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Taxicab Industry Bulletin

“Taxicab Vehicle Inspection”

Taxicabs are currently required to be inspected twice annually at the City of Minneapolis Currie Maintenance Facility. **Effective January 1, 2015** the frequency of inspections will be reduced to one inspection annually. Taxicab owners must turn in a completed inspection form with the application paperwork at the time of original licensure. Completed inspection forms will also be required and collected during the renewal of the Taxi Vehicle License by February 1st each year. The inspection must be completed between December 1st – January 31st (within 60 days) prior to the license renewal.

This inspection may be conducted at a City of Minneapolis or City of St Paul owned facility, a taxicab service company owned facility approved by the City of Minneapolis Licensing Official, or a privately owned, public motor vehicle repair garage approved by the City of Minneapolis Licensing Official.

To become an approved inspection facility, the facility must employ an ASE Certified Automotive Technician* who will sign the inspection form and have the facilities to perform a “wheels off” inspection and be able to inspect the under carriage of the vehicle by means of a hoist or lift. These inspections, using guidelines determined by the Licensing Official and posted on the City of Minneapolis website, shall be recorded on the approved City of Minneapolis or City of St. Paul vehicle inspection form. This form must be signed and stamped by the mechanic/garage with a copy of an invoice and any defect repair paperwork.

The City of Minneapolis Licensing Official may use past inspection data to disqualify a taxicab service company from performing vehicle inspections on their own vehicles.

Effective February 1, 2015 each licensed Minneapolis Taxicab vehicle must carry a copy of the most recent inspection form and provide to City officials upon request.

All taxicab service companies shall maintain a list of licensed taxicab vehicles operated under the service company color scheme and such list shall identify the date and location of the most recent inspection of each vehicle. This list shall be provided to the Licensing Official upon request.

The City of Minneapolis reserves the right to audit vehicle inspection integrity when the Licensing Official has reason to believe a taxicab vehicle passed an inspection while obvious defects existed. The cost of such audit inspections will be the responsibility of the taxicab vehicle licensee.

If you have any questions about this matter you may call Pat Hilden at the Department of Licenses and Consumer Services at 612-673-3317.

**An ASE certificate serves as proof of one's competence and effectiveness. Each facility must employ a Technician certified in these fields of Automotive knowledge and experience: Engine Repair, Automatic Transmission/Transaxle, Manual Drive Train & Axles, Suspension & Steering, Auto Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Heating & Air Conditioning and Engine Performance.*

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