



# HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES



**HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES** (or carriages) are permitted in Salina’s Downtown Art and Entertainment District to provide entertainment and transportation options. Horse-drawn vehicles can be operated on public streets and in public parking lots and must comply with the city’s ordinance for operating a horse-drawn within the District. Operators are required to obtain a permit to operate in order to ensure the city’s requirements are met.

The user-friendly guide assists operators in understanding the City’s requirements for horse-drawn vehicles. It provides images and diagrams to operators identify a suitable for boarding and alighting their passengers. Please keep in mind that city requirements for horse-drawn vehicles were developed to promote fun options for moving around downtown Salina, ensuring public safety is the top priority and only parallel, on-street parking spaces are made available on a rotating basis for use by horse-drawn vehicles. Use of pull-in or diagonal spaces is not allowed.

Additionally, horse-drawn vehicles are not permitted to operate on city sidewalks and may not park in a location that impedes pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle traffic. They are restricted from blocking things like fire hydrants, utility access points, and ramps that allow people with disabilities to access sidewalks from on-street parking spaces. Operators may use a parallel, on-street parking stall for up to 15 minutes. Other restrictions apply.



**Obtain a Permit**  
\$50 per calendar year

**Salina City Code on ACE District**



**Display your permit in a prominent location.**

**Display a fare schedule affixed to the horse-drawn vehicle. It must match the fare schedule on file with the city clerk.**

**Horse-drawn vehicles can only operate in the traffic lane closest to the curb on any public street, except when making a turn.**

**Obey all traffic laws and do not use a mobile phone while operating a horse-drawn vehicle in motion or while stopped at a light or other intersection.**

**A horse must be equipped with a waste-catching apparatus, subject to approval by the City.**

## HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLE LOCATIONS

- A horse-drawn may park in designated parking or waiting areas, as illustrated in the image below, with no time limit. They may not park in pull-in, diagonal spaces.
- Pedicabs can use an on-street parking space for up to 15 minutes.
- Curb parking is allowed only for loading and unloading of passengers.
- Do not operate a pedicab on a sidewalk or on public property other than a public parking lot, including city plazas.



Per Kansas law, a Slow Moving Vehicle must have a triangular-shaped emblem of substantial construction having equal sides of 14 inches and an altitude of 12 inches. shall be painted a fluorescent yellow-orange color and bordered with reflective red-colored strips having a minimum width of 1¾ inches. (Reference: Kansas Statutes, K.S.A. 8-1717)

## OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

### THE BASICS

- An operator must be 18 years or older and possess a valid Kansas driver’s license.
- Operating on private property is allowed if granted permission by the property owner.
- Operate in a manner that does not cause a collision, obstruction, or interference with other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
- Do not smoke, eat, wear headphones, or use a mobile phone while operating a horse-drawn vehicle (except for hands free devices).
- Number of passengers cannot exceed the capacity of the pedicab and seatbelts are required for all riders.
- Passengers under 5 years of age are excluded from this limitation if each child is sitting in the lap of an adult.

### FARES

- A fare schedule must be affixed to the vehicle and match the one on file with the city.
- The fare schedule must have letter no smaller than 2 inches in height.
- It is unlawful to charge a fare in excess of the amount posted in the fare schedule.
- A fare cannot be charged to a passenger if such fare was not agreed to with the passenger in advance of the service.



Many features in the public right of way serve a vital role in providing access and safety for road users and emergency services. A horse-drawn vehicle must be completely contained within the confines of an allowed space or a parallel, on-street parking space. It must not block access to the following:

- Parking spaces for people with disabilities;
- Crosswalks and curb ramps;
- Bus stops;
- Bicycle racks; and
- Other reserved parking spaces.

### DETAILS, DETAILS

- Passengers must remain seated throughout their ride.
- You cannot operate a horse-drawn vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Sirens, whistles, and other noisemakers are prohibited.
- People using skateboards, scooters, bicycles, etc., are not allowed to attach themselves to the vehicle.
- Follow all police orders in the event of an emergency.

