



## City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

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### One Year Vehicle Extension: Frequently Asked Questions

The purpose of this fact sheet is to help applicants filling out the One-Year Vehicle Age Extension Request form. To be considered for an extension, requests must be received by the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection between April 1 and June 30. **No late applications will be accepted.**

#### **What is the Vehicle Age Rule?**

The Vehicle Age Rule is Rule 2.03 of the Rules and Regulations for Taxicab Medallion License Holders. It states the age at which a vehicle will no longer be allowed to be licensed as a taxicab. However, the owner may submit a written request for a one year extension. Depending on the inspection history of the vehicle and vehicle condition, the Department will either grant or deny the one year extension.

#### **Why are there age limits for vehicles?**

The older a vehicle is, the more likely it will be unsafe for passengers and the driver, have maintenance issues, and be environmentally unfriendly.

**How do I know the age limit for my vehicle?** Please refer to the chart below:

Type of Vehicle	Age Limit without extension	Age limit with extension	Model Year Effected
Fleet or leased sedan	4 model years old	4 + 1 = 5 model years old	2007
Owner-operator	5 model years old	5 + 1 = 6 model years old	2006
Crown Vic – Long Wheel Based	5 model years old	5 + 1 = 6 model years old	2006
Van	5 model years old	5 + 1 = 6 model years old	2006
Wheelchair-accessible vehicle	5 model years old	5 + 1 = 6 model years old	2006
Alternative fuel vehicle	6 model years old	6 + 1 = 7 model years old	2005

#### **What does “model year” mean?**

Model year means the year designated on the vehicle manufacturer's certificate of origin or on the vehicle title issued by the Secretary of State. For example, if a sedan's vehicle title from the Secretary of State lists the year as 2007, then by January 1, 2011, it is considered 5 model years old and needs to be replaced on or before the first period inspection. However, if the owner has been granted a one-year extension, he or she has until the first period inspection in 2012 to replace the vehicle.

#### **What does an “alternative fuel vehicle” mean?**

An alternative fuel vehicle is any dedicated, flexible-fuel, or dual fuel vehicle designed to operate on at least one of the following: compressed natural gas (CNG), biodiesel (B20 blend or higher), propane, hydrogen, or electricity.

#### **For what reasons would I be denied an extension?**

Extensions will not be granted to vehicles that failed and received a citation in their last inspection for one or more of the following:

- ABS Warning Lights
- Disconnected ABS Hose
- Idler Arms
- Universal Joints
- Brake Left Front
- Brake Left Rear
- Control Arms
- Tie Rod
- Pitman Arm
- Brake Equalization
- Brake Total Force
- Tires
- Ball Joints
- Center Link
- Brake Right Rear
- Brake Right Front

#### **What are the inspection standards for the items listed above?**

Please refer to the form “One Year Vehicle Age Extension: Inspection Standards.”

#### **When can I expect to hear if my request has been granted or denied?**

Processing of your request will be completed by July 31. If your request is denied, your vehicle must be replaced by the first period inspection of 2011.