

- ▶ The City of Chicago’s Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) is charged with licensing and regulating the PEDICAB industry pursuant to Chapter 9-110 of the Municipal Code of Chicago (MCC), titled “Pedicabs”.
- ▶ The City of Chicago Pedicab annual license fee is \$250 per pedicab for the term of April 1 to May 31.
- ▶ The City of Chicago Pedicab Chauffeur license fee is \$5 per two-year term.
- ▶ The Municipal Code of Chicago is available at amlegal.com.
- ▶ Pedicab and pedicab chauffeur license information and forms are posted at chicago.gov/bacp.
- ▶ Data on issued pedicab and pedicab chauffeur licenses is available on the City of Chicago Data Portal: data.cityofchicago.org.
- ▶ This fact sheet contains a simplified summary of the Pedicabs Ordinance.
- ▶ Questions or comments may be directed to BACPPV@cityofchicago.org.

❖ What is a Pedicab License?

A pedicab is a pedal-powered public passenger vehicle used to provide transportation to passengers for hire. Each pedicab vehicle must be licensed. A pedicab license is obtained by the owner of the pedicab vehicle and authorizes the pedicab vehicle to operate in the City of Chicago. The pedicab license is not transferable. The ordinance limits the number of pedicab licenses to 200.

Pedicab (Vehicle) License Minimum Requirements:

- ✓ A separate license is required for each pedicab vehicle.
- ✓ License application fee: \$250.
- ✓ Identification such as a valid driver’s license, passport, or other official photo identification.
- ✓ Criminal background check clearance.
- ✓ City of Chicago debt clearance.
- ✓ Place of business within the City of Chicago.
- ✓ Minimum insurance coverage for each pedicab: \$300,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage. In addition, worker's compensation coverage must be provided as required by state law.
- ✓ Pedicab must meet requirements set forth in the ordinance, including size (no more than 55" wide and 120" long), headlight, taillights, brakes, rim reflectors, and seatbelts.
- ✓ Pedicab may be propelled by human power or may be a Class 1 or a Class 2 low-speed electric bicycle, as defined in Section 9-4-010 of the MCC. A Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle is prohibited to be used as a pedicab.
- ✓ **Upon licensing, the following must be visible and always displayed on or within the pedicab vehicle:**
 1. Pedicab chauffeur license worn by the pedicab driver/peddler
 2. Pedicab vehicle metal license plate
 3. Current license term pedicab license term decal sticker
 4. Current license term pedicab license “hard” card with proof of insurance
 5. “311” sticker

❖ What is a Pedicab Chauffeur License?

A pedicab chauffeur is the person that drives/peddles and controls the direction and steering of the pedicab. A pedicab chauffeur license must be obtained before operating a pedicab in the City of Chicago.

Pedicab Chauffeur License Application Minimum Requirements:

- ✓ Pedicab chauffeurs must be at least 18 years of age.
- ✓ A valid permanent United States driver's license issued and in good standing for at least one year prior to application date.
- ✓ Take and pass the pedicab chauffeur licensing exam.
- ✓ Criminal background check clearance in compliance with criteria listed in Chapter 9-110 of the MCC.
- ✓ City of Chicago debt clearance.
- ✓ Upon licensing, a pedicab chauffeur will be issued a photo pedicab chauffeur license ID card which must be always worn visibly while operating a pedicab.
- ✓ While operating a pedicab, the pedicab chauffeur must have in his/her possession a driver's license.

❖ Do Pedicabs and Pedicab Chauffeurs have operating requirements and restrictions?

Yes, the Municipal Code of Chicago Chapter 9-110 "PEDICABS" and Chapter 9-48 "TYPES OF VEHICLES – REGULATIONS" list operating requirements and restrictions for both pedicab licensees and pedicab chauffeur licensees. In addition, every person operating a pedicab shall have the same rights and be subject to the same traffic rules and laws as bicyclists, as stated in Chapter 9-52 "BICYCLES – OPERATION" of the MCC.

Minimum Pedicab Operating Requirements and Restrictions

- ✓ Pedicab vehicle must always display pedicab license plate and licensing decal.
- ✓ Pedicab chauffeur must always wear and display pedicab chauffeur license.
- ✓ Fare schedules must be visibly posted on pedicabs.
- ✓ Proof of mandated insurance coverage must be kept in the pedicab.
- ✓ Paid advertising permits must be secured to display advertising on pedicab vehicles.
- ✓ Pedicabs may not operate on sidewalks.
- ✓ Pedicabs may not operate in the Loop during weekday rush hours (between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.).
- ✓ Pedicabs may not operate on Michigan Avenue and State Street from Ida B. Wells Drive to Oak Street.
- ✓ Pedicab may not impede or block the normal movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- ✓ Pedicab driver may not operate pedicab while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.
- ✓ No person may drink, transport, carry, possess, or have any alcoholic liquor while being transported by a pedicab, except in the original package with the seal unbroken.
- ✓ No more than 4 passengers on a pedicab and passengers must always remain seated.
- ✓ It is a deceptive practice to operate a pedicab with an expired license. A licensee failing to renew his or her pedicab (vehicle) license must return the issued pedicab license decal and metal license plate to BACP within 30 days of the date of license expiration.
- ✓ **NEW – Effective March 6, 2022**, the following PEDICAB MUSIC/NOISE/SOUND RESTRICTIONS are in place:
 - From 10pm to 8am: a pedicab may NOT amplify music, noise, or sound
 - From 8am to 10pm: a pedicab may ONLY amplify music, noise, or sound when transporting passenger