### SERVICE TIMES

- Each horse must have a 15-minute rest period at the end of two (2) consecutive hours in-harness.
- Horses cannot be worked more than eight (8) hours in a 24-hour period and no more than 48 hours in a 7-day period.
- When temperatures exceed 90 degrees (F) and humidity exceeds 20%, then horses cannot work more than four (4) hours in a 24-hour period. When these conditions exist, horses must have a 15-minute rest period at the end of every labor hour, with potable water made available.

### ANIMAL WELFARE AND USE

Operators shall be responsible, at all times, for the humane care and treatment of horses. A written log must be kept for each horse, identifying:

- Daily start and stop times of service of the animal.
- Time and duration of each break in service for the animal.
- Total hours the animal has worked for the day and week.
- A log of when grooming occurred, in compliance with the ordinance and noted below.

### GROOMING & HUMANE TREATMENT

- Grooming must occur on a daily basis.
- Blinders only. No other equipment can be used to impair vision.
- Harnesses and bits must be used and maintained in accordance with the manufacturing design.
- Horses cannot pull a vehicle carrying more passengers than the vehicle is designed to carry.
- No horse shall pull a vehicle with fewer animals than the vehicle is designed for.
- Each horse shall have its hooves properly shod and trimmed. This means utilizing rubber-coated or rubber heel pads or open steel barium tip shoes. This is to aid in the prevention of slipping.
- Potable water must be available to the horse during rest periods.
- Speed cannot be faster than a slow trot.
- Only light touches with a whip are allowed.
- Horse must be blanketed when unsheltered and the temperature is 35 degrees (F) and less. This may occur after a cool down period after work is complete.



Horse-drawn vehicles may use the brick medians along Santa Fe Avenue to board and alight passengers at crosswalks located between intersections.

### OPERATOR TRAINING

Operators must complete 40 hours of training, which includes:

- Proper methods of fitting a bridle, bit harness, and padding.
- Maintaining and cleaning harnesses, bridles, bits, and padding.
- Hitching and unhitching a harnessed horse.
- Training in emergency situations for unexpected animal behavior.



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DOWNTOWN SALINA - ARTS, COMMERCE AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

### EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

The permittee's telephone number, name, logo, or insignia must be affixed to back and both sides of the vehicle in letters at least 2 inches in height. It must be legible from the rear of a vehicle at a distance of at least 50 feet and from the sides at a distance of at least 30 feet. Vehicles must be registered on an annual basis.

Horse-drawn vehicles must be equipped with brakes, taillights, turn signals, and a slow-moving vehicle sign on the rear of the vehicle. Front-end lights must be visible from a distance of 500 feet. Operators must carry a 50% bleach/50% water compound, which shall be poured over horse urine in order to break down and eliminate agents and odors.

Operators must ride with a driver who is experienced in livestock handling. This includes for the first 24 hours of raining, in order to observe proper handling and driving of a horse-drawn vehicle. The operator must then drive under the supervision of an experienced driver for the last 16 hours of training. Permittees must submit a log of this training and supervised hours to the City.

A horse must be examined by a licensed veterinarian prior to use on a horse-drawn vehicles and every six (6) months thereafter. This is done at the permittee's expense. The vet's health certificate must be on file with the City after each exam. The certificate may be turned into the City Clerk with a request for routing to the Supervisor of Animal control.

The vet must certify that the horse is:

- In good health, proper condition, and is of the appropriate body weight to pull a vehicle.
- Examined and treated for internal parasites at the proper intervals.
- Immunized appropriately, including against rabies.
- Negative as a result of a Coggins Test.

Liability insurance is required in an amount not less than \$500,000. An insurance certificate must be provided to the City and issued by insurance companies rated no less than A-VII and admitted by the State of Kansas. See <https://www.ambest.com/home/americas.aspx> for insurance carrier ratings.