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THE TLC ANNOUNCES PROCEDURES FOR TAXICAB OWNERS TO REQUEST A VEHICLE RETIREMENT EXTENSION

On October 24, 2001, the Chair proposed and the Commission adopted amendments to its mandatory vehicle retirement rules, to enable eligible owners to request an extension of time to operate their vehicles for up to one year. In addition, vehicle owners who have purchased new vehicles that will not be delivered until after their scheduled vehicle retirement date may request a four-month extension. This Industry Notice sets forth the eligibility requirements and describes the procedure for requesting vehicle retirement extensions.

Who may apply for a vehicle retirement extension request?

An "independent taxicab owner" (defined in the TLC rules as an individual, partnership or corporation owning one medallion), or a "long-term driver" (defined in the TLC rules as a driver who leases a medallion for a least five months and whose name is listed on the rate card) *who is also the owner of the vehicle* may request a vehicle retirement extension for up to one year.

In addition, any vehicle owner who has purchased a new vehicle prior to the scheduled vehicle retirement date, but which will not be available for delivery until after that date, may request an extension of up to four months.

When may the request be made?

The request should be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled retirement date of the vehicle. ***This requirement may be waived by the Commissioner/Chair for good cause.*** If you are sending a request less than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled retirement date, you must state the reason why you could not have filed your request sooner, together with supporting documentation. An example of such good cause would include a recent illness, injury, personal/family emergency, or an unexpected expense or loss of income that occurred within thirty (30) days of the scheduled vehicle retirement date.

To whom should the request be made?

The request must be made by mail to the following address:

Matthew W. Daus
Commissioner/Chair
 NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission
 40 Rector Street, 5th Floor
 New York, NY 10006

What additional information should be provided?

In order to qualify for a one-year exemption, an owner must demonstrate an "economic or other hardship". Examples of such a hardship may include a loss of income due to illness or another business disruption, a change in personal circumstances, or other unusual event which creates a personal hardship. A vehicle owner must provide a detailed statement or other evidence setting forth the nature of the hardship. Examples of such evidence may include copies of bills, income statements, tax returns, or other documentation that demonstrate a loss of income or an increase in expenses.

If an owner is requesting a four-month extension because his/her new vehicle will not be ready for delivery by the scheduled vehicle retirement date, he/she must submit a copy of a Bill of Sale with the request.

The TLC has approved a form to be used by vehicle owners making requests. To read and print the TLC approved form ([Request for Vehicle Retirement Extension](#)), you must have the Adobe [Acrobat Reader](#) software installed on your PC.



Are there any other requirements?

The vehicle must have passed its most recent inspection and must continue to pass inspection throughout the extension period. Vehicles that fail initial inspections for defects that are not hazardous must be repaired by the scheduled re-inspection date assigned by the Woodside Centralized Inspection Facility.

May I Hack-Up a Used Vehicle Instead of Requesting an Extension?

The provision of TLC Rules authorizing the hack-up of a two-year old vehicle in the event of a hardship has been repealed.

If you have any additional questions concerning the vehicle retirement procedure, you may obtain information by calling (212) NYC-TAXI, or by visiting the TLC WebSite at www.NYC.gov/taxi.