

TAXICAB REGULATION STANDARDS - SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
(based on municipal or county codes)

CATEGORY:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Restricts Passenger Pick-up, not Drop-off	Method of License Issuance	License Subject to Legislative Review?	Owner's License Quota	Flexible Quota?	Accessible Cabs Excluded from Quota?	Excludes Non-Profits from Regulation	Duration of License: Owner	Duration of Permit: Driver	Senior Discount Rate	Requires 24-hour Service
CAPITOLA	Yes	Annual distribution	Not Addressed	2 per 2,000 residents	Yes	Yes	Yes	3 years	2 years	10%	Yes
SANTA CRUZ CITY	Yes	Unclear	Increase in permits	1 per 2,000 residents	Yes	Yes	Yes*	3 years	2 years	10%	Yes
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY	Unclear	Not Addressed	Not Addressed	Not Addressed	Not Addressed	Not Addressed	No	3 years #	3 years #	None	No
SCOTTS VALLEY	Yes	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable (business license only)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No	Not Applicable	Non-expiring	None	No
WATSONVILLE	Unclear	By Lottery	Not Addressed	1 per 2,700 residents	Not Addressed	Yes	No	Not Addressed	1 year	None	No

JURISDICTION

* Excludes contractors for local government only

Or remainder of existing city license

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORY:

1. Ordinance states that only licensed taxicabs (specific to jurisdiction) may pick up passengers, but does not restrict drop-offs
2. Method by which jurisdiction distributes taxicab operation licenses to private operators
3. City council or board of supervisors oversees some aspect of taxicab license issuance (excluding fare rates)
4. Ordinance specifically describes a maximum allowable number of taxi vehicles, based on residential population (handicapped-accessible vehicles not included in quota)
5. Ordinance allows expansion of quota seasonally or in special circumstances
6. The number of handicapped-accessible cabs is not restricted by the quota
7. Ordinance states that non-profits and public service providers will not be regulated as commercial taxi service (however, code may instead state that it applies to vehicles "for hire," generally distinguishing commercial taxi service from non-commercial service)
8. Duration of taxicab license approval; renewal required
9. Duration of taxicab driver permit; renewal required
10. Senior (60+) discount rate, if any, mandated by jurisdiction
11. Requirement for 24-hour availability of service

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