



Kingston Area Taxi Licensing Commission

Motion to Commission

Motion Number: 22-011

To: Members of the Kingston Area Taxi Commission
From (Mover): Joseph R. Dowser, Chair, Kingston Area Taxi Commission
Resource Staff: Standing Committee
Date of Meeting: July 13, 2022
Subject: Model Year Restrictions

Whereas the Kingston Area Taxi Commission carried a motion during the 2021-6 General Meeting held June 9, 2021, and June 16, 2021, being a “By-Law to Age of Vehicle Transition”, which states;

By-Law Number 2, Section 3(10):

(10) A vehicle being used as a Taxicab shall not be older than ten (10) years of age.

Notwithstanding this statement the follow subsections are added:

- (a) Currently licensed taxis (as of June 2021) that are 13 and 14 years old (model years 2007 and 2008) must be replaced by December 31, 2021.
- (b) Currently licensed taxis (as of June 2021) that are 12 years old (model year 2009) are permitted to continue operating on a grandfathered basis, provided that they meet the other requisite safety standards until June 30, 2022.
- (c) Currently licensed taxis (as of June 2021) that are 10 and 11 years old (model years 2010, 2011) are permitted to continue operating on a grandfathered basis, provided that they meet the other requisite safety standards, until they are 12 years old.
- (d) Currently licensed taxis (as of June 2021) that are 9 years old (model year 2012) are permitted to continue operating on a grandfathered basis, provided that they meet the other requisite safety standards, until they are 11 years old.
- (e) Any grandfathered vehicle that is 10 years old or older is required to undergo heightened safety inspection (3 safeties per year instead of 2, at the owner’s expense).
- (f) After June 30, 2022, no vehicle over 12 years of age shall be permitted to operate as a taxi under any circumstances.
- (g) All subsections of By-Law No. 2, Section 3, Subsection (10) shall be removed from the bylaw on December 31, 2023.



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Whereas the Taxi Industry are currently recovering from the pandemic and severe economic loss;

Whereas inflation rates are at a 30-year high, owners of Taxicabs are not in a financial position to replace vehicles operating as taxicabs as set forth in By-Law Number 2, section 3(10), being a "By-Law to Age of Vehicle";

Whereas the availability of newer model vehicles is limited, owners of Taxicabs are hard-pressed to locate and acquire newer model vehicles;

Whereas enforcement of By-Law Number 2, section 3(10) would greatly reduce the number of available taxicabs for public use, severely reducing the capacity of the Taxi Industry to meet the demand of public transportation requirements, and;

Whereas enforcement of By-Law Number 2, section 3(10) would cause owners of Taxicabs severe economic burden and undue stress;

Whereas there are currently no clauses contained in By-Law Number 2 which provide extensions to the age of vehicles used as taxicabs.

Therefore, it is hereby moved:

1. That By-Law Number 2, section 3, subsection (10), subsubsections (a) through (g), being "By-Laws to Age of Vehicle Restriction Transition", be repealed;
2. That By-Law Number 2, section 3, subsection (10), be amended;
3. That By-Law Number 2, section 3, subsection (10), subsubsection (1), including subsubsections (a) through (e) being a "By-Law to Model Year Restrictions", be adopted, and;
4. That By-Law Number 2, Schedule F, being a "Schedule to Fees", be amended.

(AMEND and ADOPT)

MODEL YEAR RESTRICTIONS

By-Law Number 2, Section 3:

(10) No Motor Vehicle more than ten (10) Model Years old shall be used as a Taxicab.

- (1) Notwithstanding subsection 3(10), the Licence Manager or Taxi Commission has the ability to extend the ten (10) Model Years restriction for four (4) additional six (6) month periods if the following conditions are met;



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- (a) a valid Safety Standard Certificate is provided for the Motor Vehicle which has been issued by a garage that is duly licensed by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to perform Vehicle Safety Inspections within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the ten (10) Model Years for the Motor Vehicle and within fifteen (15) days of the expiration of the initial and subsequent six (6) month extension;
 - (b) the Motor Vehicle is submitted to the Licence Manager for an inspection and in the opinion of the Licence Manager, the Motor Vehicle is safe and free of any mechanical defects;
 - (c) the Licensee has submitted the Extension Application and paid the Administrative Fee as set out in Schedule F of the By-law; and
 - (d) the Licensee has met the requirements of (a) and (c) and has provided their Motor Vehicle for an inspection to the Licence Manager within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the ten (10) Model Years and within fifteen (15) days of the expiration of the initial six (6) month extension.

Exception

- (e) Owners of currently licensed taxicabs model years 2007 and newer are eligible for extensions as set forth in 3(10)(1), providing the Licensee has met all conditions as set forth in 3(10)(1) by no later than August 12, 2022.
- (f) Paragraphs 3(10)(e) and (f) shall sunset from this By-Law on August 12, 2024.

(AMEND)

BY-LAW NUMBER 2

SCHEDULE F

Extensions

9	Model Year Extension for Taxicab (Maximum of 4 Extensions per Vehicle)	\$39.75
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