

CHIBIZSTRONG

CHI BIZ STRONG ORDINANCE REDUCES REGULATIONS AND FINANCIAL BURDENS FOR THE TAXICAB INDUSTRY

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- Longer Life and Utilization for Taxicab Vehicles:** Allow taxicab medallion owners to continue to use existing vehicles for a longer time providing them economic relief by deferring expenses of buying a replacement vehicle. To ensure public safety, taxicab vehicles must continue to pass safety inspections.
 - Fifteen years for wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) and fuel-efficient taxicabs (*5 years added to previous 10 years maximum*)
 - Ten years for gasoline fuel source non-WAV taxicabs (*3 years added to previous 7 years maximum*)
- Higher odometer mileage for a vehicle being initiated as a taxicab:** For taxicab medallion owners buying a used vehicle, allow purchase of a lower cost vehicle with higher odometer mileage. To ensure public safety, vehicle must pass safety inspections before operating as a taxicab.
 - New maximum odometer mileage for 1st time onboard taxicab vehicle is 150,000 miles (*previous maximum was 125,000 miles*)
- Flexibility for smaller taxicab owners:** Those who own 4 or less taxicab medallion licenses will have the option to be affiliated or independent. Independent taxicab medallion license holders must continue to comply with insurance (auto-liability and worker's compensation) requirements; electronic fare payment processing; and Pace TAP participation.
- Defer WAV taxicab mandate:** Those who own 5 or more medallions will now have an extra five years to place 1 wheelchair accessible vehicle taxicab into service delaying expenditures required for wheelchair accessible vehicle conversion costs. Those who own 5 or more medallions will have more time to plan and expense placing a wheelchair accessible vehicle into taxicab fleet.
- Opens up opportunity for more individuals to be taxicab drivers:** Maintain public safety by applying an equity framework distinguishing conviction of non-violent offenses from violent crimes. Refer to the ChiBizStrong amendments to Chapter 9-104 of the Municipal Code of Chicago for details.