
Changes to the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, for the Regulation of Transportation Network Companies

At its meeting of June 8, 2016 Mississauga Council approved By-law 0134-2016, a by-law to amend the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, for the regulation of transportation network companies (TNCs).

Highlights of the changes to the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, for the regulation of TNCs are summarized below:

- A TNC includes any person that licenses, administers, owns, has control over or operates an App used to connect drivers with passengers for transportation services.
- An App is a mobile application that can be downloaded into or accessed on a mobile telephone, tablet or other digital electronic device used in a vehicle to calculate the fare payable for transportation services. An App can also perform one or more of the following functions: (a) allows a person to identify the locations of available vehicles and allows a driver to identify the location of a person who is seeking the services of a vehicle; (b) allows a person to request a vehicle via the mobile telephone, tablet or other digital electronic device; and, (c) allows for the payment of transportation services through electronic means.
- TNCs and private for hire vehicles are captured as brokers and taxicabs, respectively, while leaving the requirements of obtaining a taxicab licence the same, except for changes that were made to the priority list (as noted in the next bullet point). Requirements for police checks, driver training, vehicle checks, etc. have not changed.
- Driving requirements for getting on and remaining on the priority list have been lifted. However, all individuals who are now issued new taxicab plates still need to demonstrate for the first three years of taxicab plate ownership that they are driving in the City of Mississauga as a taxicab driver (to the satisfaction of the Licence Manager) and they cannot transfer the subject taxicab plate ownership during this time.
- The definition of broker has been amended to include companies that provide a technological service, including mobile Apps, which connect drivers directly to passengers.
- TNCs are required to obtain a licence from the City to operate in Mississauga.

- Operators of motor vehicles that accept transportation services for compensation or reward using an App operated by a TNC are required to obtain a licence to operate in Mississauga.
- Taxicabs that provide transportation services that are exclusively arranged using an App no longer require a roof light; however the vehicle must have a small decal identifying the vehicle, which has been approved by the Licence Manager.
- Taxicabs that provide transportation services that are exclusively arranged using an App cannot accept a hail.
- Applicants for a limousine owner's licence are no longer required to obtain a licence for a stretch limousine before they can obtain a licence for a non-stretch limousine.

A copy of the [Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04](#), as amended, which includes the amendments for the regulation of TNCs, can be obtained by accessing the following link:

http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/bylaws/Public_Vehicle_Licensing_.pdf

City staff continues to enforce the requirements of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, including the recent changes to the by-law approved by Council on June 8, 2016.