



City of Chicago

Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

PUBLIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY NOTICE

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NEW LAWS THAT IMPACT THE TAXICAB INDUSTRY

In 2014, City Council of Chicago passed amendments to Chapter 9-112 "Taxicabs" of the Municipal Code of Chicago. Visit www.cityofchicago.org/bacp for copies of the ordinances that passed. The Municipal Code of Chicago is available at www.amlegal.com

Highlights of the Effect of the New Laws:

- All fuel efficient taxicab vehicles have extra life. Fuel efficient taxicab vehicles will not be scheduled for replacement (change of equipment) until they reach vehicle age* of seven years. This year, 2015, fuel efficient taxicab vehicles (hybrid, CNG, etc.) with model years of 2008 and older must be replaced.
- All wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) taxicabs – regardless of fuel source - have extra life. WAV taxicabs will not be scheduled for replacement (change of equipment) until they reach vehicle age* of seven years. This year, 2015, WAV taxicabs with model years of 2008 and older must be replaced. WAV taxicabs retain potential for even longer life if they continue to pass annual scheduled vehicle inspections.
- Note that the gas fuel source vehicles that are not WAV taxicabs will continue to be scheduled for replacement when the vehicle reaches vehicle age* of four years. This year, 2015, gas fuel source vehicles that are not WAV taxicabs with model years of 2011 and older must be replaced.
- This year, 2015, taxicab vehicles with 2014 and 2015 model year vehicles will only be scheduled for one annual inspection. Newer vehicles will no longer be scheduled for two annual inspections.
- Taxicab medallion licensees will not be required to routinely file annual financial reports every year. Licensee will not have to file financial reports in May 2015.
- On February 1, 2015, a new maximum lease rate structure based on both vehicle MPG tier and vehicle age* goes into effect.
- On February 1, 2015, an updated Uniform Taxicab Lease Agreement form (posted at www.cityofchicago.org/bacp) goes into effect.

**"Vehicle Age" is the age of a vehicle computed by totaling the number of years in between and including both the calendar year and the model year. (Example: in the year 2015, model year 2015 = 1 year; model year 2014 = 2 years; model year 2013 = 3 years; and model year 2012 = 4 years.)*

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- ▶ Rules and Regulations governing City of Chicago licensed public vehicles and public chauffeurs are available at www.cityofchicago.org/bacp.
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