

SUBSTITUTE
ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Chapter 9-104 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck through and by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

9-104-010 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter the following definitions shall apply:

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

"Taxi chauffeur license" means a license issued under this chapter that permits the licensee to operate taxicabs licensed pursuant to Chapter 9-112, public passenger vehicles licensed pursuant Chapter 9-114, or transportation network vehicles.

"Taximeter" means a device which records and indicates a charge or fare measured by distance traveled, waiting time, number of passengers, and any extra charges set forth in Chapter 9-112. Taximeters must meet specifications set forth by the Commissioner in rules.

"Transportation network vehicle" shall have the meanings ascribed to this term in Section 9-115-010.

9-104-040 License – Term.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(c) The Commissioner is authorized to prescribe by rule the grounds and criteria for extension of the time period for renewing a public chauffeur license for an applicant who fails to renew ~~his~~ their license prior to the expiration date for the license.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

9-104-050 License – Qualifications.

(a) An applicant is qualified to receive and maintain a public chauffeur license if the applicant:

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

14. has not had ~~his~~ their driver's license ~~cancelled~~ canceled, suspended, or revoked, by any governing jurisdiction, as a result of a driving-related incident within the 12-month period preceding the date of application; and

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

9-104-110 Rules.

The eCommissioner is authorized to promulgate rules for the proper administration and enforcement of this chapter and any other applicable section of this Code to facilitate a safe environment for licensees, passengers, and the public, and in order to promote orderly, efficient, and professional conduct by licensees. The eCommissioner is also authorized to promulgate rules to impose any fees reasonably related to the cost of administration as specifically authorized in this chapter.

9-104-120 Public chauffeur behavior.

A licensee shall not abuse, assault, insult, or threaten any other person, any passenger or other drivers, or use profane language, in connection with the operation of a taxicab or public passenger vehicle.

A licensee shall not discriminate against or refuse service to a passenger based on the passenger's stated destination or the passenger's stated or apparent identity as a member of a protected class as listed in Section 6-10-030.

9-104-125 Taximeter and Fare Payment.

A licensee is responsible for ensuring that the taxicab the licensee operates is equipped with an operational taximeter. A licensee who operates a taxicab must activate the taximeter at the start of a passenger trip for all passengers secured through "street hail" or taxicab stand.

A licensee who operates a taxicab is exempt from activating the taximeter for passengers secured through a taxi e-hail dispatching smart phone application or platform.

9-104-130 Service to passengers with service animals.

A licensee must comply with 775 ILCS 30/1, et seq. by accepting passengers with service animals. Any licensee found to have refused transportation to a person with a service animal shall be fined \$500.00 and have ~~his~~ their license suspended for 29 days for the first offense. Any licensee found to have ~~committed~~, committed a subsequent offense of this section shall have ~~his~~ their license revoked and shall be fined \$500.00. For purposes of this section, the term "service animal" has the meaning ascribed to this term in 28 CFR § 35.104.

9-104-160 Surrendering license and information to authorized City personnel – Required.

A public chauffeur shall upon request of any authorized City personnel, as defined in Section 9-114-315, surrender ~~his~~ their public chauffeur license and supply any additional information requested by such authorized City personnel concerning the operation of ~~his~~ their public vehicle.

SECTION 2. Chapter 9-112 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck through, and by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

9-112-030 Total number of licenses.

The total number of licenses that each licensee holds will be based on the total licenses in each corporation, or legal entity, in which they holds a 25 percent or greater share of ownership interest including, but not limited to, stocks and shares.

No person shall own in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, or have a security interest in more than 25 percent of, the authorized licenses issued under Chapters 9-112 and 9-114.

9-112-050 Vehicle inspections.

No person shall place a vehicle into service as a taxicab until the vehicle has been inspected under the direction of the Commissioner and found to be in safe operating condition. A taxicab vehicle inspection includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that all required equipment is installed and operating as intended, and that the interior and exterior of the vehicle are clean and in good condition for the safety of the vehicle drivers and passengers. Licensees must submit all their taxicab vehicles for inspection as scheduled by the Department. Except as otherwise provided in this section, taxicab ~~Taxicab~~ vehicles with a vehicle age of five years or newer must be inspected at least annually, and all older taxicab vehicles must be inspected at least semiannually. Regardless of vehicle age, wheelchair accessible vehicles must be inspected semiannually.

If ~~any~~ licensee fails to appear and make ~~his~~ their vehicle available for inspection after receiving a notification from the Commissioner to do so, the Commissioner may immediately suspend the licensee's license and impose a fine as set forth in Section 9-112-630, in addition to all other applicable penalties, including extending the license suspension, ~~and/or~~ license revocation, or both. If the licensee again fails to so appear, the Commissioner may suspend ~~his~~ their license until the vehicle has passed an inspection pursuant to this section. If a licensee demonstrates a pattern of missing scheduled inspection dates, the Commissioner may revoke the license.

