

BYLAW NO. 9986

The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Bylaw, 2024

The Council of the City of Saskatoon enacts:

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as *The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Bylaw, 2024*.

Purpose

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend *The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019* to:
 - (a) extend the term of the existing 21 temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licences to June 30, 2032;
 - (b) authorize the issuance of an additional 14 temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licences;
 - (c) set out processes for the issuance and redistribution of temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licences;
 - (d) renew the enterprise taxi licence program for a 4-year term, with a total of 16 enterprise taxi licences being issued through a lottery;
 - (e) make minor amendments to the enterprise taxi licence program; and
 - (f) update the appropriate appeal board to the Saskatoon Appeal Board.

Bylaw No. 9651 Amended

3. *The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019* is amended in the manner set forth in this Bylaw.

Section 2 Amended

4. The following article is added after subclause 2(hh)(ii)(l):
 - “(J) with respect to a trip involving an enterprise taxi licence, the enterprise taxi licence number and taxi driver photo identification for that trip, in addition to all information mentioned in articles (A) to (l);”.

Section 5 Amended

5. Section 5 is repealed and the following substituted:

“Number of Taxi Licences

5. (1) The City may issue up to 160 taxi licences.
- (2) In addition to the taxi licences mentioned in subsection (1), the City may issue up to:
 - (a) 35 enterprise taxi licences with terms ending June 28, 2024;
 - (b) 16 enterprise taxi licences with terms ending June 28, 2028;
 - (c) five wheelchair accessible taxi licences; and
 - (d) 35 temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licences.”.

Sections 21 and 22 Amended

6. Sections 21 and 22 are repealed and the following substituted:

“Term of Temporary Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Licences

21. (1) A temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licence issued to a taxi owner expires on June 30, 2032, regardless of the date of issue.
- (2) A temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licence issued to a taxi brokerage:
 - (a) is valid as of May 1, 2024 or, in the case of a licence issued after May 1, 2024, as of the date of issue; and
 - (b) expires on June 30, 2032, regardless of the date of issue.

Method of Issuing and Redistributing Temporary Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Licences

22. (1) Temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licences issued to taxi owners shall be issued and redistributed as follows:
- (a) temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licences will initially be issued to any taxi owner who held a valid temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licence as of April 24, 2024;
 - (b) in the event a taxi owner no longer qualifies for or requires their temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licence for any reason, or fails to renew their licence within the required time, the following process applies:
 - (i) the licence shall be returned to the City;
 - (ii) if the taxi has been sold, the new owner of the taxi may, within the time required by the City, apply for a licence;
 - (iii) if there is no new owner, or the new owner does not obtain a licence within the time required by the City, the City may redistribute the licence to a taxi brokerage in accordance with the process set out in subsection (2).
- (2) Temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licences issued to taxi brokerages shall be issued and redistributed as follows:
- (a) the City shall provide every taxi brokerage with the option to apply for one temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licence;
 - (b) subject to availability of licences, the option to apply for additional temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licences may be offered to taxi brokerages based on fleet size of taxi licences mentioned in subsection 5(1) and clause 5(2)(c), as determined by the City;
 - (c) failure to apply for and obtain a licence within the time required by the City may result in the City rescinding the option to apply and providing this option to the next qualifying taxi brokerage;

- (d) in the event a taxi brokerage no longer qualifies for or requires a licence for any reason, or fails to renew their licence within the required time, the licence shall be returned to the City, and the City may redistribute the licence in accordance with clauses (a), (b) and (c).

Lease Fees

- 22.1 Lease fees shall not be charged for the use of a temporary wheelchair accessible taxi licence. Only normal operating costs may be recovered.”.

Section 26 Amended

- 7. Clause 26(3)(a) is repealed and the following substituted:

“(a) the taxi driver holds or has held any licence issued pursuant to clause 4(a), (b), (d) or (e) at any time within the two years immediately preceding the date of the lottery draw;”.

Section 28 Amended

- 8. Section 28 is repealed and the following substituted:

- “28. (1) The enterprise taxi licence distribution lottery shall be conducted in accordance with this section.
- (2) Applications to participate in the lottery that meet the requirements of section 27 shall, once received by the City, be marked for identification and placed into a lottery pool.
- (3) The number of enterprise taxi licences to be issued from the lottery pool shall be determined by the City in advance of the lottery.
- (4) All applications for the lottery shall be drawn and numbered in the order in which they are drawn.

- (5) The City shall conduct the lottery in public, with the names of the first drawn applicants, being the applicants who are expected to be notified that they are eligible to be issued a licence, being announced as they are drawn.
- (6) Successful applicants shall be notified, in the order in which they were drawn, that they are, subject to compliance with section 29, eligible to be issued a licence.
- (7) Before notifying an applicant that they are eligible to be issued a licence, the City shall:
 - (a) verify that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria set out in section 26; and
 - (b) determine the taxi broker for which the applicant intends to drive.
- (8) If the City determines that an applicant was ineligible to have participated in the lottery:
 - (a) the applicant shall be notified, in writing, of the City's decision regarding eligibility together with written reasons for the decision; and
 - (b) the next eligible applicant drawn from the lottery pool shall be notified that they are, subject to compliance with section 29, eligible to be issued a licence.”.

Section 29 Amended

9. (1) Subsection 29(1) is repealed.
- (2) Subsection 29(2) is amended by striking out “At least two days prior to the commencement date of the licence, the applicant shall” and substituting “An enterprise taxi licence distribution lottery applicant shall, no later than 30 days from the date they are notified pursuant to section 28 that they are eligible to be issued an enterprise taxi licence”.
- (3) The following subsections are added after subsection 29(3):

- “(4) If the applicant fails to comply with subsection (2), the City may offer the enterprise taxi licence to the next eligible applicant drawn from the lottery pool.
- (5) The City shall provide each taxi broker with the names of the persons issued enterprise taxi licences.”.

Section 30 Amended

10. (1) Subsection 30(1) is repealed and the following substituted:

“30. (1) An enterprise taxi licence shall be valid:

- (a) for 5 years commencing on June 29, 2019 and ending on June 28, 2024, in the case of a licence issued prior to June 29, 2024; and
- (b) for 4 years commencing on June 29, 2024 and ending on June 28, 2028, in the case of a licence issued on or after June 29, 2024.”.

(2) Clause 30(4)(a) is amended by striking out “annually” and substituting “per licence year”.

(3) The following subsection is added after clause 30(4)(b):

“(4.1) The eight week period mentioned in clause (4)(a) includes any leave due to sickness or other extenuating circumstances beyond the licensee’s control.”.

Section 63 Amended

11. Section 63 is repealed and the following substituted:

“63. (1) An aggrieved party may appeal to the Saskatoon Appeal Board the City’s decision to:

- (a) deny a licence or licence renewal;
- (b) suspend or cancel a licence issued under this Bylaw; or

- (c) impose terms or conditions on a licence issued under this Bylaw.
- (2) The rules, procedure and time limits for an appeal pursuant to subsection (1) shall be governed by the provisions of *The Saskatoon Appeal Board Bylaw, 2024.*

Coming into Force

- 12. (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Bylaw comes into force on the day of its final passing.
- (2) Section 11 comes into force on January 1, 2025.

Read a first time this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Read a second time this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Read a third time and passed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk