



CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY APPLICATION

Chapter 59 of the Mobile City Code requires every person who desires to operate a taxicab, shuttle, limousine, carriage, charter or transportation service to first obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Where to Apply: Applications may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office on the 9th floor of Government Plaza, South Tower, 205 Government Street or printed from the City of Mobile website: <https://www.cityofmobile.org/uploads/CPCN.pdf>

1. **Background Check:** Each applicant must complete the attached background information sheet and undergo a records check by the Mobile Police Department, located at 2460 Government Street. If the applicant is a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity, the background check will be conducted on all officers, partners, directors, and any shareholder holding more than 25% of the outstanding stock of any corporation. (There is a \$10.00 fee for each records check).

***Applicant: Please obtain a records check from MPD Records (with embossed seal) to return with your completed application.**

Where to File the Application:

2. **When you receive your local record check from the MPD, only then will you return your completed application to the City Clerk's Office, along with a \$100 application fee (cash or check). Make checks payable to: City of Mobile. The application must also be properly notarized, or it will not be accepted.**

*After the completed application is received, the City Clerk's Office will forward it to the Police Department to review the application and the information provided therein. The Police Department shall report to the Council any information pertinent to the application or applicant. The Council shall not consider any application until such time as the Police Department has issued its report to the Council.

Public Hearing: The City Code requires that a public hearing be held on the application. Applicants will be notified of the hearing date. **Please refer to Section 59 of the City Code for the factors that will be considered by the City Council:** https://library.municode.com/al/mobile/codes/code_of_ordinances

Other Requirements: The following items must be submitted to the City Revenue Department **BEFORE** a City business license will be issued. **After the City Council has approved your application, you must submit the following items to the City Revenue Department in order to receive a City business license:**

- Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
- Proof of Insurance (see attached City Code sections for minimum requirements)
- Chauffeur's license (issued by the Police Department) on all drivers.
- Certificate from a licensed, qualified garage stating that the vehicle(s) have been inspected and meets the requirements of the City Code.

Please be aware that this process may take up to 4 to 6 weeks. For more information contact the City Clerk's Office at 208-7411



APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

The undersigned, _____ individually or on behalf of _____, hereby makes application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate a public service vehicle(s) within the City of Mobile and submits the following facts in support of this application.

I. Certificate Information

Name of Person or Legal Entity seeking certificate:

Business Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Trade Name _____

Business Information

A. If applicant is an individual (sole proprietor) please provide:

Birthdate: _____ SSN: _____

Residence Address:

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone Number: _____ Driver's License #: _____

Residing in Mobile County: Years: _____ Months: _____

U.S. Citizenship: Yes _____ No _____

I attest, under penalty of perjury that I am:

_____ A citizen or national of the United States

_____ A lawful permanent resident

(Alien # A _____)

_____ an alien authorized to work until ____ / ____ / ____

(Alien # or Admission # _____)

B. If applicant is a legal entity, please provide:

Incorporated _____ State of Incorporation _____

Partnership _____ L.L.C. _____ Other: (please specify) _____

Business Address: _____

(If different from address provided in Part I)



C. Ownership Information – List all owners, stockholders, officers, directors, partners, members, etc.

Name	Title	Address	Amount of Stock Held (if any)
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D. List all unpaid judgements against any person listed in Part II C, giving the names of persons against which such judgements are pending, the amount of all unpaid judgements, and the nature of the transactions or acts giving rise to the judgements:

Name	Date	Amount	Location	Disposition
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Part III. Vehicle/Carriage Information:

Class of service to be furnished: (Check only one)

Taxicab ☐ Sedan ☐ Shuttle ☐ Horse Drawn Carriage ☐ Other ☐

Location of terminal/depot or stand & stables: _____

What will be your days and hours of operation? _____

How many vehicles (carriages) do you intend to operate? _____
(Note: carriages are limited to a maximum of ten carriages)

Vehicle Description:

Make: _____	Year: _____	Model: _____
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If application is for a taxicab or carriage, please give a brief description of the insignia, trade name and proposed color scheme for each taxi/carriage:



I hereby authorize the investigation of all statements contained in this application. I certify that:

1. I am the owner of the business listed herein or I am the duly authorized agent of such owner;
2. All of the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
3. I understand that the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is subject to revocation if this document is falsified;
4. I have read and understand Chapter 59 of the Mobile City Code;
5. If granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, I will fully comply with its provisions.

