile and the fare for each additional mile thereafter shall be clearly readable on the outside from a distance of 20 feet and on the inside of all Taxicab Vehicles.

**17. Taxicab Appearance and Condition.** The exterior of each Taxicab shall have a clear and visible company designation, which shall be professionally painted, lettered and numbered, in a manner that can not be confused with the designation or color scheme of any other Taxicab or Taxicab Operator. The exterior and interior, including the trunk area, of each Taxicab shall be kept clean and clear of debris, with no broken windows, dents, or torn or soiled seats.

**18. Credit And Debit Cards.** All Taxicab Operators and drivers shall accept credit cards and debit cards as payment for their services. The types of credit cards accepted shall be clearly posted, in a permanent manner, and readable on the outside and on the inside of all Taxicabs.

**19. Passenger Receipts.** All Taxicab Operators and drivers shall have passenger receipts in all of their vehicles that are imprinted with the company's name, address, and telephone number. The receipt shall provide space for the driver's name, date and time of service, and the fare charged. Each customer shall be offered a receipt following payment by that customer.

**20. Passenger Pick-up.**

(a) Taxicab Operators shall only receive passengers for hire at the Airport from designated taxicab parking or pick-up spaces in the Commercial Lane, as depicted on Exhibit "C" to this Agreement and other areas that may be designated in writing by the Airport Manager.

(b) Picking up passenger(s) for hire after or while dropping off passengers and prior to taking position at the rear of the line in the designated Taxicab parking area is strictly prohibited.

(c) Taxicabs may not refuse to serve a passenger for any reason while waiting in the Commercial Lane unless the vehicle is already in service, the person seeking transportation is unruly, boisterous, or intoxicated, or the person seeking transportation is known to the driver to have been unruly or created problems of a confrontational nature in the past.

(d) Taxicab Drivers shall receive passengers only in the order in which their Taxicabs are parked in the designated Taxicab Loading Zone (Commercial Lane) unless a passenger selects a Taxicab that is not first in line. A passenger may board the Taxicab of the passenger's choice regardless of the position the Taxicab occupies in the designated Taxicab Loading Zone (Commercial Lane).

**21. Confrontational, Threatening or Intimidating Behavior Toward Passengers, Airport Staff, Airport Parking Agents, or Other Drivers.** Taxicab Drivers or Operators who exhibit confrontational, threatening or intimidating behavior toward passengers, airport staff, airport parking agents, or other drivers may have their permission to operate at the Airport terminated, and may be reported to the appropriate authorities.



**22. Compliance with County Taxicab Regulations.** The County of Sonoma adopted Taxicab Regulations (Sonoma County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Article 9) that apply to Taxicab Owners and Taxicab Drivers soliciting, accepting, or transporting passengers starting at any point inside the unincorporated County, including the Airport. Taxicab Owners and Taxicab Drivers shall comply with all applicable provisions of the County's Taxicab regulations that are in effect.

**Part 8. Agreement of Taxicab Operator/Driver**

By signing this Agreement, I understand and agree to comply with all of the requirements of this Agreement until the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors adopts the Airport Commercial Vehicle Operator Ordinance and the ordinance becomes fully effective. I understand that I am subject to fines and the possibility of my vehicle being towed (California Vehicle Code 22652) if I do not comply with this Agreement and the Taxicab Operating Rules. I also understand that I will abide by all Airport Rules, as well as any rules or orders that may be imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or Transportation Security Administration (TSA). If I do not comply with all applicable rules, I understand that the Airport Manager may terminate this Temporary Operating Agreement and I will no longer be allowed to operate on the Airport Premises. I also understand that, if my Temporary Operating Agreement is terminated, I will not be allowed to register with the Airport once the Commercial Vehicle Operator Ordinance has been adopted.

I understand and agree that, as the operator and/or owner of a Taxicab I am responsible for the actions of any Taxicab Driver who drives one of my Taxicabs or drives any Taxicab while doing business under my company name. I further agree to give a copy of the Taxi Rules in Part 5 of this Agreement to every Taxicab Driver who drives one of my Taxicabs or drives any Taxicab while doing business under my company name.

