AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent licensing and regulating the use of Motor and other vehicles carrying passengers or freight for hire, or delivering goods, wares and merchandise in the City of Kent.

THE CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF KENT do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Every person, firm or corporation operating or using and Motor vehicle or other vehicle or conveyance on the public streets, avenues or alleys of the City of Kent for the purpose of transporting or carrying of passengers, or the delivering, transportation or exchange of freight or merchandise for hire or profit, to and from any point within the city limits of the city of Kent, or to and from any point outside the limits thereof to a point inside said city; or for the purpose of transportation or delivery of any goods wares and merchandise, or other property of the person firm or corporation from without the city of Kent, to him, their or its customers within the limits thereof, shall pay an annual license fee for each of such vehicles as follows:

1. For each vehicle carrying passengers for hire and drawn by animal power, a fee of Two Dollars per annum.
2. For each motor driven vehicle carrying passengers for hire with a seating capacity of 10 passengers or less, a fee of Ten Dollars per annum, with a seating capacity of over 10 passengers, a fee of Twenty Dollars per annum;
3. For each vehicle, truck or automobile, carrying or delivering freight, merchandise or supplies to customers of the person, firm or corporation within the city of Kent, shall pay a license fee as follows: If driven by animal power a fee of Three Dollars per annum; if driven by other than animal power, a fee of Ten Dollars per annum.

SECTION 2. All licenses shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year of issue, and shall not be transferable except with the transfer of the ownership of the vehicle for which the same is issued the license fee shall be paid in full for the year of issue, and notice of any such transfer or sale shall be given to the city clerk and endorsed on the license; provided that the license fee herein required shall be pro-rated for that portion of any such year remaining between the date of issue and the 31st day of December next following the month during which such license is issued being considered as a full month.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall not apply to Electric or steam railway companies operating conveyances upon its own or leased tracks; nor to special or extra vehicles used on special or holiday occasions when owned or operated by persons or corporations regularly operating lines of conveyance within said city and licensed under this ordinance; nor to farmers, gardeners or horticulturists while delivering their own products; nor to any funeral or other public procession or parade; nor to vehicles merely passing through the city of Kent, and not delivering or taking passengers or freight; nor to any person or persons regularly conducting any mercantile, manufacturing or other business in the city of Kent and delivering their goods wares and merchandise to their customers within the city of Kent.

SECTION 4. All licenses shall be issued by the city Clerk on application by the person, firm or corporation, or his agent, operating any such vehicle on such form as the clerk may require, and the payment of the license therefor for the year of issue.
SECTION 5. Any person, firm or corporation, operating any such vehicle as herein enumerated without obtaining a license therefor, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine or any sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in force five days after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed Feb. 16th 1920
Approved Feb. 17th 1920. Mayor.

Attest City Clerk.
Regulating Use of Motor Vehicles & Providing for Licensing

Repealed by
Ord. 455 & 461