

# Taxicab Changes – What's Next?

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## Lottery

If more than one hundred applications for notice of intent to file a taxicab application are filed:

- Lottery held at Public Transportation Review Board Meeting
- Lottery winners will be given a new taxicab application to submit within 30 days or forfeit permit
- No person shall be eligible for more than 2 permits
- A person holding financial interest in more than one current taxicab is not eligible to participate
- Remaining entrants will be picked to ascertain waiting list order
- Lottery participants must pay the license application fee to apply for new taxicab permit

## Waiting List

- Intent to file taxicab applications received by February 28, 2014 but not one of the first 100 selected to apply for new permits will be placed on waiting list in order selected from the lottery, but before those applications received after February 28, 2014.
- Intent to file taxicab applications received after February 28, 2014 will be placed in order received by the License Division.
- When applications are denied and when permits expire, are not renewed, are surrendered, are abandoned, are revoked or otherwise removed from the pool of existing permits, the next persons on the list shall be eligible to apply in the order they are listed for any available new permit or for any permit that becomes available.
- Once notified of the available permit, the person will have 30 days from the date of the letter to apply for a new taxicab. Failure to apply within 30 days will forfeit the person's ability to apply. The next person on the list will then be notified.
- Those persons on waiting list who were not part of the lottery will have the intent to file taxicab application fee applied to the new taxicab permit fee if they become eligible by November 1, 2014.

## Credit Card Machines

Each permittee replacing a taxicab or placing a new vehicle into service on or after July 1, 2014, shall install rear seat swipe credit card-processing equipment, subject to policy or rule established by the city clerk under a policy reviewed and approved by the licensing committee. (Policy to be available in February)

## Legroom

As of February 1, 2014, all new vehicles put into service must provide passenger leg room of not less than 32 inches measured from the back of the seated passenger forward

## Affiliation

As of November 1, 2014, all taxicab permits must be affiliated with a Certified Taxicab Affiliation Licensee.

## 60 Days to Place Vehicle in Service

Failure to place a permitted taxicab vehicle into service within 60 days of issuance of a permit shall constitute constructive surrender of the permit. The deadline for placement into service may be extended for a reasonable period by the licensing committee upon a showing of good cause for the extension. The city clerk shall provide written notice to the applicant that the permit will be deemed surrendered if the permitted vehicle is not placed into service and that the applicant has 30 days from the date of the notice to request an extension of the deadline by the licensing committee or to show cause why the permit should not be deemed surrendered.

## 420 Permits

Not more than 100 new taxicab permits shall be issued prior to November 1, 2014. No person having a financial interest in more than one existing taxicab permit shall be eligible for a new taxicab permit, and no person shall be eligible for more than 2 new taxicab permits issued prior to November 1, 2014. The total number of permitted taxicab vehicles shall not exceed 420. Additional taxicab permits shall only be issued on and after November 1, 2014, if the total number of permitted vehicles is less than the number of vehicles permitted on January 1, 2014, plus 100. The total number of taxicab vehicle permits authorized for issuance shall be reviewed annually by the licensing committee.

## New Driver Training Course

On and after November 1, 2014, each applicant for a new license to drive a taxicab and each other licensed taxicab driver shall have completed a driver training course offered by the Taxicab, Limousine and Paratransit Association or its equivalent upon approval by the chief of police, and shall provide the permittee of any taxicab vehicle to be operated by the licensed driver with a copy of a certificate or other document evidencing satisfactory completion of the course.