



City of Chicago

Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

PUBLIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY NOTICE



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NEW TAXI CHAUFFEUR WAV \$ INCENTIVES

In its continuing effort to expand transportation options for people who use wheelchairs, the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP), in consultation with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, is launching the following incentive program to increase the number of taxicab wheelchair accessible (WAV) trips. The following financial incentives are funded through the Accessibility Fund, as defined in MCC § 9-112-010.

Starting October 5th, 2018, pursuant to Taxicab Medallion License Holder RULE TX7.07(m), BACP is introducing the following financial incentives for taxicab drivers who lease and operate WAV taxicabs and service people who use wheelchairs. This financial incentive is being introduced to compensate lease WAV taxicab drivers for the additional fuel costs associated with driving and operating WAVs.

Eligible WAV taxicab drivers may apply for a \$15.00 subsidy reimbursement per twelve hour lease agreement of a WAV taxicab. For a twenty-four hour WAV taxicab lease, a WAV taxicab driver may request a \$30.00 subsidy reimbursement.

The following criteria must be met for the WAV taxicab driver to be eligible for the subsidy reimbursement:

1. Taxi chauffeur must verify active participation in Open Taxis centralized WAV taxicab dispatch program;
2. Taxi chauffeur must actively respond to WAV requests through Open Taxis; and
3. Taxi chauffeur must maintain trip data of WAV requests performed.

Starting November 1, 2018, eligible WAV taxicab drivers may complete and submit the WAV Taxicab Driver Lease Reimbursement Form to be posted at:

www.cityofchicago.org/bacp

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