I agree to accept all responsibility for loss or damage to any person or entity, including County, and to indemnify, hold harmless, and release County, its officers, agents, and employees, from and against any actions, claims, damages, liabilities, disabilities, or expenses, that may be asserted by any person or entity, including myself or any person or entity affiliated with me, that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to my activities or performance and/or the activities or performance of my employees, drivers, independent contractors or agents while operating a Taxicab at the Airport. I agree to provide a complete defense for any claim or action brought against the County based upon a claim relating to the above-specified activities or performance. My obligations apply whether or not there is concurrent negligence on County's part, but to the extent required by law, excluding liability due to County's conduct. County shall have the right to select its legal counsel at my expense, subject to my approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. This indemnification obligation is not limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages or compensation payable to or for me, my employees, drivers or agents under workers' compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefit acts.

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COUNTY AND TAXICAB OPERATOR/DRIVER HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND REVIEWED THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ALL THE ORDINANCE PROVISIONS IN EXHIBIT "A" TO THIS AGREEMENT, AND EACH TERM AND PROVISION CONTAINED HEREIN AND, BY EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT, SHOW THEIR INFORMED AND VOLUNTARY CONSENT THERETO.

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**Signature of Company Operator**

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Date

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Print Name

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Company

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Company Address

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City, State, Zip

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Company Telephone Number

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Company Fax Number

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Company Email

Verification of Insurance:

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Jon Stout, CAE, AAE**  
**Airport Manager**

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Date

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **Applicable Ordinances**

The following provisions of the Sonoma County Code of Ordinances (Ordinances) apply to Taxicabs permitted to operate at the Charles M. Schulz - Sonoma County Airport (Airport) pursuant to this Agreement.

#### **Sections 1.1 – 1.8 Are from Chapter 3. Airport Ordinance**

##### **1.1 Sec. 3-2. General rules of conduct**

(a) No person shall destroy, injure, deface or disturb in any way any building, sign, equipment, marker or other shrub, tree, flower, lawn or other property on the airport without written permission of the airport manager.

(b) No person shall commit any obscene, disorderly, indecent or unlawful act, or commit any nuisance on the airport.

(c) No person shall abandon any personal property on the airport.  
(*Ord. No. 971 § 3.*)

##### **1.2 Sec. 3-4. Use of roads and walks**

(a) No person shall use the roads, walks or landing areas or restricted areas in such a manner as to hinder or obstruct their proper use without first obtaining permission from the airport manager.

(b) No person shall operate any type of vehicle on such roads or walk without first obtaining permission from the airport manager.  
(*Ord. No. 971 § 3.*)

##### **1.3 Sec. 3-5. Conduct of business**

No person shall engage in any business or commercial activity of any nature on the airport except in conformance with an appropriate authorization and under such terms and conditions as may be prescribed therein by the airport manager or the board of supervisors.  
(*Ord. No. 971 § 3.*)

##### **1.4 Sec. 3-6. Soliciting**

No person shall solicit for any purpose on the airport without permission of the airport manager.  
(*Ord. No. 971 § 3.*)

##### **1.5 Sec. 3-7. Advertisements, etc.**

No person shall post, distribute or display signs, advertisements, circulars or printed or written matter at the airport except with the approval and in such a manner as may be prescribed by the airport manager.

*(Ord. No. 971 § 3.)*

**1.6 Sec. 3-12. Land transportation and traffic regulations generally**

(a) Vehicles shall not be parked on the airport other than in the manner and at locations indicated in designated areas.

(b) No common carrier vehicle or vehicle for hire shall load or unload passengers or stand at the airport at any place other than in the area designated by the airport manager.

*(Ord. No. 971 § 3.)*

**1.7 Sec. 3-16. Rates and charges**

The rates and charges for the use of land and facilities of the airport shall be those established from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

*(Ord. No. 971 § 3.)*

**1.8 Sec. 3-17. Violations and penalties**

(a) Any person operating or handling any aircraft, vehicle, equipment or apparatus or using the airport or any of its facilities in violation of the provisions of this article or other rules and regulations that may be prescribed, or refusing to comply therewith, may be promptly removed from the airport; moreover, for cause, any person might be deprived of and refused the further using of the airport and its facilities by the airport manager upon the order of his superior authority or on his own initiative for such length of time as may be required to insure the safeguarding of the airport and the public and its interest therein. The manager shall exercise discretion in this matter. If unnecessary hardship results, appeal may be made to the Board of Supervisors.

