

ORDINANCE NO, 727

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF
JITNEYS IN THE CITY OF PRICHARD.

STATEMENT:

For more than two weeks there has been in existence in the City of Prichard a strike by the employees of the Mobile City Lines, and it has become apparent that the hoped-for settlement of the strike is not in sight, and it is necessary to take steps to afford to the people of the City of Prichard means of transportation pending the strike or until such time as regular bus service is furnished by some other person, firm or corporation, and this ordinance is being adopted as a temporary measure to meet the emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRICHARD, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The term "jitney" as used in this ordinance shall mean and include any motor vehicle for hire operated on and over a fixed route for the purpose of affording a means of street transportation similar to that ordinarily afforded by bus service, but the term shall not include hearses, ambulances, funeral cars, and taxicabs.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate a jitney upon or along any street in the City of Prichard without a permit issued by the City Clerk in accordance with the terms of this ordinance.

Section 3. No permit shall be issued without the owner of the vehicle seeking the permit having made a written application therefor to the City Clerk of the City of Prichard on a form to be furnished by her, which form shall give the following information:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Age
4. Telephone Number
5. Occupation
6. Name of employer
7. Description of vehicle, including make, model, license number, serial number, rated seating capacity in addition to driver, amount and kind of insurance carried on vehicle and name of company carrying it.
8. Description of driver or drivers, including race, height, weight, sex, color of hair, color of eyes.
9. The route number chosen by the owner upon which the vehicle must be operated.
10. The name of the person from whom the vehicle was purchased by the applicant, and the name and address of the holder of any mortgage or conditional sale covering the vehicle.
11. Whether the applicant was convicted of any offense in any Court during the next preceding five years, and, if so, the name of the offense and of the Court inflicting the punishment.

12. number of years experience in driving.
13. Number of Driver's license.

No permit shall be issued by the City Clerk unless the Chief of Police or his duly authorized agent has inspected the brakes, horn, lights and general condition of the vehicle of the applicant and found them to be in good condition, but if they are found to be in good condition and there is no evidence of a prior conviction of a criminal offense, and the applicant is over twenty-one years of age and in good physical condition and the applicant has at least \$10,000.00 liability insurance with liability to any one person at least \$5,000.00 and \$5,000.00 property damage insurance, and has otherwise complied with the terms of this ordinance, the City Clerk shall issue to the applicant a permit in the following form:

Temporary Permit No. _____ to operate a jitney in
the City of Prichard, Alabama.
_____, 1957.
_____ is hereby authorized to
operate the following described vehicle, to-wit:
_____ over Route _____.

This permit is temporary in nature and shall stand re-
voked twenty-four after the settlement of the present
bus strike or the granting of a franchise for a new
city-wide bus operation, and may be revoked on twenty-
four hours notice as to any route when regular bus
service for any route is re-established; and each per-
mit shall be summarily revoked when the operator is
found violating any provision of this ordinance or is
convicted of any felony.

Section 4. All bus stops heretofore designated for use by
buses may be used by the jitneys for discharging and taking on pas-
sengers, and all laws prohibiting the parking in bus stops shall
be strictly enforced, except as herein otherwise provided.

Section 5. The routes over which jitneys shall operate are
hereby designated as follows: The routes which have been established
for the operation of the Mobile City Lines within the City of Prich-
ard. These routes will be given a number by the Chief of Police,
and jitney service will be assigned to a designated numbered route.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for any person except the owner
or some member of his immediate family to operate a jitney for which
a permit has been issued to the owner. The expression "immediate
member of a family" shall include only wife, husband, child, sister,
brother, mother or father. All operators must be given an operator's
permit by the City Clerk.

Section 7. At the time of the issuance of the permit the City
Clerk or some person designated by her shall issue to the applicant
two stickers with the "jitney" written or printed on them in bold
black letters at least three inches in height. One of these stick-
ers shall be stuck on the inside of the lower right hand side of the
windshield and one shall be stuck on the inside of the back window
glass, and there shall be painted or placed on both the rear window
glass and the windshield above the stickers in letters at least three