

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MARCH 6 - 1937

Meeting called to order at 8:15 P. M.  
Those present were the Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters.

Mr. Conger, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that \$12.50 be appropriated for an advertisement in the Montgomery Blair High School Year Book, The 1937 "Silverlogue". Motion seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.

Proposed Rules and Regulations to govern the Police Dept. of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., were discussed at length, and the following Ordinance on same was offered by Councilman Orcutt:-

ORDINANCE NO. 605

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, that the following Rules and Regulations covering the Police Department of the Town of Takoma Park, be and the same are hereby enacted:--

(Copy of Ordinance in full form filed in Ordinance file)

Mr. Orcutt moved the adoption of the Ordinance, and upon being seconded by Mr. Taft, same was adopted by a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, The Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters. Voting Nay- None.

Mr. Orcutt moved that the Town Clerk be authorized to have these Police Dept. Rules and Regulations put in printed form, not exceeding fifty copies. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

Mr. Duehring, Chairman of the Municipal Service Committee stated that the bids covering the purchase of a new police car, had been carefully gone over, and that the two lowest bids were from the Hohensee Motors and the Takoma Motor Company, the bid of the Takoma Motor Company was \$649.84, less allowance of \$125.00 for the old police car, and the bid of Hohensee Motors for a Plymouth Delux Sedan was \$752.50, less allowance of \$322.50 for the old police car, making the net bid of Hohensee Motors \$94.00 less than the Takoma Motor Co. Mr. Duehring stated that the Committee had not arrived at a unanimous recommendation in connection with the purchase of the new car and had decided to leave the matter up to the entire Council.

After a lengthy discussion of the matter, Mr. Orcutt moved that the Police Committee be authorized to accept the bid of Hohensee Motors for the Delux Plymouth Sedan, at the price stated in their bid, with allowance for the police car as therein stated. Mr. Taft seconded the motion, and same was approved. Mr. Duehring voting "no". On motion Council adjourned at 11:50 P.M.

*J. Helm Rodd*  
Clerk

*John Brauns*  
Mayor

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SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MARCH 11, 1937

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P.M.  
Those present were the Mayor, Councilmen Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters.

Meeting called for the purpose of adoption of an Ordinance licensing and governing the Taxi-cabs in the Town of Takoma Park, Md., to replace Article 4 of the "Police Regulations of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., was discussed at length, and was referred by the Mayor back to the Law and Ordinance for further study and report.

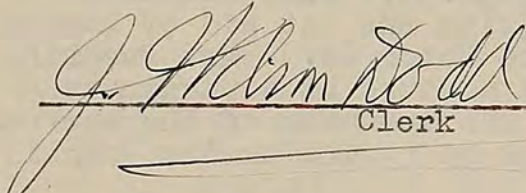
In reference to the communication from D. M. Abercrombia, Recording Secretary of the Community League of Takoma Park, regarding the dedication of Boyd Avenue as a Town street, Mr. Taft, Chairman of the Law and Ordinance Committee reported that the property owners up to the present time had refused to dedicate the street to the Town, and that in the absence of such dedication the Town has no right to undertake the improvement of the street, and unless the owners are willing to dedicate to the Town, the only remedy is to condemn same, and Committee recommended that in the event the owners continued to refuse to dedicate the street, that the Mayor and Council take into consideration condemnation proceedings.

On motion, properly seconded, the report and recommendation of the Committee was approved.

Referring to the petition of property owners on Allegheny Ave., protesting the "No Parking" on both sides of that street, after discussion of the matter, Mr. Duehring moved that the resolution of the Council of January 18th, 1937, regarding "No Parking" on both sides of Allegheny Ave., be rescinded, and that parking on the East side of Allegheny Avenue be prohibited, and that on the West side of Allegheny Avenue parking be prohibited within the painted lines opposite driveway entrances. Mr. Waters seconded this motion, and same was approved.

On motion Council adjourned at 12.15 A. M.

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Clerk

  
Mayor



REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MARCH 15th, 1937

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P.M.

Those present were the Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Orcutt and Waters.

Reading of the Minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 15th, 1937, on motion, was dispensed with. Minutes of Special Meetings of March 6th and 11th, 1937, were read and approved.

