



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Mr. Whom it May Concern,

It was brought to our attention that you had posted on a Facebook web page that you were offering rides in exchange for money. It is illegal to accept money in exchange for providing transportation in Bloomington-Normal without obtaining the proper licenses. Portions of the relevant ordinance and potential penalties for its violation appear below.

If you have any questions please call me (Officer James Hall) at (309) 434-2356 or Mr. George Boyle (Assistant Corporation Counsel - Legal Department) at (309) 434 -2213.

Respectfully,

Officer James Hall #5836  
Bloomington Police Department  
M-F 7am - 3pm

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### **City of Bloomington Code Ordinances**

#### **Chapter 40: Section 701: Illegal Operation of Taxicab.**

A person commits the offense of illegal operation of a taxicab if:

- (a) Without a valid effective certificate of public convenience the person operates or drives a taxicab or allows another person to operate or drive a taxicab; or
- (b) The person operates or drives a taxicab without a valid operator's license from the State of Illinois or without a valid taxicab driver's permit from the City of Bloomington, or allows another person to do so; or
- (c) The person operates or drives or allows another to operate or drive a taxicab which lacks proper State of Illinois license plates or City of Bloomington taxicab plates; or
- (d) The person operates or drives or allows another to operate or drive a taxicab with a taximeter which is disconnected from the transmission or front wheels. (Ordinance No. 2011-33)

#### **Chapter 40: Section 718: Penalty.**

(a) The penalty for operation of an illegal taxicab as described in Section 701 of this Article, shall be a fine of not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for the first offense and a fine of not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$3,000.00 for second and subsequent offenses. Vehicles operating as illegal taxicabs may be impounded by the police and shall not be released prior to the payment of a release fee of \$10.00, an impoundment fee of \$250.00 and the paying of all towing company fees. In addition, anyone found to have illegally operated a taxicab is subject to having their certificate or driver's permit suspended or revoked. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or which an offense occurs or continues. (Ordinance No. 2011-33)

(b) For all offenses enumerated in this Article, with the exception of Section 701, the penalty shall be a fine of no less than \$100.00 and no more than \$500.00 for each offense. In addition to said fine, violators may have their certificate or driver's permit suspended or revoked. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which an offense occurs or continues. (Ordinance No. 2011-33)