

EDITORIAL By PAUL C. SMITH WEST LAS LAS VEGAS TAXI DILEMMA

If you happen to be one of those unfortunates who have found yourself stranded because taxi cabs refused to bring you to the west side or taxi cab companies who refused a cab to the West Las Vegas area, you can let your complaint be known.

The State of Nevada Taxicab authority was created to police the taxicab industry. They have established rules and regulations that govern to the issuance of certificates to applicant companies. Certificates of PUBLIC CONVENIENCE are issued.

This means in effect, that the people of the State of Nevada have granted them the right to operate cabs—For its convenience.

Rules 502 and 503 of the State Taxicab Authority states:

“Rule 502 Passengers Destination: Driver’s Requirements

With respect to a passenger’s destination, a driver shall not:

1. Deceive or attempt to deceive any passenger who may ride or desire to ride in his taxicab.

2. Convey or attempt to convey any passenger to a destination other than the one directed by the passenger.

3. Take a longer route to the passenger’s destination than is necessary, unless specifically requested so to do by the passenger.

4. Fail to comply with the reasonable and lawful requests of the passenger as to speed of travel and route to be taken.

“Rule 503 Compliance With Passengers Direction; exceptions

1. A driver shall not refuse or neglect to transport any orderly person to that person’s destination if:

(a) That person requests the driver to transport him; and

(b) The requested destination is within the area allocated to the certificate holder who employs the driver.

2. Subsection 1 does not apply if the driver can show beyond a reasonable doubt that:

(a) He has good reason to fear for his personal safety;

(b) His taxicab has been previously engaged by another person; or

(c) He is forbidden by law or regulation to carry the person requesting transportation.”

If you have been the victim of discrimination by cabs, you should take the cab number located on the sides of both front fenders. (Some cabs have this number on all 4 fenders). Take note of the time and location of the refusal. Take a good look at the driver (so you can pick his picture out of the I.D. shots, or place a call to the Taxicab Authority and tell them of your problem.

The authority maintains a 24 hour number and inspectors are in the field at all times.

If that is not possible go down to the authority office and file a formal complaint.

The rules and regulations of the commission provide for the imposition of sanctions against drivers who violate rules.

Only by letting the authority know about violations can we put a stop to this practice.

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A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the press in America through the media of newspapers, magazines, radio, and television plays a dynamic role in educating our citizens, and

WHEREAS, journalists have been very successful in their efforts to call attention to myriad of problems that confront our citizens and communities, and

WHEREAS, this exposure frequently creates an awareness of these problems and to the need to resolve them where none existed before, and

WHEREAS, the voice of certain minority groups is often unheard and uncommunicated because of their relative social isolation, and

WHEREAS, there is a vital need for these groups to understand the nature and role of the mass media and to actively involve themselves in the communication process and the field of journalism,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE O'CALLAGHAN, Governor of the State of Nevada, do hereby proclaim the week of March 10 through March 16, 1974 as

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR FREEDOM WEEK in Nevada and urge all residents of this state to join in supporting the use of communications to solve the problems facing today's society.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 1st day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-four.

MIKE O'CALLAGHAN
 Governor

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