



City of Chicago

Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

PUBLIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY NOTICE

June 5, 2014

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PEDICAB LAWS EFFECTIVE JUNE 7, 2014

The laws that regulate the Pedicab Industry go into effect June 7, 2014. The Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) has posted the laws that regulate the Pedicab Industry plus license information and forms at its Web page www.cityofchicago.org/bacp.

The Pedicabs Ordinance created two new licenses: (1) pedicab license and (2) pedicab chauffeur license. Anyone interested in either operating a pedicab vehicle business or driving a pedicab vehicle should apply for the appropriate license. BACP is accepting applications for both the (1) pedicab license and (2) pedicab chauffeur license.

Starting June 7, 2014, anyone operating a pedicab must comply with the following specific Municipal Code of Chicago Sections which will be enforced:

► 9-48-045 Restrictions on operation of pedicabs.

(a) The city council may from time to time define areas, in the interest of preserving public health and safety or avoiding traffic congestion, in which no pedicabs shall be operated. The city clerk shall maintain for public inspection and copying a file of all ordinances defining such areas. In addition, any ordinance defining such areas shall be codified as an amendment to this section.

(b) No pedicab shall be operated Monday through Friday, except on holidays as defined in Section 9-4-010, between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on public ways under the jurisdiction of the city in the area bounded in the north and west by Chicago River, on the east by Lake Michigan, and on the south by Congress Parkway.

(c) No pedicab shall be operated on Michigan Avenue and State Street from Congress Parkway to Oak Street.

► 9-110-150 Operating regulations.

(a) Every person operating a pedicab shall have the same rights and be subject to the same traffic rules and laws as bicyclists, as stated in Chapter 9-52 of this Code and other applicable law, subject to those exceptions stated in this chapter or rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person:
- (1) Who is under the age of eighteen years to operate a pedicab;
 - (2) To operate a pedicab while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances other than medication prescribed by a physician,

provided that such prescribed medication does not warn that the user not operate machinery while taking the medication;

- (3) To operate a pedicab in any manner which impedes or blocks the normal or reasonable movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic unless such operation is necessary for safe operation or is in compliance with the requirements of Section 9-52-040(c) of this Code or other applicable law;
- (4) To operate, or cause to be operated, a pedicab in any area where the operation of a pedicab is prohibited by applicable law;
- (5) To operate a pedicab within the city while not in possession of a valid driver's license issued by the state of Illinois, or a valid driver's license of another state, district or territory of the United States;
- (6) To operate, or cause to be operated, a pedicab within the city while not in possession of proof of insurance as outlined in Section 9-110-080 of this chapter;
- (7) To operate, or cause to be operated, a pedicab while there is attached thereto any additional trailer or any other passenger-carrying vehicle; or
- (8) To operate, or cause to be operated, a pedicab to transport more than four passengers; and
- (9) To operate a pedicab upon any sidewalk.

(c) The pedicab chauffeur shall require that all passengers remain seated throughout the ride.

(d) Advertisements may be displayed on the exterior and the interior of a pedicab. Advertising displays shall not block or interfere with the visibility of any signage, metal plates, decals, or information required by this chapter or promulgated rules and regulations to be displayed on the exterior of pedicabs, including but not limited to pedicab licensee name and phone number. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the placement of advertisements on a pedicab.

(e) No person may drink any alcoholic liquor as defined by law while such person is operating or being transported by a pedicab, nor may any person transport, carry, possess or have any alcoholic liquor while being transported by a pedicab, except in the original package with the seal unbroken.

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 - ▶ Rules and Regulations governing City of Chicago licensed public vehicles and public chauffeurs are available at www.cityofchicago.org/bacp.
 - ▶ The Municipal Code of Chicago is available at www.amlegal.com.

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