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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **After lifting of cab cap, city will begin accepting applications for new taxi permits**

For the first time in decades, applicants for a public passenger vehicle permit to operate a taxi in Milwaukee will be able to apply without regard for a cap on the number of permits issued, and receive provisional permission to begin operating the day of their application.

On a unanimous vote, the Milwaukee Common Council passed legislation last month that did away with the cab cap and created a more streamlined application process, allowing drivers to sign an affidavit affirming their record is clean and receive a provisional permit immediately upon their application. The legislation will allow network companies like **Uber** and **Lyft** to operate legally, and **Alderman Robert Bauman**, who as chair of the Public Transportation Review Board helped author the legislation, said it creates a level playing field for all drivers while ensuring the safety and comfort of passengers.

Alderman Bauman and **City Clerk Jim Owczarski**, whose office oversees the License Division, will kick off the application process with a news conference Tuesday at **8:15 a.m.** Alderman Bauman said the first 10 applicants will receive a commemorative gift.

**Applicants are asked to visit [milwaukee.gov/license](http://milwaukee.gov/license) and prepare their application materials ahead of time.**

**What: News conference  
First new taxi permit applications accepted**

**When: 8:15 a.m.  
Tuesday, September 2, 2014**

**Where: License Division, City Hall rotunda  
200 E. Wells St.**