



City of Chicago

Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

PUBLIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY NOTICE

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WAV INCENTIVES for TAXICAB INDUSTRY - REMINDERS

Earlier this year, the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP), in consultation with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, increased the following incentives to sustain and increase wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) taxicab service in its continuing effort to support essential transportation options for people who use wheelchairs. The following financial incentives are funded through the Accessibility Fund, as defined in MCC § 9-112-010.

Reminder - as of April 6, 2020, pursuant to Taxicab Medallion License Holder RULE TX7.07(m), BACP increased the following financial incentives for the purchase and maintenance of wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) taxi.

WAV VEHICLE PURCHASE/CONVERSION:

Vehicles purchased on or after April 6, 2020 to be placed into service as WAV taxicabs qualify for the new incentive amounts.

- **\$25,000** reimbursement for a post-manufacture or after-market mechanical conversion of an eligible new vehicle to a WAV taxicab.
- **\$35,000** reimbursement for an eligible new factory manufactured WAV taxicab.
 - *Vehicles purchased prior to April 6, 2020 to be placed into service as WAV taxicabs will be eligible for the previous \$20,000 conversion or previous \$25,000 factory-built incentives.*

WAV VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SUBSIDY

The increased amount associated with maintenance reimbursement applies to costs in calendar year 2020 and future years.

- **\$9,000 annual** reimbursement on qualifying maintenance and repair costs associated with a WAV taxicab vehicle.
 - *2020 dated receipts for WAV taxicab maintenance must be submitted by March 1, 2021 to be eligible for funding.*

WAV VEHICLE LEASE SUBSIDIES

Lease agreements entered into on or after April 6, 2020 qualify for the new incentive amounts.

- **\$25** subsidy reimbursement for eligible WAV taxicab drivers per 12-hour lease agreement of a WAV taxicab vehicle.
- **\$50** subsidy reimbursement for eligible WAV taxicab drivers per 24-hour lease agreement of a WAV taxicab vehicle.

- *2020 dated WAV taxicab leases must be submitted by March 1, 2021 to be eligible for funding.*
- *Subsidy requests for WAV taxicab lease agreements entered prior to April 6, 2020 will be eligible for the previous \$15/12 hour lease and previous \$30/24 hour lease incentives*

Taxicab Medallion License Holders must meet the following criteria to be eligible for above incentives:

1. Compliance with City laws and in good license standing with the City;
2. Medallion licensee is affirmatively taking steps to ensure a taxicab driver operating licensee's WAV taxicab has been trained to properly and safety load, unload, and secure passengers using wheelchairs;
3. Medallion licensee is affirmatively taking steps to ensure a taxicab driver operating licensee's WAV taxicab is actively participating and responding* to requests from the City of Chicago Centralized WAV Taxicab Dispatch Service;
4. Medallion licensee's WAV taxicab must participate and follow the procedures as they relate to the Centralized Dispatch System for WAV Taxicabs to ensure a timely demand response system;
5. Medallion licensee is affirmatively taking steps to ensure a taxicab driver operating licensee's WAV taxicab is accepting PACE TAP trips; and
6. Medallion licensee's WAV taxicab is equipped with technology and equipment to accept and process PACE TAP trip payments.

Taxicab Driver must meet the following criteria to be eligible for above incentives:

1. Compliance with City laws and in good license standing with the City;
2. Taxicab driver is properly and safety loading, unloading, and securing passengers using wheelchairs;
3. Taxicab driver is actively participating and responding* to requests from the City of Chicago Centralized WAV Taxicab Dispatch Service;
4. Taxicab driver is accepting PACE TAP trips; and
5. Taxicab driver must verify active participation in the City of Chicago Centralized WAV Taxicab Dispatch Service and maintain trip data on WAV requests performed.

*BACP will review dispatch and trip acceptance and rejection data in evaluating if a WAV cab driver or WAV cab is "actively participating and responding". At a minimum, applicants for Accessibility Fund incentives must be able to demonstrate being available on the Centralized WAV Taxicab Dispatch platform and complete one trip per leased day.

Start the process by completing and submitting the appropriate subsidy/reimbursement form posted at chicago.gov/bacp.

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- ▶ Interested in trying to resolve your ANOV remotely instead of having an in-person hearing? Email the ANOV# to BACP-AdministrativeHearings@CityofChicago.org
 - ▶ For questions, comments, or to join the Business Affairs and Consumer Protection-Public Vehicle Operations (BACPPV) e-mail list to receive industry notices and other news, send an email to BACPPV@cityofchicago.org.
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