

THE NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL (MARKET STREET, NORTH WALSHAM TOWN CENTRE) (TAXI RANK) ORDER 2023

North Norfolk District Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) in exercise of its power under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and 4(1) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”) and of all other enabling powers and after consulting the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby makes the following Order.

1. Commencement

- 1.1 This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of January Two Thousand and twenty three and may be cited as “North Norfolk District Council (Market Street, North Walsham Town Centre) (Taxi Rank) Order 2023”

2. Interpretation

- 2.1 In this Order: -

“ambulance” has the same meaning as in the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

“authorised Taxi Rank” means any area of the carriageway which is comprised within and indicated by a road marking complying with map annex to this Order

“Civil Enforcement Officer” means a person as defined in Section 63A Section 76 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004

“driver” in relation to a vehicle waiting in the taxi rank means the person driving the vehicle at the time it was left in the taxi rank.

“permitted hours” means the whole twenty four hours of every day

“Taxi” means a hackney Carriage licensed under Section 37 of the Town Police Causes Act 1847

“Taxi Rank” means any area on a highway designated as a taxi rank by Article 3 of this Order;

“the Council” means North Norfolk District Council.

“vehicle” means motor vehicle or motor cycle

“passenger vehicle” means a motor vehicle/other than a motor cycle or invalid carriage) constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects and adapted to carry not more than eight passengers exclusive of the driver and not drawing a trailer

“road” means the entire width of the highway or other road to which the public have access including footway and verges

3. Designation of Taxi Rank

- 3.1 The area on the road on a highway comprising the length of carriageway of a road specified in Schedule One to this order and, unless otherwise so specified, bounded on one side by the edge of the carriageway is designated as a taxi rank.
- 3.2 The limits of the taxi rank shall be indicated on the carriageway by appropriate traffic signs.

4. Vehicles for which the Taxi Rank is designated

- 4.1 The taxi rank may be used, subject to the provisions of this order, for the waiting for hire during the permitted hours of any licensed taxi.
- 4.2 The driver of a vehicle referred to in Article 4.1 of this order using a taxi rank shall stop the engine as soon as the vehicle is in position in the taxi rank and shall not start the engine except when about to change the position of the vehicle in or to depart from the taxi rank.
- 4.3 No person shall use a vehicle while it is in a taxi rank either for the purpose of selling it or in connection with the sale of any article to any person in or near the taxi rank or in connection with the selling or offering for sale of his skill in handicraft or his services in any other capacity or carry out or permit the carrying out of any work of maintenance or repair as may be necessary to enable the vehicle to be moved from the taxi rank.

5. Manner of standing in Taxi Rank

- 5.1 The driver of a vehicle waiting in a taxi rank shall cause it so to stand: -
- (a) in the case of any other taxi rank on a road in single line parallel to the edge of the carriageway and so that the distance between the edge of the carriageway and the nearest wheel of the vehicle is not more than three hundred millimetres; and
 - (b) so that every part of the vehicle is within the limits of a taxi rank.
- 5.2 No person shall leave a vehicle in a taxi rank -
- (a) unless it is a vehicle specified in Article 3.1 of this order; and
 - (b) in a position other than that specified in Article 5 of this order.

6. Power to suspend the use of Taxi Rank

- 6.1 Any person generally or specially authorised by the Council may suspend the use of any taxi rank or any part thereof whenever that person considers such suspension reasonably necessary -
- (a) for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety;
 - (b) for the purpose of any building operation, demolition or excavation in or adjacent to the taxi rank or the maintenance improvement or reconstruction of the taxi rank or the laying, erection, alteration, removal or repair in or adjacent to the taxi rank of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply

of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunication apparatus or traffic sign;

- (c) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the taxi rank on any occasion of the removal of furniture from one office or dwelling house to another or the removal of furniture from such premises to a depository or to such premises from a depository;
- (d) on any occasion on which it is likely by reason of some special attraction that any street will be thronged or obstructed; or
- (e) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the taxi rank at times of weddings or funerals, or on other special occasions.

6.2 A police constable in uniform may suspend for not longer than twenty four hours the use of a taxi rank or any part thereof whenever that police constable considers such suspension reasonably necessary for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety.

6.3 Any person suspending the use of a taxi rank or any part thereof in accordance with Article 6.1 or Article 6.2 shall thereupon place or cause to be placed in or adjacent to that parking place or the part thereof the use of which is suspended, a traffic sign indicating that waiting by vehicles is prohibited.

6.4 No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to be left in any part of a taxi rank during such period as there is in or adjacent to that part of the taxi rank a traffic sign placed in pursuance of Article 6.3 –

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes to be left in any part of the taxi rank during such period as is referred to therein, or to any other vehicle so left if that vehicle is left with the permission (i) of the person suspending the use of the taxi rank or the part thereof in pursuance of paragraph (1) of this Article, (ii) of a police constable in uniform or (iii) of a traffic warden or (iv) of a parking attendant.

7. Alteration of position of vehicle in Taxi Rank

7.1 Where a vehicle is standing in a taxi rank in contravention of the provisions of Article 5 of this order, a traffic warden or a parking attendant may alter or cause to be altered the position of the vehicle in order that its position shall comply with those provisions.

8. Removal of vehicles from Taxi Rank

8.1 When a vehicle is left in a taxi rank in contravention of any of the provisions contained in Article 3.1 or Article 6.4 of this Order or when a vehicle other than a vehicle specified in Article 4 is left in a taxi rank in contravention of the provisions of Article 5.2 of this Order, a Civil Enforcement Officer may remove or arrange for the removal of the vehicle from that taxi rank.

8.2 A Civil Enforcement Officer removing a vehicle by virtue of Article 8.1 of this Order may do so by towing or driving the vehicle or in such other manner as that traffic warden or parking attendant may think necessary and may take such measures in

relation to that vehicle as may be thought necessary to enable the removal as aforesaid.

9. Safe custody of vehicles removed from Taxi Rank

- 9.1 When a Civil Enforcement Officer removes or makes arrangements for the removal of a vehicle from a taxi rank by virtue of Article 8.2 of this Order, that Civil Enforcement Officer shall make such arrangements as may be reasonably necessary for the safe custody of that vehicle.

10. Movement of vehicles in Taxi Rank in an emergency

- 10.1 Any person generally or specially authorised by the Council or a police constable in uniform or a Civil Enforcement Officer may move or cause to be moved, in case of emergency, to any place he thinks fit any vehicle left in a taxi rank.

Given under the COMMON SEAL of NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL the day of 14 February 2023.

THE COMMON SEAL of
NORTH NORFOLK
DISTRICT COUNCIL was hereunto
affixed in the presence of: -



Fiona Croxson
FIONA CROXSON

Authorised Signatory

SCHEDULE ONE

No. of Taxi Rank	Designated Taxi Rank	Special Manner of standing vehicles in Taxi Rank
1	2	3
TR1	Market Street, North Side From a point 42 metres south-east of its junction with the C560 Mundesley Road south-eastwards for a distance of 20 metres	None, but see Clause 5

