



# City of Chicago

## Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

### PUBLIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY NOTICE

**Face coverings are required in public transportation, including taxicabs, liveries, charter buses and transportation network (ride-hail) vehicles.**

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### **IMPORTANT WAV TAXICAB DRIVER LEASE SUBSIDY INFORMATION**

WAV (wheelchair accessible vehicle) taxicab lease drivers should keep current on the information posted at BACP's WAV Taxicab webpage at [chicago.gov/bacp](http://chicago.gov/bacp). Failure to comply with BACP's protocols and deadlines may result in the denial of subsidy requests.

**Download** the NEW subsidy/reimbursement form posted at [chicago.gov/bacp](http://chicago.gov/bacp).

As a reminder, effective February 1, 2021, WAV Taxicab Driver lease subsidies must be submitted **no later than 6 months from the lease date** to be eligible for funding. Example: May 2021 leases must be submitted no later than November 2021. Consequently, BACP will no longer accept lease subsidy reimbursements for leases dated prior to January 1, 2020.

### **WAV VEHICLE LEASE SUBSIDIES**

Lease agreements entered into on or after April 6, 2020, qualify for the following 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.
- *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.*

### **Qualifications for WAV Lease Subsidy**

This subsidy is limited to taxi chauffeurs who PAY MONEY to lease WAV taxis. Applicants must meet all criteria to qualify for the WAV lease subsidy including:

- (1) must be an active participant and in good standing with the City of Chicago Centralized WAV Taxi Dispatch Service
- (2) **must complete a minimum of 1 trip per day leased (for daily leases) or 7 trips per calendar week (for weekly leases);**
- (3) must be in compliance with all City of Chicago laws, including City of Chicago debt compliance; and

(4) has not received or his/her spouse, parent or child has not received, any funds for the purchase of a WAV taxi or WAV taxi maintenance reimbursement funds as individuals or as officers/owners on behalf of a taxicab medallion license holder.

\*BACP will review dispatch and trip acceptance and rejection data provided by the Centralized WAV Taxi Dispatch Service in evaluating if a WAV cab driver or WAV cab is "actively participating and responding".

Email completed lease subsidy applications and/or questions to [BACPPV@cityofchicago.org](mailto:BACPPV@cityofchicago.org).

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