Financial Statement for the month of February, 1937, was presented by the Treasurer and approved, as follows:--

RECEIPTS:-

General Taxes-----	\$3,122.53
Interest and Penalties-----	260.72
Charges-----	15.25
Special Assessments-----	932.00
Building Permits-----	37.00
Electrical Permits-----	24.00
Dog Tax-----	103.50
Garbage Collection-----	4.00
Tel. Montgomery County (Police)-----	12.00
Fines-----	41.30
	<u>\$4,552.30</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCDUNT

Jan. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	\$ 6,304.50	
Deposits in February	1,200.50	
	<u>7,505.00</u>	
Withdrawn in February	980.40	
Feb. 28th - On hand		6,524.60
Jan. 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank	4,643.15	
Deposits in February	3,351.80	
	<u>7,994.95</u>	
Withdrawn in February	3,206.61	
Feb. 28th - On hand		<u>4,788.34</u>
Feb. 28th - On hand both banks		<u>11,312.94</u>

REVOLVING FUND

Jan. 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank	7,096.98	
No deposits In February		
Feb. 28th - On hand		7,096.98
Jan. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	7,465.90	
No deposits in February		
Feb. 28th - On hand		<u>7,465.90</u>
Feb. 28th - On hand both banks		<u>\$14,562.88</u>



DISBURSEMENTS:-

<u>STREETS:</u>		
Labor	312.60	
Material	461.39	
Grading Jackson Ave.	357.60	
Gas.-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	<u>119.70</u>	1,251.29
 <u>SERVICE:-</u>		
Trash-Labor	98.60	
Ash-Labor	186.00	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-	47.35	
Garbage-Labor	180.00	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Sup.	61.50	
Street Lights	<u>468.33</u>	1,041.78
 <u>POLICE:-</u>		
Salaries	515.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Tels.Coal - Lights	52.43	
Gas-Oil	6.91	
Misc. Expense	<u>4.10</u>	618.44
 <u>OFFICE:-</u>		
Salaries	480.00	
Tels. & Supplies	24.00	
Postage	<u>12.00</u>	516.00
 <u>ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS</u>		
	<u>370.00</u>	370.00
 <u>MISCELLANEOUS:-</u>		
Recording Fees	1.50	
Library Association	125.00	
Dog Expense	15.00	
New Assessment Expense	21.00	
Mont. County-Tel.(Police)	12.00	
Justice of Peace Salaries	70.00	
Bldg. Inspector Expense	15.00	
E.E.Blodgett-Retirement	25.00	
Comp. Corp. Counsel-February	50.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
		<u>389.50</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>4,187.01</u>

COMMUNICATIONS:--

Petition from five property owners on Lee Avenue was presented to Council, requesting the paving of Lee Avenue, between Carroll and Hancock Avenues. Referred to Municipal Works Comm.

On Motion of Mr. Conger, seconded by Mr. Waters, the amount expensed on the grading of Jackson Avenue was ordered put on record, the assessment of same against property owners to be considered at some future time when Jackson Avenue is paved.

The matter of culvert running across the properties of Mr. Agey and Mr. Richter, on Cedar Avenue, was discussed at length, and the Municipal Works Committee recommended that the Town extend this culvert and assume the cost of the labor in connection therewith, the cost of the material used in same to be assessed against the property owners abutting same.



Mr. Conger moved the adoption of this recommendation, and upon being seconded by Mr. Waters, same was adopted.

Mr. Jos. Martin, addressed the Council, and asked that "No Parking" signs be placed on Carroll Avenue, adjacent to the Fire Dept., as the painting on the curb could not be seen at night. The Mayor referred this matter to Mr. Duehring, Chairman of the Municipal Service Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:- Mr. Conger, Chairman, submitted the report of the Board of Assessors on the General Re-Assessment, and moved that the report be referred to the Finance Committee, and that all parties whose assessments have either been increased or decreased be notified that a hearing will be held on same at the next regular Council meeting on April 19th, 1937, in order that any appeals may be heard and given consideration. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

The matter of Budget for the next fiscal year was discussed, and Mr. Conger, Chairman of the Finance Committee, requested that each Committee submit, at the next meeting, a statement of their anticipated disbursements for the coming fiscal year, in order that same may be given consideration in ample time before the adoption of the budget.

