



City of Chicago

Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

PUBLIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY NOTICE

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Administrative Hearing Notice of Violation Citations **Eligible for Dismissal before Hearing Date**

In 2014, Mayor Rahm Emanuel appointed a diverse group of licensed City of Chicago taxicab drivers and representatives from the City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) to the Taxicab Driver Fairness Task Force. The Task Force was tasked with reviewing the City of Chicago's current laws that regulate taxicab drivers and other pertinent issues with a view towards recommending changes to create and implement new laws, policies, and procedures aimed at improving fairness. The goals of the reforms include ensuring that taxicab drivers receive a fair deal from the industry and the City as well as cutting bureaucratic red tape and creating a more positive interaction with the City.

Recommendations from the Taxicab Driver Fairness Task Force led to BACP amending both the **Public Chauffeur Rules and Taxicab Medallion License Holder Rules in September 2016**. The current rules are posted at the BACP webpage: www.cityofchicago.org/bacp. The amendments included creation of protocols to facilitate dismissal or non-suit of specific violations before the hearing date.

Specifically, the following citation violation(s) issued in the field are eligible for dismissal prior to the Department of Administrative Hearing (DOAH) court date:

1. Violation for failing to operate a taxicab or public passenger vehicle with required lit operational vehicle lights (headlights, taillights, brake lights, and turn signals); or
 2. Violation for not displaying required signage, (decals or bumper stickers) when operating a taxicab.
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1. A public chauffeur (taxicab or livery driver) or a taxicab medallion owner issued such a field citation may request dismissal of the citation prior to the DOAH court date by following the steps outlined below. The vehicle (taxicab or livery) cited or referenced in the citation must be presented for a visual inspection by an authorized BACP representative at the BACP Public Passenger Vehicle (PPV) Licensing Facility at 2350 W. Ogden Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60608.

- Vehicle must be presented between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.
 - The facility is open Monday through Friday except on designated holidays.
2. Licensee must bring and present the original issued citation at the same time the vehicle is presented for inspection.
 3. For the violation of failing to operate a taxicab or public passenger vehicle with required lit operational vehicle lights, licensee must present proof that the repair for a light was conducted at a licensed motor vehicle repair facility. Proof includes an invoice or receipt from repair facility.
 4. For the violation of missing required signage, licensee must present vehicle for inspection with all required signage.
 5. Vehicle and citation must be presented at the PPV Licensing Facility within two (2) business days of the citation issuance date.
 6. A cited public chauffeur must bring and present his or her current public chauffeur license to the BACP representative.
 7. Upon arrival at the PPV Licensing Facility, park your vehicle legally, enter the building, and check in with the receptionist on the 1st floor. Inform the receptionist you would like to meet with an authorized BACP supervisor to request dismissal of a citation for failing or operate with lit operational vehicle lights and/or citation for missing required signage.
 8. Once the authorized BACP representative conducts the visual inspection of the vehicle and ensures that the violation has been timely corrected, the BACP representative will make copies of the citation and any supporting documentation and submit a request for dismissal or non-suit of the citation(s) prior to the court date.

The above process was established to save licensees time from having to appear at DOAH.

Please keep in mind that the request to dismiss the citation must be completed within two (2) business days of receiving the citation. Failure to make a timely request or to bring required proof of corrective action may not result in the citation being dismissed prior to the DOAH court date.

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 - ▶ Rules and Regulations governing City of Chicago licensed public vehicles and public chauffeurs are available at www.cityofchicago.org/bacp.
 - ▶ The Municipal Code of Chicago is available at www.amlegal.com.

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