



## City of Chicago

### Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

Public Vehicle Operations Division · 2350 W. Ogden Ave., First Floor · Chicago, IL 60608  
312-746-4200 · [BACPPV@CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG](mailto:BACPPV@CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG) · [WWW.CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG/BACP](http://WWW.CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG/BACP)

## VOLUNTARY PILOT PROGRAM FOR TAXICAB VEHICLE INSPECTIONS V08.25.2017

In an ongoing effort to decrease burdens on taxicab medallion license holders without sacrificing public safety, the City is rolling out a new pilot program for taxicab vehicle inspections. Effective September 1, 2017, BACP will allow taxicab medallion licensees the opportunity to voluntarily participate in having 2<sup>nd</sup> period *mechanical vehicle inspections* conducted by a City of Chicago licensed motor vehicle repair (MVR) shop and *taxi-equipment specific inspections* conducted by BACP. This program was created in response to industry requests to help reduce wait times at the BACP Public Vehicle Inspections Facility. This program will give licensees more control in the management of their business; provide an opportunity to choose a licensed mechanic that is closer in proximity; offer greater flexibility to schedule the required mechanical inspections; and reduce operational burdens. In addition to being responsive to the industry, this pilot program will help BACP identify ways to further improve services and operational structure for licensees.

### **More about the Pilot Program Taxicab Vehicle Inspection Process:**

- a. Participation in this pilot program is voluntary.
- b. Currently, only taxicabs with model years 2015, 2014, and 2013 may participate in the program.
- c. MVR shops owned or managed by individuals in the taxicab industry are not eligible to participate in the program. This means that if you own or manage a taxicab and own an MVR shop, your shop cannot perform inspections for taxicabs participating in the program.
- d. The 2<sup>nd</sup> period mechanical vehicle inspection must be performed by a City of Chicago licensed MVR shop 30 days prior to the scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> period inspection to be conducted by BACP at the BACP Public Vehicle Inspection Facility.
- e. On the date and time of the presently required 2<sup>nd</sup> period inspection appointment at the BACP Public Vehicle Inspection Facility, the participating taxicab medallion license holder must present a legible, original, completed, and signed Vehicle Inspection Form.
- f. On the date and time of the scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> period inspection appointment at the BACP Public Vehicle Inspection Facility, the participating vehicle must undergo a taxi-equipment specific inspection. No mechanical inspection will be conducted. However, BACP will be conducting random full vehicle inspections to ensure the integrity of the pilot program. If your vehicle is chosen for this audit, the vehicle will undergo a full inspection on the day of the scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> period inspection that will cover both the mechanical and taxi-equipment specific inspections.
- g. BACP Public Vehicle Inspection Facility staff will only accept a Vehicle Inspection Form if it is fully completed, dated, and signed. The inspected vehicle must receive a passing mark to satisfy the 2<sup>nd</sup> period mechanical inspection requirement. Vehicles that fail the mechanical inspection must submit to a full vehicle inspection at the BACP Public Vehicle Inspection Facility.



# City of Chicago

## Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

Public Vehicle Operations Division · 2350 W. Ogden Ave., First Floor · Chicago, IL 60608  
312-746-4200 · [BACPPV@CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG](mailto:BACPPV@CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG) · [WWW.CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG/BACP](http://WWW.CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG/BACP)

### **VOLUNTARY PILOT PROGRAM FOR TAXICAB VEHICLE INSPECTIONS** V08.25.2017

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**1. Why is the City/BACP conducting this pilot program?**

This program was created in response to industry requests to help reduce wait times at the BACP Public Vehicle Inspections Facility. This program will give licensees more control in the management of their business; provide an opportunity to choose a licensed mechanic that is closer in proximity; offer greater flexibility to schedule the required mechanical inspections; and reduce operational burdens. In addition to being responsive to the industry, this pilot program will help BACP identify ways to further improve services and operational structure for licensees.

**2. Why do I still need to go to inspection at 39<sup>th</sup> Street after I pass the inspection at the city licensed motor vehicle repair shop?**

Participation in the pilot program only allows for the mechanical portion of the inspection to be conducted by a city licensed motor vehicle repair shop. The remaining items that encompass a full inspection, such as meter, camera, information sheet, affiliation markings, etc., must be performed at the 39<sup>th</sup> Street inspection facility by specially trained BACP Public Vehicle Inspectors.

**3. Is this program a requirement for all taxicab medallion licensees?**

No. This program is strictly voluntary. A licensee has the option to participate in the pilot program or have the full vehicle inspection performed at the 39<sup>th</sup> Street inspection facility. There is nothing else they need to do. Those who do not wish to participate in the program can simply go to their scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> period inspection at 39<sup>th</sup> Street as usual.

**4. What happens if my vehicle is chosen for an audit?**

Should your vehicle be chosen for an audit, it will undergo the full inspection at the 39<sup>th</sup> Street inspection facility. This will be done to ensure that vehicles undergoing inspections at city licensed motor vehicle repair shops are being properly inspected. The City plans to run an audit on 10% of all vehicles participating in the pilot program.

**5. How do I determine if a motor vehicle repair shop is licensed by the City?**

If you need assistance in looking for a city licensed motor vehicle repair facility, please visit BACP's Business License Look-up webpage at [www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/bacp/provdrs/bus/svcs/business\\_licenselook-up.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/bacp/provdrs/bus/svcs/business_licenselook-up.html).

**6. What if I want to file a complaint on a motor vehicle repair shop?**

We encourage anyone that wants to file a complaint to call 311.

**7. What will happen if I present my vehicle at the 39<sup>th</sup> Street inspection facility on the day of my scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> period inspection and I have not passed an inspection from a licensed motor vehicle repair shop?**

Vehicles are still required to meet ordinance requirements and must pass inspection to be allowed on the road. If a vehicle is presented at 39<sup>th</sup> Street and either no inspection has been conducted or it has failed its inspection at a city licensed motor vehicle repair shop, it will be subject to full inspection by 39<sup>th</sup> Street staff.