Bills in amount of \$1016.34 were presented by the Finance Committee, and payment was approved.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:- Mr. Orcutt, Chairman, advised the Council of a meeting held with the Board of Education of Prince George's County, in connection with the laying out and equipping the playground at the Prince George's School in the Town of Takoma Park, and advised that the Board had agreed to lay out the playground in accordance with Resolution adopted by the Council in 1936, and requested that the Town go ahead with this construction, and that Prince George's County would assume the cost of same, as well as to dedicate certain portions of Woodland Avenue, now held by the County. Mr. Orcutt advised that dedication plat was now being prepared, as well as a contract between the Town and Prince George's County, setting forth conditions under which the playground was to be constructed and equipped. Mr. Orcutt requested that a Special Meeting be called in order that the proposed contract might be presented to Council for approval prior to March 23rd, next, in order that the matter may be presented to the Board of Education at their meeting on that date. Mayor Adams announced a Special Meeting on this matter for Saturday evening, March 20th, 1937.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:- Mr. Orcutt, in the absence of Chairman Taft, presented the following Ordinance:--

ORDINANCE NO. 606

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:--

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of the



Town Charter, the Town Clerk is hereby directed to call a meeting of the citizens of the Town for the purpose of nominating candidates for Councilmen to be voted on at the annual election on May 3rd, 1937. Said meeting of citizens will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building on Monday, April 19th, 1937, convening at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Orcutt moved the adoption of this Ordinance, and upon being seconded by Mr. Conger, same was adopted by a Yea and Nay Vote. Voting Yea, the Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Orcutt and Waters. Voting Nay, none.

Mr. Orcutt also presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:--

ORDINANCE NO. 607

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:--

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 3rd, 1937. Said election will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, at which time and place the qualified voters of the Town will cast their ballots for three Councilmen. The three Councilmen elected to serve for a term of two years, beginning with the first Monday in June, 1937.

Motion for adoption seconded by Mr. Conger, and on a Yea and Nay vote same was adopted. Voting Yea, the Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Orcutt and Waters. Voting Nay, none.

The matter of Ordinance conveying to the State Roads Commission the Fee in certain streets in the Town of Takoma Park was discussed at length. Due to the fact that this matter had been before the Council for many months, and no definite progress made in connection with same, the matter was referred back to the Law and Ordinance Committee with power of authority to arrange an interview with the State Roads Commission, or some official of that body, in an effort to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion. Mr. Orcutt then moved that the Town Clerk notify the State Roads Commission of the action of the Council, and request that some representative of their Commission come to Takoma Park to confer with the Law and Ordinance Committee of the Council relative to clearing up the situation in connection with this Ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Duehring, Chairman, called to the attention of the Council that discovery had been made



that the heavy duty generator on the old Police Car could not be used on the new Plymouth, just purchased. Mr. Hohensee of Honensee Motors, from whom the Plymouth car was purchased, addressed Council and advised that he would install a new generator on the Plymouth for the sum of \$7.50, and on motion properly seconded this expenditure was authorized.

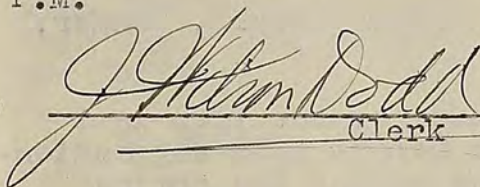
PUBLIC WELFARE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE:- Mr. Waters, Chairman, offered the following Resolution:--

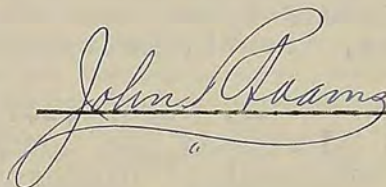
"That the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md., cordially endorse the action of the County Public Health Contest Committee, organized under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, in applying for a health survey of Montgomery County.

That in case the American Public Health Association awards the 1936 survey to this County, the Mayor and Council pledge full cooperation in the conduct of the survey and in carrying out its recommendations."

Mr. Waters moved the adoption of this Resolution, and upon being seconded by Mr. Conger, same was adopted unanimously.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

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 Clerk

  
 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
 MARCH 20th, 1937

Meeting called to order at 8:30 P. M.

