

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CITY PERMIT FOR CYCLE RICKSHAW IN MADURAI**

**State: Tamilnadu**

**Details of city permit procedures are as follows:**

As per Madurai City Municipal Corporation Act 1971, Carriage means any wheeled vehicle with springs or other appliances .It includes any kind of bicycle, tricycle, rickshaw and palanquin. But it does not include any motor vehicle. The Act also defines carts as any wheeled vehicle which is not a carriage but it does not include any motor vehicle. So Cycle rickshaw is a Carriage.

At present no licenses are issued to cycle rickshaws from Madurai City Corporation. The procedures as provided in the act as follows:

As per section 142, every person in possession or control of the carriage is liable to pay the tax for full half year if a carriage is kept within a city not less than sixty days

### **Permit Procedures:**

As per the section 147, the commissioner can grant him a license when the applicant pays the amount which has to be paid as tax. The commissioner shall direct that a municipal number shall be affixed to every carriage kept with in the city. The numbers affixed shall be registered in the municipal office. The carriages shall be registered in the municipality in the prescribed form and is supposed to follow the conditions. A metal token will be issued by the registered authority and the holder of carriage is supposed to keep it with him /her.

### **Documents Required:**

The commissioner may by any notice require the owner or occupier to furnish him a statement showing the following:

- a. A statement showing the description of carriage, name and address of every person who has possession, custody or control of any carriage
- b. Signature of occupier in the statement
- c. Filled application form

The occupier has to transmit the statement to the municipal office within one week from the date of his receipt of the notice.

**Fees:**

Rs.10 has to be levied as the half yearly tax for rickshaw

**Renewal:**

As per section 142, every person in possession of the carriage within the city not less than sixty days is liable to pay the half yearly tax. So it states that the carriage is registered for a half year. So renewals will be two times in a year. The procedures are same.

**Penalty:**

As per sections 149 and 154, if any carriage is found in a public place without the registration or metal token, it can be detained at a place set apart for the purpose and is liable to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of unless it is claimed and the fees must be paid within one week. No amount will be payable for the damage. The commissioner has the power to seize the vehicle at any time. But it should not be at the time while carrying the passengers.

As per the act, the person who has failed to pay the tax for carriage or to comply with the conditions or to furnish the statement or furnishing an incorrect statement has to pay Rs.20 as fine. The failure to register the carriage or the failure to keep the registration number affixed also has to pay the same fine. The penalty will be increased for the continuity of breaches as per the instructions provided in the act.