

Minneapolis Taxicab Licenses

Convenience and Necessity
Hearing May 17, 2006

Convenience and necessity hearing ordinance requirements

341.270. Public convenience and necessity. (a) At least once every twenty-four (24) months, the city council shall conduct a hearing to consider whether public convenience and necessity warrant additional licenses.

In determining whether public convenience and necessity warrant additional licenses, the city council shall take into consideration:

- the level and quality of service being provided by existing taxicab operators;
- whether additional competition would improve the level and quality of service or the degree of innovation in delivery of services;
- the impact upon the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic;
- the impact upon traffic congestion and pollution;
- the available taxicab stand capacity;
- the public need and demand for service;
- the impact on existing taxicab operators;
- and such other factors as the city council may deem relevant.

TAXI INDUSTRY COMPLAINTS

Complaint Types

Type of Complaint	Number
Refusing an Orderly Customer	18
Rude Conduct/Bad Driving	24
Criminal Behavior	7
Financial Complaints	12
Illegal/Unlicensed Pick-Ups	6
Miscellaneous	12

Complaint Outcome

Type	Number
Unsubstantiated	42
Administrative Citation	12
Verbal Report	11
Written Report	1
Refer to another Agency	4
Accidental	1
Civil Matter	7
Other	2
TOTAL	80

Driver vs Company Complaints

Complaints on Driver	Complaints on Company	Total
72	8	80

January – November 2005

Historical Taxi License Data

- 1983 Taxicab Licenses set at 248
- 1988 Taxicab licenses increased to 273
- 1995 Taxicab Licenses increased to 343

Allocated as follows:

- 35 licenses to a new company (Green & White)
- 35 licenses to existing companies by lottery.

- 2002 Taxicab licenses increased to 388

Allocated as follows:

- 45 Wheelchair accessible vehicle licenses allocated as follows: 20 to Airport/Town Taxi, 15 to yellow Taxi, and 10 to Rainbow Taxi.

Current taxicab company licenses

	Reg.	Non-transfer	Winter	Neigh-ride	Total
■ Yellow	42	11	2	6	61
■ Blue & White	47	7	10	0	64
■ Red & White	51	0	0	0	51
■ Rainbow	45	5	0	0	50
■ Green & White	10	34	6	0	50
■ Airport / Town	40	5	9	0	52
■ ABC	23	0	0	0	23
■ Air-connect	22	0	0	0	22
■ AYS	6	3	2	0	11
■ Minneapolis	6	3	0	0	9
■ Skybird	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	302	69	30	6	399

Total without winter vehicles = 377

Dormant Taxicab Licenses

	Allocated	In Service	Dormant
■ Yellow	74	59	15
■ Blue & White	54	54	0
■ Red & White	51	51	0
■ Green & White	45	45	0
■ Rainbow	60	49	8
■ Airport	49	44	5
■ ABC	23	23	0
■ Air-connect	22	22	0
■ AYS	9	9	0
■ Minneapolis	9	9	0
■ Skybird	5	5	0
■ City of Mpls			
Total	401	366	28

Dormant Winter Licenses

	Avail.	Requested	In Service
■ Yellow	13	2	2
■ Blue & White	10	10	10
■ Red & White	10	0	0
■ Green & White	9	6	6
■ Rainbow	10	0	0
■ Airport	9	9	8
■ ABC	5	0	0
■ Air-connect	4	0	0
■ AYS	2	2	2
■ Minneapolis	2	0	0
■ Skybird	1	1	1
Total	75	30	29

Total dormant winter licenses = 46

Dormant Licenses by Type

■ Regular Licenses	0
■ Wheelchair Accessible	28
■ Non-transferable	0
■ Neighborhood Rideshare	0
■ Limited Winter Licenses	46
■ Total unused licenses	74

Survey of Comparable Cities

Cities	# of comp service	# of vehicles Licensed	Annual Fee/vehicle	Minimum cars	Cap on licensed Vehicles	GPS. Service - mandate?	Require Handicapped vehicles?	Do you encourage Atl. Fuel	Other types of transportation
Buffalo, NY Pop: 292,648	Waiting response								
Cincinnati, OH Pop: 331,285	about 30	about 415	\$161 per vehicle	No	No cap	No	No specific Veh, are required	No	Bus, no rail or subway; Other- limos
Kansas City, MO Pop: 441,545	total 17	City ordinance 600, active 518	one time fee \$500. no annual fee, Comp	yes, at least 10	the cap is 600	No	not required by ordinance	No	Bus, shuttle, and limo
Omaha, NE Pop: 390,007	5	call state Public Service Commission (PSC)	\$25 per vehicle	call state PSC	call state PSC	call state PSC	call state PSC	call state PSC	Bus, horse & carriage in lod market
Pittsburgh, PA Pop: 334,563	Waiting response								
St Louis, MO Pop: 348,189	14 on call taxicab	750 licensed	\$55 per vehicle	No	No cap	No	No	No, we do not oppose them.	Bus, light rail, rickshaw, horse carriage
St Paul, MN Pop: 287,151	Waiting response								
Toledo, OH Pop: 313,619	Waiting response								
Tulsa, OK Pop: 393,049	Currently 6	No limit	\$35 per vehicle	must have 10 cars to begin with	No cap	No	No	No	Bus, horse & carriage, wheelchair Veh, limos