Those present were the Mayor, Councilmen Conger, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft, Waters, and Supt. of Public Works, Fischer.

On motion of Mr. Taft, the Mayor and Council went on record as opposing any change in the liquor law, whereby the sale of alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County be extended from twelve o'clock, midnight, to two A.M.

The matter of the sale of poultry, eggs, vegetables, etc. in the rear of the residence of Mr. Hext Ware, recently called to the attention of the Mayor and Council, was discussed, and Mr. Orcutt moved that the matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel for decision as to whether or not this business is in violation of Town Ordinances or Regulations, or whether it should be reported to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Upon being properly seconded, motion was approved.

Mayor Adams was authorized by Council to execute form from the State of New York Insurance Dept., in connection with the bond of Bryan Davis, document showing that the Insurance Dept. had recommended settlement on a basis of \$5000. amount of one years bond.



Mr. Orcutt laid before the Council proposed memorandum of agreement for the construction of playground areas on the J. Enos Ray school site, the equipment thereof, the laying out of Woodland Avenue, and the walk from Woodland Avenue to the School Building. After due consideration and discussion, Mr. Orcutt moved that the said contract be approved, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute said contract, in duplicate, in the name and in behalf of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger, and unanimously approved.

On motion Council adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

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*J. Helm Dool*  
Clerk

*John Adams*  
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MARCH 24, 1937.

Those present were the Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters.

Mr. Bride, Supervisor of Playgrounds for the Town last season, addressed the Council, and laid before them suggestion for enlargement of playground activities during the coming season by the addition of three male Asst. Supervisors, same to be secured and financed under the National Youth Administration. Mr. Orcutt suggested that Mr. Bride be given authority to contact the N.Y.A. to learn fully the plan in connection with same and report back to Council, and unanimous approval was given by the Council.

A number of Taxi-Cab drivers operating in the Town of Takoma Park appeared before Council to discuss the proposed Ordinance governing Taxi-Cabs operating in the Town. After a lengthy discussion of this matter, Mr. Taft moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:--

ORDINANCE NO. 608

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:--

That the following Revisions and Amendments to the "POLICE REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND", as ordered and declared on April 6th, 1933, be and the same are hereby enacted as Ordinances of said Town of Takoma Park.

SECTION 1. That Article 4 of said "Police Regulations of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland", be and the same is hereby revised

*Repealed by  
No. 1067 (21:17)*



BE IT ORDAINED, ORDERED AND ENACTED BY  
THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND,

That the following Revisions and Amendments to the "POLICE REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND", as ordered and declared by Ordinance, on April 6th, 1933, be and the same are hereby enacted as Ordinances of said Town of Takoma Park.

**Section 1.**

That Article 4 of said "Police Regulations of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland," be and the same is hereby revised and amended, by striking out Sections 1 to 15, both inclusive, of said Article 4, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following 29 sections, to be and constitute the Rules and Regulations governing the control and operation of taxicabs, taxis, and automobiles for hire, in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

**Section 2.—Definitions.**

Unless the language or context indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following words, terms, and phrases shall, for the purpose of these rules and regulations, be given the meanings hereinafter subjoined to them:

(a) The term "automobile for hire", the term "taxicab", and the word "taxi", shall severally embrace any motor vehicle for hire, designed to carry seven persons or less, including the driver, operated on demand or call, accepting or soliciting passengers indiscriminately for transportation in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, or between points within said Town and nearby points, not operating on a fixed schedule or between fixed termini. The fact that a hiring car is operated from a stand on a public street shall be prima facie evidence that the service rendered is taxicab service.



(b) The word "Licensee" means the individual, partnership, company or corporation, to whom a permit has been issued as herein provided, and shall include all agents and employees of such licensee.

(c) The word "Operator" means the person engaged in driving a taxicab, for which a permit has been issued, and operating in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

(d) The words "Owner" and "Lessee" mean the individual, partnership, company or corporation, who has the actual and lawful right to the possession and control of the motor vehicle or taxicab.