(b) Any person who shall violate or refuse to abide by any of the provisions of this article, or any of the rules and regulations set forth in any section of this article, or any of the provisions of law incorporated herein, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable as provided by Section 1-7.

*(Ord. No. 971 § 3.)*

**Sections 1.9 – 1.11 Are from Chapter 18 - Motor Vehicles And Traffic**

**1.9 Sec. 18-1(d)** No person shall occupy or permit the use or occupancy of any vehicle or camper for human habitation, including, but not limited to, sleeping, eating or resting, either singly or in groups, upon the sidewalks, driveways, paths, parking facilities or grounds of county property, without a permit or in designated areas.

*(Ord. No. 4717 § 1, 1993.)*

**1.10 Sec. 18-1(k)** Any person who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this section is guilty of an infraction as provided in Vehicle Code Section 40000.1. (*Ord. No. 4717 § 1, 1993.*)

**1.11 Article VIII. Procedure for the release of impounded vehicles**

**1.11.1 Sec. 18-56. Findings and purpose**

- (a) The sheriff's department is frequently forced to remove vehicles from a highway, or from public or private property and place them in storage.
- (b) The impounding of motor vehicles by the sheriff's department generates substantial administrative costs relating to the proper removal, impound, storage and release of the vehicles.
- (c) The costs related to such vehicle impounding should properly be borne by the registered owners of such vehicles except in cases where it can be established that the vehicles were stolen at the time of impounding.
- (d) The board of supervisors, in adopting a fee to recoup the administrative costs of releasing such impounded vehicles, is directed by the legislature to establish procedures for the release of such vehicles pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 22850.5.
- (e) The provisions set forth in this article establish the procedures for the release of properly impounded vehicles to facilitate the imposition of a charge equal to the county of Sonoma's administrative costs relating to the removal, impound, storage and release of impounded vehicles.
- (f) The fee for release of an impounded or stored vehicle is established by separate ordinance and may from time to time be modified pursuant to successive ordinances issued by the board of supervisors subsequent to a public fee hearing as administrative costs change. (*Ord. No. 5036 § 1, 1997.*)

**1.11.2 Sec. 18-57. Scope and application of this procedure.**

The procedures hereinafter set forth shall not apply to vehicles in the custody of the sheriff's department which have been proven to have been stolen from their lawful owners. Release of a vehicle may be indefinitely withheld in the event the sheriff becomes aware of competing claimants. In such cases, the matter will be referred to county council for appropriate civil disposition. (*Ord. No. 5036 § 1, 1997.*)

**1.11.3 Sec. 18-58. Release procedures**

- (a) Vehicles shall be released only to the current registered or legal owner upon satisfactory proof of current vehicle registration.

(b) The registered or legal owner shall bring acceptable photo identification and current vehicle registration to the sheriff's department. These documents may be presented at the front desk of the sheriff's department at the Hall of Justice, 600 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, California on any day of the week during normal working hours.

(c) After examination of the documents submitted for review, sheriff's department personnel shall determine whether the vehicle can be released to the registered owner/legal owner. All persons taking custody of the vehicle must be legally entitled to operate a motor vehicle of the class being released upon public roadways, or, in lieu thereof, be in the company of a driver licensed to operate such a motor vehicle.

(d) If the above conditions are satisfied, the registered owner/legal owner will be asked to pay a release fee in cash, or personal check, or with a cashier's check. Payment of the release fee shall not be required if a copy of a theft report to a law enforcement agency is presented which establishes that the vehicle had been stolen prior to the time of the vehicle impound.

(e) A receipt shall be issued for payment and a release form will be generated by the sheriff's department identifying the vehicle and the person authorized to take custody of the vehicle.

(f) Once a release form is issued, the owner can retrieve the vehicle from the tow company upon presentation of the authorized release. The department shall also send a copy of the release to the tow company to verify the document's authenticity.

*(Ord. No. 5036 § 1, 1997.)*