

## Vehicle Age Requirement Policy (effective 3/30/11)

Driver demand/multiple requests to change service companies w/taxicab vehicles over 5 years in age. Vehicles were currently licensed and compliant w/all safety requirements to operate as a taxicab. Prevents company from having undue control over affiliate's business. Obtained examples of previous cases of company changes approved by City Attorneys.

Technically it is a new vehicle license and would generate the age requirement. However, based on the intent of the Code, an exception will be granted for a dated vehicle to change companies if it is currently licensed in Saint Paul, there is no sale or ownership change as part of the company switch, there is no lapse in insurance coverage, and a new Mechanical Inspection is obtained. Mechanical Inspections that accompany the new application will not be acceptable if older than 30 days. Procedurally, it will be necessary for the vehicle owner to "Cancel" their current license at the time they apply for the vehicle's new license. Also, it is vital that I am notified in advance and that I approve of the company change before proceeding. It is necessary to formally document the pending change in the license file while the vehicle is still in-compliance with the current license (i.e. approved color scheme/logo and number) to prevent it from constituting a lapse and/or violation and to confiscate the current license sticker before it is painted...

### **376.10 License - Issuance**

(b) *New licenses.* Any new applicant for a vehicle license shall, in addition to the requirements above, meet the following criteria:

(1) The vehicle(s) that applicant intends to license must be a maximum of five-years old from the current model year. Any replacement vehicles must meet these same requirements.