

# NEW PUBLIC CHAUFFEUR LAWS

**NEW Public Chauffeur Rules incorporate suggestions and ideas from the Taxicab Driver Fairness Taskforce and the Taxicab Industry**

## New Ordinance Laws:

Effective October 19, 2016, amendments to MCC Section 9-104-050 eliminate requirement for public chauffeurs to submit drug test results and physical exam certifications in connection with public chauffeur licensing application.

### New

## Public Chauffeur Rules:

(Effective September 12, 2016)

**RULE CH1.04:** Livery (restricted) chauffeurs with experience can upgrade to taxi chauffeur license without taking the course, but must still take the taxi chauffeur exam.

**RULE CH2.04:** Instead of automatically requiring courses upon specific liability findings, course requirement will be based on the fact specific complaints/cases.

**RULE CH5.01:** States discrimination of any protected class is prohibited.

**RULE CH5.08:** The term "discourtesy" was eliminated.

**RULE CH5.09:** Eliminated the current practice where chauffeur licenses are routinely confiscated when citations are issued. Chauffeur licenses may only be confiscated based on specific circumstances.

**RULE CH5.13 (a):** Allows for electronic format leases and no longer limits lease agreements to paper format.

**RULE CH5.16:** Allows a public chauffeur to charge the applicable fare rates when traveling to return a lost article to the owner upon owner's prior consent.

**Section 10:** New Taxi Chauffeur Rebate Program created to reimburse new taxi chauffeurs' costs for biometric background checks and the Olive-Harvey Public Chauffeur Training Course.

### Revised

## Public Chauffeur Rules:

(Effective September 12, 2016)

**RULE CH1.06 (f):** Raises the threshold from one to two driving violations resulting in a public chauffeur licensee being required to take a driving course.

**RULE CH2.01:** Raises denial threshold from 3 complaints to 4 or more convictions within a 12 month period.

**RULE CH3.02:** Raises grace period to renew chauffeur license before starting as new applicant from six months to one year.

**RULE CH4.01:** Raises time frame to report address change to BACP from 72 hours to thirty (30) days.

**RULE CH5.08 (e):** Clarifies when hands-free electronic device use is permitted.

**RULE CH5.17:** Added the term "reasonable" to passenger requests.

**RULE CH8.03 (c):** Note a significant change to the maximum minutes allowed per Short Trip from the airports:

(1) From 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., 60 minutes is the allowed maximum time frame for a taxi chauffeur to return to the airport after the trip was initiated.

(2) From 8:31 p.m. to 6:29 a.m., 45 minutes is the allowed maximum time frame for a taxi chauffeur to return to the airport after the trip was initiated.

**RULE CH11.01:** Reduced "repeated offense" time frame from 60 months to 12 months.

**RULE CH11.02:** Reduced maximum fine for Non-Aggravated First Offense to \$100.

## **NEW Public Chauffeur Rules Can Be Found At:**

[http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/bacp/supp\\_info/rules\\_and\\_regulations.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/bacp/supp_info/rules_and_regulations.html)



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