



City of Chicago

Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

PUBLIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY NOTICE

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Visit chicago.gov/reopening for Chicago's industry specific guidelines for businesses.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR TOUR BOATS AND WATER TAXIS

Commercial Passenger Vessels, tour boats and water taxis, operating in Chicago are required to comply with orders issued by Chicago's Commissioner of Health.

Order of the Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago [No. 2020-9](#) requires that businesses take the following public health measures to protect their employees, their customers and all others who come into physical contact with their operations:

1. Maintain Social Distancing on the premises;
2. Prevent Prohibited Gatherings (defined as any gathering of more than 50 people, any two or more of whom are within six feet of each other, convening for more than ten minutes);
3. Require that patrons wear masks; and
4. Ensure that every employee who interacts with customers and is able to medically tolerate a mask is wearing a mask for the duration of a shift.

Order No. [2020-9](#) was put in effect to address the serious health concerns related to the ongoing pandemic. Operators of commercial passenger vessels are required to obey this order for the safety of their employees and passengers.

During Phase 4, Order No. [2020-9](#) allows a commercial vessel to operate at no more than 50 percent of the vessel's capacity listed on the U.S. Coast Guard's Certificate of Inspection (COI) issued to the specific vessel. However, the actual number of passengers allowed must be determined by the ability of those passengers to maintain safe social distance. The actual number of passengers permissible on a vessel may be less than 50% of the vessel's capacity to ensure and maintain social distancing parameters.

A commercial passenger vessel operator's failure to take the important safety precautions required under Order No. [2020-9](#), may be subject to an emergency closure order and a fine up to \$500.00 for each offense. In addition, violations of a BACP order carries a fine of up to \$10,000.00 for each offense and potential for license suspension or revocation.

- ▶ Interested in trying to resolve your ANOV remotely instead of having an in-person hearing? Email the ANOV# to BACP-AdministrativeHearings@CityofChicago.org
- ▶ For questions, comments, or to join the Business Affairs and Consumer Protection-Public Vehicle Operations (BACPPV) e-mail list to receive industry notices and other news, send an email to BACPPV@cityofchicago.org.
- ▶ Rules and Regulations governing City of Chicago licensed public vehicles and public chauffeurs are available at chicago.gov/bacp.
- ▶ The Municipal Code of Chicago is available at www.amlegal.com.

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