(e) The word "Company" includes every corporation, association, partnership, group of individuals, or individual, owning, controlling, operating or managing one or more taxicabs operating in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

(f) The word "Permit" means a permit issued, as herein prescribed, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

(g) The word "Person" includes every person, partnership, company, association, corporation, group of individuals, or individual owning, controlling, operating or managing one or more taxicabs operating in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

(h) The word "State" means the State of Maryland.

(i) The word "Town" means the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

(j) The term "Mayor and Council" means the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland,

### **Section 3.**

That the public taxicab stand heretofore established, designated and existing on the southerly side of Carroll Avenue, westerly from the corner of Laurel Avenue, and opposite to the Citizens Bank, in the Town, be and the same is hereby discontinued and abolished, and any and all ordinances and orders establishing, creating, or designating the same are hereby repealed.

### **Section 4.**

That there be and is hereby created, established, set aside and designated a public automobile or taxicab



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stand, reserved exclusively for taxicabs, taxis, and automobiles for hire, lawfully operating, as herein prescribed, in the Town, on the Southeasterly side of Laurel Avenue, at and near the corner of Eastern Avenue, in said Town, which stand shall be marked and delimited by painted lines, and indicated by signs erected for that purpose.

#### Section 5.

That no person, company, or corporation, operating a taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire, within the limits of the Town, shall, at any time, park, loiter or permit to stand any taxicab, taxi or automobile for hire, on or upon any public street or public way in said Town, other than in the public automobile or taxicab stand defined and referred to in Section 4 hereof, except for the purpose of the lawful receiving or discharging of bona fide passengers.

#### Section 6.

That no person, other than the lawful licensee or operator of a taxicab, taxi or automobile for hire, duly licensed as herein provided, shall park or permit to stand any automobile or other vehicle in the public automobile or taxicab stand, created, established, set aside and designated in and by Section 4 hereof.

#### Section 7.

That no person, company, or corporation shall, in the Town, operate a taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire, as herein defined, or carry on the business of soliciting passengers for hire or carrying or transporting passengers for hire, or shall so solicit passengers for hire, or so carry or transport passengers for hire, in any automobile or other vehicle, unless and until such person, company or corporation shall have been granted a permit so to do by the Mayor and Council, upon a written application therefor, and in accordance with the provisions of this Article; and it shall be unlawful for any person, company or corporation to carry on such business or to so solicit or carry passengers for hire in the Town, except under and as authorized



by such a permit, and in strict compliance with the terms of such permit and with the provisions of this Chapter.

#### **Section 8.**

That no such permit shall be granted, except upon a written application therefor, prepared in duplicate, signed by the applicant, setting out the full name, age and residence of the applicant, the description of the vehicle to be used as a taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire, the tag number and title number thereof, the necessary data as to the operator's operating permit, sufficient proof that such vehicle is owned or leased by the applicant, the responsibility of the applicant to properly serve the public, and a certificate that the applicant has read these rules and regulations and that he agrees to comply with the requirements thereof. If the applicant be a corporation, the name and address of the President and Secretary shall be given, as well as the full corporate name and place of incorporation of such corporation. If the applicant be a partnership, there shall be given the names, ages and addresses of each partner and the extent of the interest that each has in the business.

#### **Section 9.**

That the Mayor and Council may, in their discretion, grant a permit or permits to any person, company or corporation to carry on the business of soliciting and carrying of passengers for hire in a taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire, in the Town, upon any such application properly filled out and executed as herein prescribed, and upon the payment by the applicant to the Town of an annual license fee of \$5.00 for each vehicle so licensed, and upon full compliance with the provisions of this Chapter, and not otherwise: Provided, however, that every such permit shall be granted for the period from the effective date thereof to the 30th day of April next ensuing after the date of issue, and no longer, and shall be made subject to revocation by the Mayor and Council. Such permit shall be non-transferable, and shall be good only to the licensee therein named, or to his agent or employee, as herein provided.



### **Section 10.**

That no such permit shall be granted by the Mayor and Council, except upon a written application therefor, as herein prescribed, nor shall any such permit be granted to any person, company, or corporation, unless the Mayor and Council shall have found that the applicant therefor is of good moral character, is the owner or lessee of the vehicle to be used as a taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire, is duly licensed to operate the same under the laws of the State of Maryland, and is responsible for the proper operation of a public conveyance for hire. The determination of the fitness, qualifications and responsibility of the applicant shall be vested in the discretion of the said Mayor and Council.