The Commissioner is authorized to adopt rules to specify the time frame and schedule for vehicle inspections and may require additional inspections based upon complaints.

9-112-070 Specifications for taxicab vehicles.

The Commissioner may issue licenses for motor vehicles to operate as taxicabs according to the following:

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(d) A licensee ~~cannot shall not: (1)~~ place a vehicle with an odometer reading of 150,000 miles or greater in operation for the first time as a licensed taxicab; or (2) place a taxicab with an odometer reading of 150,000 miles or greater in operation as a licensed taxicab after such vehicle has not been used as a licensed Chicago taxicab for the eighteen or more preceding months.

(e) Any vehicle which has ever been issued the title class of either "salvage," "rebuilt," "junk," "total loss," or any equivalent classification in any jurisdiction is not eligible for operation as a taxicab.

(i) It is the affirmative duty of the licensee to ascertain that the taxicab ~~vehicle~~ is in compliance with this subsection.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

9-112-080 Change of taxicab equipment.

The Commissioner ~~will~~ is authorized to promulgate ~~by~~ rules establishing the process that licensees must follow when a licensee replaces the taxicab ~~vehicle~~ (for purposes of this section, a "change of equipment"). For a change of equipment ~~performed during a scheduled periodic inspection~~, the Commissioner shall assess a \$25.00 non-refundable change of equipment processing fee. ~~For a change of equipment not performed during a scheduled periodic inspection, the Commissioner shall assess a \$25.00 change of equipment processing fee.~~

9-112-110 Investigation and issuance of license.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(d) The licensee shall provide a vehicle that is in safe and proper condition at the time the license is issued; and shall register the vehicle in applicant's name or, in the case of a leased vehicle, shall provide a copy of the lease, in a form acceptable to the Commissioner, that must cover at least the duration of the license for that vehicle and must include an acknowledgment by the lessor of the vehicle that he has given his consent for the vehicle to be used as a taxicab ~~as licensed~~.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

9-112-120 License rescission.

The ~~e~~Commissioner shall have the power to rescind any license erroneously or illegally issued, transferred or renewed pursuant to this chapter. In order for such a rescission to be effective, the ~~e~~Commissioner must notify the licensee of the date the rescission will take effect. The notice shall take place by certified mail or in-person notification. The ~~e~~Commissioner must indicate in such notice the basis for the rescission and must also indicate a date and time, prior to the proposed rescission date, upon which the licensee may appear before the ~~e~~Commissioner, or his or her designee, to contest the proposed rescission. The licensee shall also be informed that he or she shall be entitled to present to the ~~e~~Commissioner or his or her designee any document, including affidavits, relating to the proposed rescission. Following the appearance of the licensee before the ~~e~~Commissioner, the ~~e~~Commissioner may affirm or reverse his or her rescission decision. The ~~e~~Commissioner's decision shall be in writing and shall be mailed to the licensee at least five days before a license rescission is effective. A licensee may appeal the ~~e~~Commissioner's decision to any court of competent jurisdiction.

9-112-140 Required safety features.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

~~(c) — The requirements of this section do not apply to an owner-operator.~~

9-112-150 License fees and terms.

(a) Licenses shall be issued for a two-year period.

(b) The license term for licenses shall be from March 1 of the current year to the last day of February two years subsequent to the current year.

(i) License issuance or renewal fee is \$500.00 for taxicabs that are not wheelchair-accessible. The fee shall not be prorated. In addition, as part of the license issuance or renewal fee, a licensee shall pay \$22.00 per month to the City's accessibility fund for each taxicab which is not wheelchair-accessible. The licensee may pay the \$22.00 per month fee at the same time as the licensee pays the ground transportation tax imposed in Chapter 3-46 of this Code; provided, however, that no fee shall be due for any calendar month during which such a taxicab is out of operation for the entire month and the license for such taxicab is surrendered for the entire month. The \$22.00 fee shall not be subject to proration for portions of a calendar month. The Department shall deposit the \$22.00 per month fee to the City's accessibility fund.

(ii) License issuance or renewal fee for wheelchair-accessible vehicle taxicabs is \$500.00. The license must be attached to a wheelchair-accessible vehicle taxicab during the entire licensing term.

(iii) The license issuance and renewal fees and accessibility fund fees provided in this subsection are not refundable.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

9-112-320 Dispatch calls.

