

City of Mississauga Corporate Report



Date: April 21, 2022 To: Chair and Members of Public Vehicle Advisory Committee	Originator's files:
From: Geoff Wright, P.Eng, MBA, Commissioner of Transportation and Works	Meeting date: April 19, 2022

Subject

Accessible Taxicab Model Year Restriction

Recommendation

1. That the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 0420-04 Schedule 7, Section 8 be amended to align accessible taxicabs with standard taxicabs with regards to model year restrictions.
2. That accessible taxicabs be permitted to extend the seven model year restriction for three additional one year periods.
3. That all necessary by-laws be enacted.

Background

Since 2019 the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) and Mobile Licensing Enforcement have conducted a line-by-line review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04 in an effort to further reduce competitive restrictions for the taxi industry. As a result of the line-by-line review, the following section of *Schedule 8 Owners and Drivers of Taxicabs* was amended by PVAC on February 2020 to permit an additional one year extension period.

42. (1) No Motor Vehicle more than seven (7) Model Years old shall be used as a Taxicab according to this Schedule 8. (0094-2017, 0184-2017)
(2) Notwithstanding subsection 42(1) of this Schedule 8, the Licence Manager has the ability to extend the seven (7) Model Years restriction for three (3) additional one (1) year periods if the following conditions are met; (0184-2017, 0041-2019)

This amendment permitted standard taxicabs more than seven model years old to continue to be used for up to ten model years. The committee further directed staff to determine if a similar amendment could be applied to accessible taxicabs.

Present Status

In order for a vehicle to be permitted for a model year extension the following conditions must be met:

- (a) a valid Safety Standard Certificate is provided for the Motor Vehicle which has been issued by a garage which is independent to the Taxicab and Brokerage associated with the Taxicab within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the seven (7) Model Years for the Motor Vehicle and within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the initial one (1) year extension;*
- (b) the Motor Vehicle is submitted to the Licence Manager for an inspection and in the opinion of the Licence Manager, the Motor Vehicle is safe and free of any mechanical defects;*
- (c) the Licensee has paid any applicable fee as set out in the applicable City User Fees and Charges By-law; and*
- (d) the Licensee has met the requirements of (a) and (c) of the subsection and has provided their Motor Vehicle for an inspection to the Licence Manager within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the seven (7) Model Years and within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the initial one (1) year extension.*

There are currently eight accessible taxicabs operating in the City of Mississauga. Of the eight vehicles, two have a model year of 2014, four have the model year of 2015, one is a 2016 and the other is a 2017.

Comments

Staff conducted a jurisdictional scan of eight comparable municipalities (Appendix 1), of which seven have a model year restriction of seven model years or greater. Of those seven municipalities, four provide vehicle owners with the ability to apply for a model year extension that ranges from one to four years. The greatest vehicle model year restriction, including the use of an extension, is eleven model years.

The priority for Enforcement is to ensure that public safety is maintained within the industry. Staff agree that the licensing requirements in the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04 to obtain a model year extension ensures that public safety is upheld.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts resulting from the recommendations in this report.

Conclusion

Staff recommends amending the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04 Schedule 7, Section 8 to permit accessible taxicabs with the ability to extend the seven model year restriction for three

additional one year periods if conditions are met. This would align standard and accessible taxicab model year restrictions.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Jurisdictional Scan of Standard and Accessible Taxicab Model Year Restrictions

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