



City of Chicago

Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

PUBLIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY NOTICE

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Revenue Ordinance Changes that Impact the Taxicab Industry

On October 28, 2015, the City Council of Chicago passed the Revenue Ordinance. The Revenue Ordinance contained amendments to laws that govern the Chicago taxicab industry. The following is a summary highlighting some of the amendments:

Effective November 28th, 2015

- Changes to Chicago Municipal Code Chapter 9-104:
 - ✓ A public chauffeur license applicant is to possess a state driver's license for one year (reduced from three years) prior to applying for a public chauffeur license.
 - ✓ Public chauffeur new and renewal license fee is \$5 (reduced from \$15 for a new license and \$8 for a renewal).
 - ✓ Public chauffeur license term will be a two (2) year license term (extended from one (1) year license term).
- Changes to Chicago Municipal Code Chapter 9-112:
 - ✓ Current MCC 9-112-350 will be eliminated – taxicab affiliations will no longer be required to offer free public chauffeur continuing education courses.

Effective January 1, 2016:

- Changes to Municipal Code Section 3-46-030:
 - ✓ Taxi medallion license holder ground transportation tax (GTT) will increase to \$98/month (from \$78/month).
- Changes to Municipal Code Chapter 9-112:
 - ✓ Introduction of a \$2,500 flat medallion transfer fee (replacing percentage-based system).
 - ✓ Non-WAV taxicab medallions owners will pay a \$22/month Accessibility Fund fee (instead of \$200/bi-annually).
 - ✓ Taxicab fare will increase to \$0.25 per 1/9 mile distance charge (from \$.20).
 - ✓ Taxicab fare portion of \$0.50 per first five fares of each 12-hour shift goes towards recoupment of GTT and Accessibility Fund fee.
 - ✓ Taxicab medallion owners will be able to recoup \$2.50 per 12-hour daily lease; \$17.50 per 12-hour weekly lease; \$5.00 per 24-hour daily lease; and \$35.00 per 24-hour weekly lease from taxicab drivers to recoup GTT and Accessibility Fund fees.

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 - ▶ Rules and Regulations governing City of Chicago licensed public vehicles and public chauffeurs are available at www.cityofchicago.org/bacp.
 - ▶ The Municipal Code of Chicago is available at www.amlegal.com.

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