City of Port Aransas
Code of Ordinances
Chapter 12 Licenses and Business Regulations
Article VII. Vehicles for Hire
Division 2. Taxis

Section 12-166. - Definitions.
The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings
ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Taxi* means an automobile that carries passengers for a fare.

*Touring bus* means a multi-passenger vehicle primarily used for conducting tours or
providing transportation for tour groups for a fare.

Section 12-167. - Permit required.
It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a taxi or touring vehicle originating within the
corporate limits of the city without first securing a permit from the city.

Section 12-168. - Terms of permit; fee.
(a) The city secretary with concurrence of the city manager shall issue permits required herein
subject to the following regulations and conditions:

1. The owner or the manager of the company operating the taxi or touring bus
   company shall make the application for a permit in their own or the company's
   name;

2. The applicant and all drivers of vehicles shall have and maintain a valid chauffeur
   driver's license of the state;

3. Applicant shall submit verification that all vehicles used in the proposed service
   have received valid safety inspections;

4. The applicant shall show compliance with all the insurance requirements covering
   public liability, property damage and collision insurance and other laws of the
   state governing the operation of vehicles for hire and all such state laws and
   regulations which are made a part of this article and any violations of them will be
   a violation of this article;

5. The applicant shall agree in writing in his application for a permit that no
   solicitation for business will be made at any place of business or entrance to place
   of business without the consent of the owner of the business. Breach of this
   agreement shall be a breach of this article;

6. The city manager or other authorized official shall not issue more permits than are
   reasonably necessary to meet the reasonable needs of the population of the city.

7. The maximum age of a vehicle is ten (10) years. Vehicles ten (10) years or older
   at the time of the passage of this ordinance [Ordinance 2009-04] may be retained
   until they are retired.

8. Company information - name, telephone number, and taxi unit number must be
   printed on each side and back side of the vehicle (minimum five-inch).

9. Fees must be posted inside each taxi. A picture identification of the driver,
   company information - name, phone number, address, city, must also be posted
   large enough for passengers to read.
10. Records required: The police department must retain a record of complaints that lead to convictions on the company and personnel regarding public safety. A limit of three (3) convictions in a six-month period or four (4) in a one-year period can lead to the revocation of their permit. Permit will remain revoked for a two-year period before they will be able to reapply.

(b) A street use fee, set by city council by resolution, must be paid by each company (not per taxi) and will be due on April 1 of each year. No permits will be issued unless and until such fee has been paid in full. Notwithstanding the above, the fee for the year 2010 (from January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010) shall be prorated. Said fee will not thereafter be pro-rated.

Section 12-169. - Certain activities prohibited.
The direct or indirect use of a taxi for assisting or abetting pandering or prostitution in any form is hereby prohibited.