

§ 13-2-1 DEFINITIONS.

(20) PREARRANGED SERVICE means ground transportation service that is scheduled a minimum of one hour in advance of the trip.

§ 13-2-251 CHARTER SERVICE DESCRIBED.

Charter service consists of the provision of vehicular transportation utilizing vans, minibuses, buses or motor coaches to transport a group or individual passengers prearranged a minimum of one hour in advance of commencement of scheduled service on irregular routes and schedules with a rate of fare based either on a flat rate for each passenger or on an hourly rate operated from locations within the city to locations inside the city (point-to-point and continuous trips) from the same point of origin or from various points of origin to a same point of destination. Charter service does not include services owned, contracted, or subcontracted by a governmental entity, or independent or consolidated school district, or service that provides interstate or intrastate ground transportation services.

§ 13-2-252 CHARTER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.

(A) A holder of a charter service operating authority shall comply with Article 2 (*Ground Transportation Services Other Than Taxicabs*), Division 1 (*Operating Authority*).

(B) A holder must:

(1) ~~(1)~~ use vans, minibuses, ~~or~~ buses or motor coaches that comply with the following in order to provide charter service:

(a) have an occupancy capacity of more than six, including the driver; ~~to provide the service.~~

(b) have no top light or other electric identification sign;

(c) not use a taximeter;

(d) no checkered logo/pattern or otherwise represent the vehicle as a taxicab;

(e) if a charter service holder identifies its vehicles with outer logos or other identification markings, all vehicles used to provide charter services owned by the same holder shall have the same identical markings on all vehicles that are unique to that holder.

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(2) provide the department with a current list of drivers licensed in the manner described in Section 13-2-121 (*Exemption from Chauffeur's Permit Requirement*), the driver's license number of each driver, and a photocopy of each driver's license.

(3) provide the department with a copy of proof of a passing annual vehicle inspection conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation for vehicles with a capacity of sixteen (16) or more passengers.

(4) not hold itself out as a taxi service as defined in Section 13-2-301 (*Taxi Service Described*), and cannot accept passengers less than one hour in advance of commencement of scheduled service.

(5) A driver operating a charter service vehicle shall keep in the vehicle, in written or electronic form, a trip ticket containing the information described below, and shall allow a person designated under Section 13-2-13(B) (*Enforcement*) or Section 13-2-14 (*Enforcement Officers*) to inspect the trip ticket upon request. A trip ticket must include the following information:

- (a) date of the trip, the name, address, and phone number of the person or group who booked or paid for the service;
- (b) the name, address, and phone number of at least one passenger transported on the trip;
- (c) the pickup location, intermittent stops and the drop off location for the trip;
- (d) the scheduled and actual passenger pick-up time;
- (e) state the rate for services if charged on an hourly rate and total amount of fare paid for each passenger or group of passengers using the service; and
- (f) identify the owner of the vehicle used to provide charter service and identify the holder, if different, by name, address and telephone number.

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