AMENDING PART II, CHAPTER VIII, ARTICLE 16 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL CODE (POLICE CODE), AMENDING SECTIONS 1077 AND 1185, TO MAKE VIOLATION OF THE TAXI COMMISSION’S RULES FOR TAXICABS AN INFRACTION AND ESTABLISHING FINES.

Note: Additions or substitutions are underlined; deletions are in ((double parentheses)).

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Article 16 of the San Francisco Police Code is hereby amended by amending Sections 1077 and 1185, to read as follows:

SEC. 1077. ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ARTICLE; AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REGULATIONS.

(a) Rules and Regulations. The Taxi Commission ((Chief of Police)) from time to time shall, after a noticed public hearing, adopt such rules and regulations to effect the purposes of this Article as are not in conflict therewith.

(b) Administration of Regulations. As set forth elsewhere in this Article, the Taxi Commission ((Police Commission and the Chief of Police)) shall be charged with administering and enforcing the provisions of this Article, and any rules or regulations promulgated hereunder.

(c) Enforcement. In addition to the administrative penalties set forth in Section 1090 of this Article, violations of the Commission’s Rules may be punished as infractions as set forth in Section 1185(d).

SEC. 1185. PENALTIES.
(a) Violations Chargeable as Misdemeanors or Infractions; Assisting or Inducing Violation. Unless otherwise specified in this Article, any person violating any Section of this Article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor or an infraction. It shall be a violation of this Article to knowingly assist or knowingly induce another to violate a provision of this Article.

(b) Misdemeanor Penalties. Upon conviction of a violation charged as a misdemeanor, the person so convicted shall be subject to a fine of not more than $500 or imprisonment in the County Jail for period of not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment; provided, however, that any person or entity violating Sections 1078 (requiring permits), 1084(b) or (c) (notification of death of permittee; lease of permit of deceased permittee), 1089 (requiring drivers permits), 1091 through 1093 (requiring insurance), or 1110 (false statements) of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than $1,000 or imprisonment in the County Jail for period of not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(c) Infraction Penalties. Upon conviction of a violation charged as an infraction, the person so convicted shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than $10 nor more than $50, and for a second and any additional offense by a fine of not less than $20 and not more than $100.

(d) Violations of Taxi Commission’s Rules. Upon conviction of a violation of the Taxi Commission’s Rules, the person so convicted may be punished by a fine as follows:

(1) For regulations classified as Minor under the Commission’s Rules, a fine of $25 for the first violation, $50 for a second violation of the regulation within one year of the first violation, and $150 for a third or additional violation of the regulation within one year of the first violation.

(2) For regulations classified as Moderate under the Commission’s Rules, a fine of $75 for the first violation, $150 for a second violation of the regulation within one
year of the first violation, and $450 for a third or additional violation of the regulation within one year of the first violation.

(2) For regulations classified as Major under the Commission's Rules, a fine of $250 for the first violation, $400 for a second violation of the regulation within one year of the first violation, and $500 for a third or additional violation of the regulation within one year of the first violation.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LOUISE H. RENNE, City Attorney

By: THOMAS J. OWEN
Deputy City Attorney
Ordinance amending Police Code Sections 1077 and 1185 to make violation of the Taxi Commission rules for taxicabs an infraction and establishing fines.

April 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — PASSED, ON FIRST READING
Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Yaki, Yee
Absent: 2 - Newsom, Teng

April 26, 1999 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED
Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yaki, Yee
Absent: 1 - Teng
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on April 26, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.