



City of Chicago

Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

PUBLIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY NOTICE



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INCREASED TAXI 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 vehicles (WAVs) and WAV trips. The following financial incentives are funded through the Accessibility Fund, as defined in MCC § 9-112-010.

Starting October 4th, 2018, pursuant to Taxicab Medallion License Holder RULE TX7.07(m), BACP is increasing the following financial incentives for the purchase and maintenance of wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) taxi by initiating a new pilot program.

1. **\$20,000** (*up from \$15,000*) reimbursement for a post-manufacture or after-market mechanical conversion of an eligible new vehicle to a taxi WAV.
2. **\$25,000** (*up from \$20,000*) reimbursement for an eligible new factory manufactured taxi WAV.
3. **\$8,000** (*up from \$5,000*) **annual** reimbursement on qualifying maintenance and repair costs associated with the taxi WAV.

Vehicles purchased on or after October 5th, 2018 qualify for the new incentive amounts outlined above. The increased amount associated with maintenance reimbursement begins with costs incurred beginning in the fiscal year 2018.

The following criteria must be met for Taxicab Medallion License Holders to be eligible for above incentives:

1. Medallion licensees must be in compliance with all City laws to be eligible to apply for Accessibility Fund monies;
2. Medallion licensee's WAV taxicabs must participate and follow the procedures as they relate to the Centralized Dispatch System for WAV Taxicabs, Open Taxis, to ensure a demand response system in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act;
3. Medallion licensees must ensure lease taxicab drivers participate in Open Taxis.

Start the process by completing and submitting the WAV Taxicab Reimbursement Form posted at www.cityofchicago.org/bacp

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