

**BOARD ORDER NO. 065
FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF TAXICAB COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, the Board, as part of each taxicab franchise ordinance, may adopt vehicle standards and requirements for clean fuel/clean air taxicab vehicle policies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on October 26, 2010, approved the renewal of the existing taxicab franchise agreements to at least December 31, 2015, and that such renewal approval included a “green taxi” provision whereby 80% of each Los Angeles taxicab fleet (not including Wheelchair Accessible vehicle exemptions) must be included as “green” vehicles producing lower smog pollution and Green House Gas emissions by the end of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved Board Order No. 062 on December 16, 2010, establishing the City of Los Angeles Taxicab Greening Program describing “green” vehicle standards and deployment requirements during the taxicab franchising period in order to aide in the reduction of pollutants emitted from taxicab transportation vehicles for both smog pollution and Green House Gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the potential for a temporary taxicab vehicle substitution program whereby vehicles removed from active service (outage) due to unexpected major repairs or replacement issues may be temporarily replaced with a pre-approved substitute green taxicab, lessening the economic effect to vehicle owners and drivers during vehicle outage periods, as well as providing more consistent service capability to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Taxicab Commissioners approved Tentative Resolution, Board Order No. 065 on June 16, 2011, and such Tentative Resolution was published on June 23, 2011, for a five-day public review period;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that each taxicab operator (franchisee) shall have the option (if they so desire), to establish an authorized “green” taxicab substitution vehicle pool, for use as temporary taxicab fleet vehicle substitutes during vehicle outage periods of both “green” and other types of taxicabs. All substitute vehicle requirements, usage, and program provisions and conditions of the Los Angeles Green Taxicab Substitution Program are described, as follows:

CITY OF LOS ANGELES GREEN TAXICAB SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM

1. *Number of Substitute Vehicles* - Each taxicab operator will be allowed to purchase spare or substitute green vehicles as part of an authorized substitute vehicle pool. The maximum number of pool vehicles is to be based on the total fleet size of the franchisee (operator). As included in the chart below, operators with 100 or less total vehicle authorities would be authorized for a pool of no more than three (3) substitute vehicles available for temporary taxicab service. For every 100 additional vehicle authorities, one more additional substitute vehicle could be added to the substitute vehicle pool.

Total Vehicle Authorities	Number of Substitutes	Total Vehicle Authorities	Number of Substitutes
< 101	3	401 to 500	7
101 to 200	4	501 to 600	8
201 to 300	5	601 to 700	9
301 to 400	6	701 to 800	10

2. Type and Age of Substitute Vehicle Pool – Vehicles to be authorized as part of the substitute vehicle pool must meet “green” taxicab status requirements when initially placed in the substitution pool. This includes the requirement for meeting one of the green vehicle levels authorized at time of vehicle addition to the substitution pool. Initial and maximum vehicle age allowance when first placed into the approved vehicle substitution pool must also meet normal vehicle age rules (B.O. 062). Once a vehicle has been approved as a pending substitute vehicle, it may be added as a temporary taxicab at any age, up to the maximum age allowance approved by the Board for the vehicle type.
3. Request to Add Vehicle to Substitution Pool – Operator shall request Department approval (as included in a Department form) to add a specific vehicle to its green vehicle substitution pool. Registration documentation as a commercial vehicle registered to the taxicab operator must be provided indicating vehicle identification (VIN and license plate), model year, and mileage. As noted above, the vehicle must meet initial green vehicle type and age requirements when first added to the vehicle substitution pool.
4. Use of Vehicle Prior to Taxicab Substitution – The taxicab operator will be allowed to use the potential substitute vehicle for normal business purposes prior to, or in between, any potential use as a substitute replacement taxicab. This would include use for day to day errands, supervisory vehicle status, etc. Vehicle must clearly be indicated as not-in-taxi-service during this period, and the operator shall bag or otherwise cover the taxicab meter (if installed).
5. Length of Vehicle Substitution Period – The approved substitute green vehicle may be used in taxicab service to temporarily replace any fleet vehicle. If the substitute vehicle is used to replace a wheelchair accessible or non-green taxicab, it may not be used as a substitute vehicle for more than a two month period. If the substitute vehicle is used to temporarily replace another green taxicab, it may be used as a substitute vehicle for up to a four month period. Staff may, based on a case-by-case review, extend the substitute vehicle status period.
6. Replacement of a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle - An operator may not operate more than one substitute vehicle in place of a wheelchair accessible vehicle slot for every thirty (30) wheelchair accessible vehicle authorities (i.e., if an operator is authorized for less than 31 wheelchair accessible vehicles as part of their taxicab fleet, they may use no more than one substitute vehicle in place of an out-of-service wheelchair accessible van at any time; if an operator is authorized for 31 to 60 wheelchair accessible vehicle authorities, they may have a maximum of two temporary substitute vehicles operating in lieu of wheelchair vans at any time).

7. Request to Seal Substitute Vehicle – Operator shall provide a written request, either by mail, facsimile, or e-mail, to seal (decal) a substitute vehicle as a temporary taxicab (form to be developed by the Department). The request will document the repair or replacement issues noted for the normal vehicle fleet slot along with an anticipated substitution time period. If the originating taxicab is to be replaced, the operator will also return the vehicle decals with the substitute vehicle request. If the originating taxicab is to be repaired, the operator will request a temporary suspension of the originating taxicab, without a requirement to return the vehicle seals (decals).

Operator will present the substitute vehicle to the Department, along with all required paperwork, proof of insurance, vehicle registration information (registered to taxicab operator) and decaling fee. Staff will inspect and seal (decal) the substitute vehicle, activating the vehicle for temporary taxicab service. Proof of meter registration and vehicle registration within a one year period will be accepted for the substitute vehicle (normally required to be updated within 30 days prior to vehicle sealing request).

8. Request to End Vehicle Substitution Status – Operator shall provide a letter to the Department (with the substitution vehicle decals) when prepared to remove the substitute green vehicle from taxicab service. If a potential substitute vehicle is not currently in use as a taxicab (only part of the currently approved substitute vehicle pool), the letter will simply request the vehicle removal from the authorized substitute vehicle pool.
9. Use of Substitute Vehicle as Permanent Taxicab – Should the operator desire to use a substitute vehicle as a permanent replacement for a previously authorized taxicab vehicle fleet slot, there will be no minimum age requirement as this vehicle criteria was already met when first authorized as a substitute vehicle. Vehicle must be presented with all current documentation, registration requirements for the member of record, proof of insurance and fees as normally required for decaling as a taxicab. Maximum vehicle age requirements still apply.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Final Resolution, designated as Board Order No. 065, was adopted by the Board of Taxicab Commissioners at its meeting held on September 15, 2011.

Dated at Los Angeles, California this 15th day of September 2011.

By Order of the Board

ATTEST

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