The City of Chicago ordinance that licenses and regulates the Pedicab Industry went into effect on June 7, 2014. The new Pedicab Ordinance is Chapter 9-110 of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

The ordinance, license information, documents, and updates are posted at www.cityofchicago.org/bacp.

The Pedicab Ordinance created two new licenses: Pedicab License and Pedicab Chauffeur License.

This fact sheet contains a simplified summary of the new Pedicab Ordinance.

What is a Pedicab License?

A pedicab is a human pedal-powered public passenger vehicle used to provide transportation to passengers for hire. Each pedicab vehicle must be licensed. A pedicab license is obtained by the owner of the pedicab vehicle and authorizes the pedicab vehicle to operate in the City of Chicago. A pedicab license is not transferable. The ordinance limits the number of pedicab licenses to 200.

**Pedicab License Application Minimum Requirements:**

- A separate license is required for each pedicab vehicle
- Pedicab License application fee is $250.00 annually and license term is April 1 to March 31
- Identification such as a valid driver’s license, passport, or other official photo identification
- Criminal background check clearance
- City of Chicago debt clearance
- Place of business within the City of Chicago
- Minimum insurance coverage for each pedicab: $50,000 for property damage; $100,000 for injuries to or death of any one person; and $300,000 for injuries to or death of more than one person in any one accident with a maximum of $100,000 payable to any one person
- Pedicab must meet requirements set forth in the ordinance, including size (no more than 55” wide and 120” long), headlight, taillights, brakes, rim reflectors, and seatbelts
- Upon licensing, pedicab license plate and pedicab license decal and 311 bumper sticker must be affixed and displayed at all times on the pedicab vehicle

What is a Pedicab Chauffeur License?

A pedicab chauffeur is the person that drives or peddles and controls the direction and steering of the pedicab. A pedicab chauffeur license must be obtained before operating a pedicab in the City of Chicago.

**Pedicab Chauffeur License Application Minimum Requirements:**

- Pedicab Chauffeur License application fee is $5 and license term is two years
- Valid state-issued driver’s license
- Pedicab chauffeurs must be at least 18 years of age and have had a driver’s license for at least one year
- Take and pass the pedicab chauffeur licensing exam
- Criminal background check clearance
- City of Chicago debt clearance
- Upon licensing, a pedicab chauffeur will be issued a photo pedicab chauffeur license ID card which must be worn visibly at all times while operating a pedicab
Do Pedicabs have operating requirements and restrictions?
Yes, the Municipal Code of Chicago Chapter 9-110 “Pedicabs” and amended Chapter 9-48 “Types of Vehicles – Regulations” list operating requirements and restrictions for both pedicab licensees and pedicab chauffeur licensees.

**Minimum Pedicab Operating Requirements and Restrictions**

- Pedicab vehicle must display pedicab license plate and licensing decal at all times
- Pedicab chauffeur must wear and display pedicab chauffeur license at all times
- Pedicabs may not operate on sidewalks
- Pedicabs may not operate in the Loop during weekday rush hours (between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m)
- Pedicabs may not operate on Michigan Avenue and State Street from Congress Parkway to Oak Street
- Drinking of alcoholic liquor while operating or being transported by a pedicab is prohibited
- Fare schedules must be visibly posted on pedicabs
- Proof of mandated insurance coverage must be kept in the pedicab
- Pedicab passengers must remain seated

Where can I get more information about pedicab regulations?
Please refer to Chapters 9-110 and 9-48 of the Municipal Code of Chicago. The BACP Webpage at [www.cityofchicago.org/bacp](http://www.cityofchicago.org/bacp) will continually be updated with information on the licensing process and notices that affect the pedicab industry.

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