Applicant's Signature

NAME OF ENTITY:

By: _____
Its _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS
_____**DAY OF** _____, 20____

Notary Public



(Applicant: Present this form to the Police Records Division, 2460 Government Boulevard)

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF POLICE RECORDS

Name: _____

Nickname(s) or Maiden Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Previous Address: _____

Personal Description:

Height: _____

Weight: _____

Hair Color: _____

Eye Color: _____

Social Security Number: _____

I do hereby authorize any City, County, State or Federal Agency, Department or Bureau to release any information in their files under the above name. I understand and realize that the information so released may prove unfavorable to me. I agree to hold any source of information blameless for any error in reporting this information. I release all persons whomever from any liability arising out of or resulting from the release of this information.

Signature

Date signed



(Applicant Present this form to the Police Records Division, 2460 Government Boulevard)

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION SHEET
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

A Background Information Sheet must be completed for each person owning any interest in a taxicab/shuttle/limousine/carriage/charter/transportation business. Failure to complete such sheet for each owner listed will result in a delay of the approval process or possible denial of this application.

NAME: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Security #: _____

Present Address _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

Attach a copy of your current driver's license to this sheet

Present Employer and Address: _____

Present Position/Title: _____

Judicial History:

List below if you have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor during the last 24 months; any Federal, State, or Local alcoholic beverage law; or have forfeited a cash bond to appear in court to answer charges for any such violation. Failure to properly list all convictions will result in denial of this application.

VIOLATION	JURISDICTION/COURT	DATE OF CASE	DISPOSITION
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

List all unpaid judgements pending, giving the names of persons against which such judgements are pending and the amount of all unpaid judgements.

Give nature of all transactions or acts giving rise to these judgements.

Give name and location of court in which judgements were entered and date entered.

I swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Date Signed



59-4. Vehicle insurance.(a) Every vehicle classified as a vehicle for hire under this chapter and operated within the city limits or police jurisdiction thereof shall be required to carry and maintain in effect the following minimum personal injury and property damage liability insurance:

(1) General liability insurance—Public liability coverage with each of the following limits:

a. Bodily injury liability:

1. One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) each person; and
2. One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) each occurrence; and

b. Property damage liability—One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) each occurrence; or

c. In lieu of subparts (1)a. and b., hereinabove, bodily injury and property damage combined with limits of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence.

(2) Comprehensive automobile liability insurance including owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles with each of the following limits:

a. Bodily injury liability:

1. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) each person and
2. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) each occurrence; and

b. Property damage liability one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) each occurrence; or

c. In lieu of subparts (2)a. and b., hereinabove, bodily injury and property damage combined with limits of \$500,000 per occurrence.

(b) No permit required by this chapter or business license shall be granted to any person to operate any vehicle for hire upon the streets or elsewhere in the city or its police jurisdiction until such person shall have first filed with the city revenue department a certificate of the insurance requirements stated in subpart (a), hereinabove, issued to such person by a public liability insurance company authorized to do business in the state.

(c) The insurance coverage required by this section shall at all times be maintained for the full amount. The certificate of each policy or policies of insurance required by this section to be filed with the city revenue department shall contain a clause obligating the company issuing the same to give not less than thirty (30) days' written notice to the city revenue department before cancellation thereof. Notice of cancellation shall not relieve the company issuing such policy or policies of liability insurance for any injury or claim arising before the cancellation becomes effective. The cancellation of any such policy shall have the effect of suspending the permit of such person to operate vehicles for hire or business covered thereby until a new policy or policies complying with the provisions of this section is filed with the city revenue department.

(d) Every insurance policy required hereunder shall contain a provision for a continuing liability thereunder to the full amount thereof, notwithstanding any recovery thereon, that the liability of the insurer shall not be affected by the insolvency or the bankruptcy of the insured, and that until the policy is canceled the insurance company will not be relieved from liability on account of nonpayment of premium, or any act or omission by the named insured. Such policy of insurance shall further provide for the payment of any and all judgments, up to the limits of such policy, recovered against any person other than the owner, his agent or employee of any such business, who may operate the same with the consent or acquiescence of the owner.

(Ord. No. 59-073-2005, § 1, 11-15-05)