### **Section 11.**

That the Mayor and Council shall have, and hereby reserve, the full right, in their discretion, to revoke any such permit, after due notice to the licensee, and after a hearing accorded to him, if so requested by the licensee within five days from the mailing to him of such notice; and upon such revocation all rights and privileges granted under such permit shall thereupon cease and be null and void, and the license fee paid herefor shall become forfeited to the Town, and thereafter it shall be unlawful for such licensee or any employee or agent of such licensee, to carry on the business of soliciting or carrying of passengers for hire in the Town, or to park or to permit to stand upon any street or public way in the Town, including said public taxicab stand, any taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire.

### **Section 12.**

That any such permit may, in the discretion of the Mayor and Council, be renewed until the 30th day of April next ensuing after the expiration of such permit, but only upon the payment by the licensee to the Town of the sum of \$5.00 as a yearly license fee, and only upon a written renewal thereof by the Mayor and Council, upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Mayor and Council: Provided, however, that if a permit should be revoked for any reason, it will not be renewed, nor a new permit issued in its



stead, during a period of six months from the date of revocation, unless, due to exceptional circumstances, the Mayor and Council should modify such requirement.

### **Section 13.**

That every person, company or corporation, operating one or more taxicabs, taxis, or automobiles for hire, to whom such a permit or permits shall be issued, shall be assigned a license number for each such vehicle, and shall be furnished with a "Permit Card" for each such vehicle, on such form as from time to time may be prescribed by the Town Clerk of the Town, which "Permit Card" shall contain such license number, and the name and address of the licensee. Such "Permit Card" shall be displayed publicly at all times in a conspicuous place in the taxicab for which issued, and shall be subject to inspection at any time by any police officer. Every such licensee shall have his full name, together with such license number, permanently painted on one door on each side of each such taxicab in letters at least 2½ inches high, and the word "Taxicab" shall be also painted conspicuously on one door on each side of each such taxicab.

### **Section 14.**

That the operator of any such taxicab, taxi or automobile for hire shall carry at all times, in a conspicuous position upon his breast, while operating any such taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire, a badge or shield, to be furnished by the Town upon a deposit by the Licensee with the Town of the sum of \$1.00, which sum will be returned by the Town to such Licensee upon surrender of such badge; and shall also, at all times, have affixed to the interior of said vehicle operated by him, in a place readily to be seen by passengers, an identification card, displayed in full view, bearing the operator's photograph and his name in letters of sufficient size to be easily read by passengers; and no person, company or corporation shall operate any such taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire in the Town, unless there shall be displayed thereon and therein the information, "Permit Card", badge and identification card, as is provided for and prescribed in Sections 13 and 14 hereof.



## Section 15.

That no taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire, operating under a permit of the Mayor and Council, shall be operated in the Town except by the owner of such taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire, or by a duly approved agent or employee of such owner. It shall be lawful for any owner of one or more taxicabs, taxis or automobiles for hire to apply for separate permits to operate the same, and separate permits shall be secured for each of such taxicabs, taxis or automobiles for hire, as herein provided; and the license fee herein prescribed shall be paid for each taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire so licensed. Whenever any taxicab, taxi or automobile for hire, duly licensed as herein provided, shall be operated by an agent or employee of the licensee, such agent or employee shall be first approved by the Mayor and Council as to his fitness, qualifications and responsibility, as herein prescribed in the case of an applicant for a permit, and every such agent or employee, before operating such taxicab, taxi or automobile for hire, shall secure a badge or shield and an identification card, as is provided in Section 14 hereof. Every licensee shall be responsible for the Acts of his agents and employees, while operating a taxicab, taxi or automobile for hire, equally as though such licensee were himself operating the same, and his permit may be revoked for the violation of or failure to comply with these regulations on the part of every such agent or employee. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to revoke the badge or "identification card" of any such agent or employee, in which case the right of such agent or employee to operate such taxicab shall thereupon cease.

