

PUBLIC VEHICLE LICENSING QUICK GUIDE



The City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection Public Vehicle Licensing division strives to ensure Chicago's public passenger vehicles are safe, reliable and provide Chicagoans and visitors with a positive experience.

The division is responsible for: (1) Public Chauffeur Licensing: screening individuals for public chauffeur licenses; (2) Public Vehicle Licensing: vetting companies and vehicles before issuing public vehicle licenses; and (3) Public Vehicle Inspection (39th street): inspecting taxi, livery, and ambulance vehicles for safety and compliance.

The division licenses for-hire public passenger vehicles driven by public chauffeurs. This includes licensing taxicabs, liveries, charter-sightseeing buses, ride-hail or transportation network provider (TNP) vehicles, jitneys, pedicabs, medicars, ambulances and tour boats/water taxis and the chauffeurs operating those vehicles.

Standard Public Passenger Vehicle Licenses

Туре	Taxi	TNP / Ride-Hail	Livery	Charter-Sightseeing
Description	Vehicle for hire at fare rates set by the City which can be secured by street- hail, cab stand, or app	Vehicle for hire at rate agreed upon in advance and prearranged only through an app	Vehicle for hire at rate agreed upon in advance, must be pre-arranged, and with capacity of 9 or less	Vehicle for hire at rate agreed upon in advance, must be pre-arranged, and with capacity of 10 or more
Municipal Code of Chicago Chapter	9-112	9-115	9-114	9-114
License Fee	\$500 per two-year license term	\$10,000 plus \$.02/trip annual license term	\$500 per annual license term	\$500 per annual license term
Ground Transportation Tax Rate	\$98 per month per vehicle	Single & Congestion Zone: \$3.00 Shared & Congestion Zone: \$1.25 Single & Neighborhoods: \$1.25 Shared & Neighborhoods: \$.65+ add \$5 if airports, Navy Pier, or McCormick Place included	\$3.50 per day per vehicle	Vehicle capacity 11-24: \$6.00 GTT per day Vehicle capacity 25 or more: \$9.00 GTT per day
Accessible Fee	\$22 per month per vehicle	\$.10 per trip	N/A	N/A
Required Minimum Auto Insurance	\$350,000	\$1 Million	\$350,000	\$1 Million

More Information

- Connect with the Public Vehicle Division via e-mail at BACPPV@cityofchicago.org
- Detailed information, rules, and forms are posted at chicago.gov/bacp
- Explore the City of Chicago Data Portal at data.cityofchicago.org for information on BACP-licensed public passenger vehicles. Published datasets include, but are not limited to, public passenger vehicles, public chauffeurs, taxi trips, transportation network provider (TNP) vehicles, TNP drivers, and TNP trips.

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