(a) Licensees and taxicab affiliations shall have an affirmative duty to respond to dispatch requests for taxicab service in underserved areas and to ensure compliance with this section by the drivers of vehicles. Licensees and taxicab affiliations shall immediately report to the commissioner any driver who fails to comply with the requirements of this section.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

9-112-560 Airport service.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(e) The fare for transportation originating from O'Hare or Midway to the following suburbs municipalities and other designated locations is a straight meter fare plus any applicable tolls and surcharges:

- Alsip
- Bedford Park
- Blue Island
- Burbank
- Burnham
- Calumet City
- Calumet Park
- Cicero
- Des Plaines
- Dolton
- Elk Grove Village
- Elmwood Park
- Evanston
- Evergreen Park
- Forest View

Harwood Heights
Hines/VA hospital
Hometown
Lincolnwood
Merrionette Park
Niles
Norridge
Oak Park
Oak Lawn
Park Ridge
River Forest
River Grove
Riverdale
Rosemont
Skokie
Stickney
Summit

(f) A shared ride program shall be in operation only from O'Hare and Midway. For purposes of this section a "shared ride" means a taxicab trip with a minimum of two passengers and maximum of four passengers that originates from specified locations and ends within specified locations for a specified flat fee per person.

Shared rides shall be in operation only at designated cab stands when authorized personnel are on duty. The authorized personnel shall have complete authority to make final decisions pertaining to loading shared ride passengers at these airports.

The following shall be the starting and ending points and rates for shared rides. Prices listed are per person, per trip, and do not include tolls and other surcharges:

From O'Hare to Downtown or McCormick Place – ~~\$24.00~~ 30.00
From Midway to Downtown or McCormick Place – ~~\$18.00~~ 22.00
From O'Hare to Midway – ~~\$37.00~~ 45.00
From Midway to O'Hare – ~~\$37.00~~ 45.00

For purposes of this section the term "downtown" means the area bounded by 22nd Street (South), Fullerton Avenue (North), Ashland Avenue (West), and Lake Michigan (East).

The eCommissioner may by rule regulate at the airports procedures and protocols for taxicab staging, movement of taxicabs from the staging areas to the terminals, loading and unloading of passengers at the airports, and any other activity that affects taxicab service at the airports.

9-112-570 Wheelchair-accessible vehicle taxicabs, wheelchair-accessible transportation network vehicles and centralized wheelchair-accessible dispatch.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(b) (1) Any single licensee that owns or controls 20 or more licenses must place into service wheelchair-accessible vehicles as taxicabs on five percent of its taxicab vehicle fleet.

(2) In addition to compliance with subparagraph (b)(1) of this section, any licensee that owns or controls 10 or more taxicab licenses shall have at least 10 percent of its taxicab fleet be wheelchair-accessible vehicles ~~by January 1, 2018~~, subject to the Commissioner's determination that the demand for wheelchair-accessible vehicles is being met. ~~Effective January 1, 2017~~, if a licensee subject to this subsection (b)(2) replaces any taxicab vehicle, the replacement vehicle, until the licensee complies with the requirement of this subsection (b)(2), shall be a wheelchair-accessible vehicle.

(3) Any licensee that owns or controls 5 or more taxicab licenses shall have a total of at least 25 percent of its taxicab fleet be wheelchair-accessible vehicles by January 1, ~~2027~~ 2033. ~~Effective January 1, 2025~~ 2031, if a licensee subject to this subsection (b)(3) replaces any taxicab vehicle, the replacement vehicle, until the licensee complies with the requirement of this subsection (b)(3), shall be a wheelchair-accessible vehicle.

(4) If accessibility fund monies are available, in addition to other uses provided in this Code, they shall be used to reimburse the additional costs associated with purchasing vehicles to be used as taxicabs that are fully wheelchair-accessible as provided in the definition of the term "accessibility fund".

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

9-112-575 Taxicab driver awards.

(a) In ~~each~~ each odd calendar year, up to ten taxicab medallion licenses may be awarded to those individuals who have demonstrated, through their actions as licensed public chauffeurs, the greatest dedication to providing service to persons needing wheelchair-accessible vehicles. Awardees must place awarded medallion licenses onto wheelchair-accessible vehicles.

(b) The Commissioner is authorized to develop and administer a taxicab driver incentive program to promote outstanding taxicab service. Program awards may include the granting of up to two taxicab medallion licenses per calendar year.

9-112-590 [Reserved] ~~Group riding permitted when.~~

~~Group or multiple riding is permitted in taxicabs only when:~~

~~(a) The passenger first hiring the taxicab has directed or agreed voluntarily that he be carried as part of a group or multiple ride; provided that the total fare charged to all of the passengers shall not in the aggregate exceed the rate of fare permitted for such trip under Section 9-112-600; or~~

~~(b) The commissioner has, by regulation or rule, designated specified places, times or routes where groups of passengers may be carried in a single taxicab at rates of fare which the commissioner may specify for such group trips.~~

9-112-600 Taxicab rates of fare.