## Section 16.

That it shall be unlawful for the owner or lessee of any such taxicab, taxi or automobile for hire to enter into any contract, agreement or understanding with the operator, by the terms of which such operator pays to such owner a fixed or determinable sum for the use of such taxicab, and is entitled to all or any of a portion of the proceeds of operation.



### **Section 17.**

That no taxicab, taxi or automobile for hire shall be driven by a person, who is addicted to the use of narcotics or intoxicating liquor; who is not of good moral character; who is mentally deficient to such an extent as to impair his ability to properly and efficiently operate the same; who is not experienced in operating motor vehicles and fully competent to conduct taxicab service carefully and courteously; or who has not obtained an operator's license as is required by and under the laws of the State of Maryland.

### **Section 18.**

That it shall be unlawful for any such licensee, or his or its agents and employees, to congregate or loiter upon any sidewalk or public place in the Town, while parked within the public taxistand mentioned and described in this Chapter, and that it shall be unlawful for any such licensee, or his or its agents and employees, to permit any such vehicle to be used as a loitering place or for the congregating of any persons in such vehicle, except bona fide passengers for hire; and any use of such vehicle as a loitering place, or for any other purpose than that of a taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire, as herein defined, will be deemed, ipso facto, to be cause for revocation of the licensee's permit.

### **Section 19.**

That no person, company or corporation, or any agent, or employee thereof, operating a taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire, shall deposit, cast or throw, or cause or permit to be deposited, cast or thrown, any paper, cards, pamphlets, refuse matter, or waste matter, in or upon any public street, sidewalk, or public space, or in or upon any premises adjacent thereto, or in or upon any private premises; and it shall be the duty of every such licensee and his agents and employees to see to it that the public taxistand, herein established and referred to, is at all times kept clean and free from debris or other foreign matter.

### **Section 20.**

That every operator of a taxicab, taxi or automobile for hire shall, at all times, promptly report to the Po-



lice Department of the Town all property of value left in their vehicle by any passenger.

#### **Section 21.**

That any taxicab, taxi or automobile, which is in an unsafe, unsanitary, or unsightly condition, in the opinion of the Chief Police Officer of the Town, may be condemned by him; and if the owner or his or its agent or employee shall thereafter continue to use said vehicle, without having made the same safe, sanitary, and wholesome, to the satisfaction of the said Chief Police Officer, the permit issued hereunder for such taxicab, taxi or automobile for hire may be revoked, as herein provided.

#### **Section 22.**

That immediate notice in writing shall be given by the licensee or operator to the Chief Police Officer of the Town of every accident in which a taxicab, taxi or automobile for hire is involved, where such accident occurs while the cab or vehicle is occupied by a passenger, or results in loss of life or serious injury to persons or substantial damage to property, or results in the removal of such vehicle from service for more than twenty-four hours. Such report is in addition to the report required by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

#### **Section 23.**

That every such licensee and operator, as herein described and provided for, shall, at all times, permit any police officer to inspect any such vehicle so licensed, the license to operate the same, and the permit to use the same as a taxicab, taxi or automobile for hire, and shall at all times, obey the directions of any such police officer as to traffic regulations and traffic control.

#### **Section 24.**

That the owner or lessee of any taxicab, taxi, or automobile for hire, to which the provisions of this chapter are applicable, who shall cause or permit, or suffer to be caused or permitted, by himself, by his agent or employee, or by any other person, any violation of these regulations, or any of them, or the operation of any such vehicle contrary to the requirements of this



Chapter, shall himself be deemed guilty of a violation of the same as fully as though he were himself operating such vehicle personally at the time; and, in the case of a corporation, the agent or employee thereof, who shall violate, or procure, aid or abet any such violation, of any provision of this Chapter, or permit the operation of any such vehicle contrary to the requirements thereof, shall be deemed personally guilty of a violation thereof.

### **Section 25.**

No person, company, or corporation having the possession, control, use, or disposal of any automobile or other vehicle run or drawn by its own power, having a seating capacity for more than 10 persons and used for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire, shall stop the same on any of the public spaces, streets, avenues, or alleys in the Town, for a longer time than five minutes; or, while en route and for the purpose of discharging or receiving passengers, for a longer time than is reasonably necessary: Provided, that with the written permission of the Mayor and Council, not more than two such vehicles may be kept standing at any one time in front of or adjacent to the offices or agencies of the owner, proprietor, person, company, or corporation having the possession, control, use, or disposal thereof, where there is accommodation for waiting passengers, employees, and other business appertaining thereto, and then only between the hours of 6 o'clock A. M. and 6 o'clock P. M., except, however, that on occasions of large gatherings the Mayor and Council may, upon application in writing, extend this time limitation.

