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GENERAL QUESTIONS

What are the requirements for a taxi licence?

In order to qualify for a taxi licence, a vehicle must:

- have been issued a valid Provincial registration
- be insured with Manitoba Public Insurance according to the requirements of Manitoba Public Insurance.
- have been inspected and been issued inspection certificates applicable to that vehicle under The Drivers and Vehicles Act, C.C.S.M. c. D104, within 30 days prior to the application for registration
- be in good working order, meeting all road safety requirements
- allow for access and exits by passengers that are controlled by the passenger
- be registered with a licenced dispatcher
- be equipped with the following equipment approved by the City:
 - a driver safety shield
 - an operating in-vehicle camera
 - a global positioning system
 - a strobe light affixed to the roof of the vehicle that can provide warning of an emergency situation
 - a certified meter which measures time, distance or both
 - a light on the exterior of the vehicle that turns off when the meter is operating.

The City may require that a vehicle and any required equipment be examined and certified as operating appropriately before a licence is issued in respect of the vehicle. You must complete forms and provide information reasonably required by the City.

What are the requirements for an accessible taxi license?

Aside from a driver safety shield and strobe light affixed to the roof of the vehicle, an accessible vehicle must meet the same requirements to obtain a taxi license and be constructed and equipped to permit the loading, transportation and off-loading of individuals who use a wheelchair, or similar device which can accommodate a seated individual, and who cannot self-transfer.

The City may require that a vehicle and any required equipment be examined and certified as operating appropriately before a licence is issued in respect of the vehicle. You must complete forms and provide information reasonably required by the City.

Who can be issued a taxi licence?

A taxi licence can only be issued in the name of the person who is registered with Manitoba Public Insurance as the owner of the vehicle in respect of which the taxi licence is being issued.

Before the City may issue or renew a taxi licence, the owner of the vehicle must

- Pay the applicable fee
- Provide documentation and information reasonably required by the City to determine whether the vehicle's meets the vehicle requirements of a taxi set out in the By-law
- If required by the City, submit the vehicle to an inspection
- Provide an address for service in the Province of Manitoba for service of all documents and notices related to this By-law

If the owner of the taxi is a corporation, the applicant must provide current documentation indicating the corporation is in good standing or otherwise properly registered to carry on business in Manitoba.

How can I renew a taxi license?

In order to renew a taxi licence, the licence holder:

- Must meet the requirements for an applicant for an initial licence
- Must provide information concerning any factual changes to information provided at the time of its application or most recent renewal
- Must not owe any outstanding fines or fees with respect to this By-law or any City parking by-law

Can I transfer an existing taxicab licences to someone else?

Yes. An existing transferable taxicab licence that was permitted to be transferred under *The Taxicab Act* can be transferred to someone else, provided the transferee is the registered owner of the vehicle to be assigned to the taxi licence, and the vehicle and owner are otherwise eligible to be issued a taxi licence.

What happens to a taxicab license if the holder dies?

If the owner of a taxi licence that is permitted to be transferred is an individual and the owner dies, the taxi licence for that vehicle may be transferred by the executor or administrator of the owner's estate within one year of the owner's death. If it is not transferred within that time, the licence will be cancelled.

Can I transfer an existing taxicab license to another vehicle?

Taxi licences may be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle on condition that the vehicle to which the licence is transferred is eligible for a taxi licence.

Can I convert my standard taxi licence to an accessible taxi licence?

Yes. The owner of a standard taxi licence may convert the licence to an accessible taxi licence so long as the vehicle in respect of which the accessible taxi licence is sought meets the requirements for an accessible taxi licence. However, the owner of an accessible taxi licence may not convert the licence to a standard taxi licence.

What are the operating and inspection requirements for taxis?

The owner of a taxi must ensure that:

- It meets all applicable requirements at all times while it is offering or providing transportation services.

- Notices of a size and containing language approved by the City are prominently displayed on or within the taxi in a way that is visible to all passengers concerning the operation of a camera in the taxi.
- It complies with all signage and markings requirements required by the City.