

THE ROAD TO A ROBUST TAXI INDUSTRY

On July 1, 2012:

- Taxicab Meter Flag raised a \$1.00 to \$3.25.
- Vomit Clean-Up Fee of \$50 introduced.
- Uniform Lease Agreement implemented so that cab drivers are presented with the same lease format within the industry.
- 3-Tier Lease Rate introduced to promote purchase and use of fuel efficient and alternative fuel vehicles. (Green taxis went from 12% of the fleet in 2012 to over 85% in 2016.)

On September 20, 2012, Driver's "Bill of Rights" created and disseminated to educate cab drivers on their rights.

On June 3, 2013, Public Chauffeur License Dataset now on the City of Chicago Data Portal.

On August 21, 2014, Public Passenger Vehicle License Dataset now on the City of Chicago Data Portal.

On February 1, 2015, Amendments to chapter 9-112 "Taxicabs" go into effect. New lease rate structure based on MPG and vehicle age. Taxi medallion licensee will not be required to routinely file annual financial reports every year. WAVs and fuel efficient taxicab vehicles have extra life.

On February 1, 2015, Amendments to MCC 9-112 "Taxicabs" and 9-104 "Public Chauffeurs" were made to ensure that taxi drivers receive a fair deal. Maximum lease caps lowered and maximum fines for public chauffeur violations reduced from \$1,000 to \$400.

On March 11, 2015, a new maximum lease rate structure goes into effect based on vehicle MPG & age, along with lowered lease caps.

On May 22, 2015, Taxicab Driver Fairness Task Force releases report making recommendations to improve the industry.

On June 12, 2015, City of Chicago launches Drive Clean Taxi to spur the adoption of Alternative fuel vehicles in public passenger fleets with over \$1 million in incentives.

On July 9, 2015, City of Chicago releases 'Respect Your Taxi Driver' campaign geared towards keeping drivers safe.

On January 1, 2016, the taxi fare increased from \$0.20 to \$0.25 per 1/9 mile traveled.

On February 23, 2016, New Centralized WAV Taxicab Dispatch Program in which City's Accessibility Fund pays for Centralized Dispatch and is no longer paid by WAV taxicab owners.

On April 13, 2016, New \$.50 credit card processing convenience fee payable by passenger applicable only to BACP approved rear seat mounted credit card processing equipment.

On May 13, 2016, Taxi Affiliation Services Public Chauffeur Training Course launched.

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2014

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2016

On December 14, 2012, the chauffeur license expiration dates were moved from the end of the month to the birthday. Staggering license renewals throughout the year versus the last day of each month has resulted in reduced long wait times for chauffeur license renewals.

On August 12, 2013, the Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates release cabdriver income study.

On November 21, 2014, first two taxi medallion owners reimbursed a total of \$50k for placing WAVs into service.

On August 25, 2015, a new simplified Taxicab and Public Passenger Vehicle Advertising Permitting online process was launched.

On September 18, 2015, Olive Harvey Taxi Chauffeur Course reduced from 14 days to 6 days making the course more attractive to new cab drivers and facilitated the training of new applicants more quickly and efficiently.

On November 28, 2015:

- Public Chauffeur license applicants is now required to possess a 1 year driver's license (reduced from 3 years).
- New and renewal license fee reduced to \$5 (from \$15)
- License term extended to 2 years (from 1 year)
- Rebates for initial fingerprinting and background checks, drug test and physical exams, and training course.
- Elimination of public chauffeur continuing education courses.

On December 2, 2015, Taxi Medallion License Renewal Streamlined.

On December 24, 2015, New Electronic MPEA Airport Departure Tax Stamps.

On December 30, 2015, the City sponsored E-Hail Taxicab App Program, "CHICABS," provided by CURB and ARRO are launched. Visit: www.chicabs.org

On April 23, 2016, New 9-104 Chauffeurs Ordinance reduces costs and regulatory burdens, makes applying for a chauffeur license easier.

On April 25, 2016, New WAV Taxicab Incentives Launched (Incentives from \$5,000.00 annually for maintenance cost to \$20,000.00 new WAV purchase).

Ongoing:

- Taxicab and Industry Workshops
- Taxicab Driver Task Force Meetings