### **Section 26.**

The formulation and enactment of these rules and regulations shall not in any way preclude the Mayor and Council from altering or amending them, in whole or in part, or from requiring any other additional service, facility or standard, either upon complaint, or in the discretion of the Mayor and Council, or upon application of any licensee hereunder.



### **Section 27.**

That any person, company or corporation, who shall violate any of the provisions of this Chapter, or any provision of any permit issued hereunder, or who shall refuse or neglect to obey, fulfill or comply with any of the provisions of this Chapter or of any permit issued hereunder, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction of such violation, refusal or neglect, shall be punished by a fine therefor of not less than \$10.00, nor more than \$50.00, for each such offense, and in default of the payment of any such fine, by imprisonment for a period of not exceeding 30 days, or until such fine shall have been paid.

### **Section 28.**

That nothing contained in this Chapter shall be deemed to repeal or affect any other Ordinance, Police Regulation, Traffic Regulation, Municipal Regulation or Order of the Town, except as herein expressly stated, and except insofar as expressly inconsistent herewith, and, in that case, only to the extent of such inconsistency.

### **Section 29.**

That this Ordinance shall take effect on and as of May 1, 1937.

Passed, enacted and adopted, this 24th day of March, 1937.



and amended, by striking out Sections 1 to 15, both inclusive, of said Article 4, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following 29 Sections, to be and constitute the Rules and Regulations governing the control and operation of taxizabs, taxis, and automobiles for hire, in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

(29 Sections printed and inserted in printed regulations of the Town of Takoma Park).

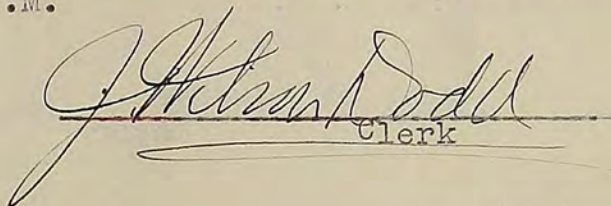
Mr. Waters seconded the adoption of this Ordinance, and same was adopted by a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, The Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters. Voting Nay - none.

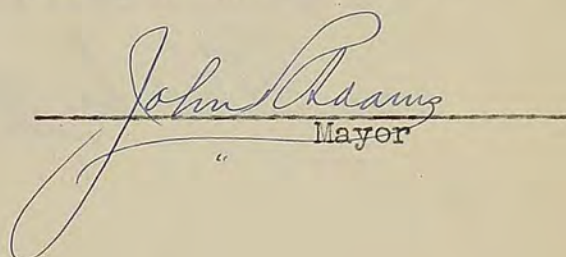
Mr. Orcutt advised Council that contract between Prince George's County Commissioners and the Town of Takoma Park, Md., was now in the hands of the School Board, same being for the construction of Playground area at the Ray School, in Prince George's County. Mr. Orcutt advised that he believed this contract would be properly executed in the next few days, and that work on the playground could be started.

Mayor Adams was authorized to write a letter to the Maryland Legislature, approving the communication sent to that body by the Montgomery County Municipal League in connection with the Bill now before the Legislature regarding the Gasoline Road Tax. This motion was made by Mr. Conger and seconded by Mr. Taft.

On motion, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

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Clerk

  
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
APRIL 10th, 1937

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P.M.

Those present were the Mayor, Councilmen Conger, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters.

Meeting called for the purpose of discussion of the general reassessment of all property in the Town, and the advisability of postponing same due to the recent act of the Maryland Legislature postponing all reassessments in State and Counties until the year 1939. After a lengthy discussion of the matter, Mr. Orcutt moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Assessors have heretofore made a new assessment of all property within the limits of the Town, which said new assessment or reassessment was ordered and made in the belief that a general State and County reassessment of property was to be made during the year 1937; and