



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

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Incident: Temporary Taxi Driver Permit Applications Available

Details: In response to safety concerns raised about “free rides” that were offered during the 2009 Seafood and Wine Festival weekend, the Newport City Council recently passed an ordinance regulating those drivers who solicit passengers. During the 2010 Seafood and Wine Festival weekend, anyone who desires to offer rides for compensation, or free rides for donations, is required to obtain a Temporary Taxi Driver Permit.

To obtain a permit, a person must be 21 years of age or older, possess a valid Oregon Driver License, show proof of \$500,000.00 liability insurance, and pay a \$25.00 fee to the City of Newport.

Applications are available at the Newport Police Department. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, February 19th, 2010. The Temporary Permit is only valid February 26th, 27th and 28th, 2010.

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