

# TAXICAB INDUSTRY REFORMS

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### NEW LAWS THAT WILL PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF TO THE TAXICAB INDUSTRY

- Taxicab vehicle utilization life will be extended by 3 additional years.
- Gas fuel source vehicle  $\leq 7$  years as a Chicago taxicab  
Fuel efficient vehicle  $\leq 10$  years + potential extra 1-year if the vehicle passes inspections  
Wheelchair accessible vehicle  $\leq 10$  + potential extra years as long as vehicle passes inspections
- Vehicles being introduced as taxicabs for the first time will be allowed odometer readings of up to 125,000 miles (increase from current cap of 75,000 miles).
  - Accessibility Fund Fees will be assessed to only operating taxicabs. Taxicab medallion licenses in "surrender" status will no longer be assessed Accessibility Fund Fees for the months the license is in "surrender" status.
  - Taxicab industry licenses will be consolidated. Licensed taxicab affiliations will no longer be required to secure an additional taxicab two way dispatch license. Licensed taxicab license managers and Illinois licensed attorneys no longer will be required to secure an additional license broker license.
  - Taxicab affiliation license fees will be reduced by one-third: from \$500 annual fee plus \$15 per affiliated taxicab to \$ 500 annual fee plus \$5 per affiliated taxicab.
  - The \$75 inspection fee for un-scheduled change of equipment for taxicabs will be eliminated.



### NEW LAWS THAT WILL REDUCE REGULATORY BURDENS TO THE TAXICAB INDUSTRY

- Newer taxicab vehicles will only have one scheduled annual vehicle inspection at the City of Chicago Public Vehicle Inspection Facility.
- Taxicab Vehicle Age  $\leq 5$  years = 1 annual scheduled inspection  
Taxicab Vehicle Age  $\geq 6$  years = 2 semi-annual scheduled inspections
- An owner of a single taxicab medallion will have the choice of joining an affiliation or being independent. An independent taxicab may be leased to a City of Chicago licensed taxicab driver as long as the taxicab medallion licensee has an approved safety device and workman's compensation insurance on file with BACP.
  - Experienced licensed livery, CDL and transportation network provider drivers will be able to request a waiver of the taxi chauffeur licensing course. Eligible applicants who qualify for course waiver must still pass the taxi chauffeur licensing exam and meet all other taxi chauffeur license requirements.
  - A universal definition of "criminal background check" will be implemented for all chauffeur license types to include checks of national databases.
  - Taxicab medallion licensees and affiliations will be able to work together in deciding universal common vehicle color schemes.
  - The time frame for a taxicab vehicle to be out of service prior to surrendering the medallion will be extended from 20 to 30 consecutive days.



### NEW LAWS THAT WILL PROMOTE MODERNIZATION IN THE TAXICAB INDUSTRY

- Taxicab may be equipped with approved GPS-based taxi metering technology.
- Taxicab drivers will be able to offer flat taxi fare rates or lower taxi fare rates to passengers in advance through an app.



### PLUS OTHER NEW LAWS

- The City of Chicago will be able to issue "cease and desist" enforcement against unlicensed taxicabs.
- The number of Taxicab Driver Excellence Awards will increase to 5 awards per year.

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