(a) The rates of fare for taxicabs shall be as set forth in this section:

For the first 1/9 mile or fraction thereof: \$3.25

Forty-five cents of this initial mileage rate for the first ten taxicab fares which a driver transports per day is hereby designated for payment of workers' compensation insurance. In addition, forty cents of this initial mileage rate for the first five taxicab fares per every 12-hour lease period is hereby designated as intended for payment of the City's ground transportation tax by the licensee; and ten cents of this initial mileage rate for the first five taxicab fares per every 12-hour lease period is hereby designated as intended for payment of City's accessibility fund fee by the licensee.

For each additional 1/9 mile or fraction thereof: ~~\$0.25~~ \$0.31

For each ~~36~~ 45 seconds of time elapsed: ~~\$0.20~~ \$0.31

For the first additional passenger over the age of 12 years and under the age of 65 years:
\$1.00

For each additional passenger, after the first additional passenger, over the age of 12 and under the age of 65 years: \$0.50

Nocturnal or overnight fee (8:00 pm – 6:00 am): \$1.00

Rush hour fee (3:30 pm – 7:00 pm): \$2.50

Vomit clean-up fee: ~~\$50.00~~ 100.00

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, it is unlawful for any person to demand or collect any fare for taxicab service which is more than the rates established in this section, or for any passenger to refuse payment of the fare so registered.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(j) (1) ~~Licenses may charge compensation for service based on a flat prearranged fare (for purposes of this subsection, "flat rate") for transportation of passengers between two locations.~~

~~(2) Any licensee shall display the licensee's flat rate on such licensee's website and Internet-enabled application or digital platform used by the licensee to connect drivers and passengers.~~

~~(3) Except as otherwise provided in Section 9-114-265, it is unlawful for a licensee to charge passengers a fare greater than the fare rate shown on the taximeter or the licensee's Department-approved Internet-enabled application or digital platform.~~

(2) Licensees may only charge flat rate fares:

(A) when they are prearranged through a Department-approved Internet-enabled application or digital platform; or

(B) as provided for in Section 9-112-560 regarding airport service.

Licensees shall not otherwise charge, impose, negotiate, or discuss flat rate fares with passengers.

(3) The Department shall keep a list of approved Internet-enabled applications or digital platforms available on its website.

(k) A fuel surcharge may be added by the chauffeur of a taxicab to every taxicab fare, as follows:

~~(1) Except as otherwise provided in item (4) of this subsection, if~~ If both the current average price of gasoline and the month ago average price of gasoline equals or exceeds \$5.00 per gallon and the Commissioner issues a public vehicle industry notice authorizing fuel surcharge on the rates of fare, the chauffeur of a taxicab may add to the total taxicab fare that would otherwise apply a fuel surcharge as provided in Table 9-112-600. The total fare used to calculate the fuel surcharge shall be based upon the rates of fare listed in Section 9-112-600(a), except for any additional passenger or vomit clean-up fees.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(2) If the current average price of gasoline falls below \$5.00 per gallon at any time for seven consecutive days after such public vehicle industry notice is issued under subsection (k)(1), the Commissioner is authorized to issue a public vehicle industry notice terminating the fuel surcharge. No taxicab chauffeur shall impose a fuel surcharge after the Commissioner has issued a public vehicle industry notice terminating the fuel surcharge.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (k)(1) of this section, it ~~It~~ shall be unlawful for any person to add any fuel surcharge to any rate of fare in violation of this subsection (k). In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates this subsection (k) shall be fined not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each offense. Each improperly imposed fuel surcharge shall constitute a separate and distinct offense to which a separate fine shall apply.

(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(6) As used in this subsection ~~(k)~~, (k):

(A) "Current average price of gasoline" means the "the current avg." regular gasoline price for the Chicago Metro Area as published in AAA's Online Gas Prices Report; and

(B) "Month ago average price of gasoline" means the "month ago avg." regular gasoline price for the City of Chicago Statistical Metro Area as published in AAA's Online Gas Prices Report.

9-112-630 Violation – Penalty.

(a) Any person ~~found guilty of violating~~ who violates any provision of this chapter for which a penalty is not otherwise provided shall be fined not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$2,000.00. Guidelines governing this fine range shall be set forth in regulations. Each day that

such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. In addition to fines, penalties for any violations of this chapter may include license suspension, rescission or revocation.

(b) Reserved.

(c) Any person who violates Sections ~~9-112-220~~ 9-112-020, 9-112-230 or 9-112-240 of this Code shall be fined not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$2,000.00 for each offense.

SECTION 3. After passage and approval, amendments made to Sections 9-112-560 and 9-112-600 of the Municipal Code of Chicago by Section 2 of this ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2026. The remainder of this ordinance shall be in full force and effect 10 days after its passage and publication.