THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

BY-LAW NO. 14/2025

A By-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to amend the Vehicles for Hire By-law and Municipal By-law Enforcement Act (MBEA) Enabling By-law

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, in Council assembled, enacts as follows:

PART 1
AMENDMENTS TO THE VEHICLES FOR HIRE BY-LAW

Vehicles for Hire By-law amended

1 The Vehicles for Hire By-law No. 129/2017 is amended by this Part.

Subsection 3(1) amended

2(1) Subsection 3(1) is amended to add the following definitions in alphabetical order:

"digital advertising" means any electronic display of advertising, marketing, interactive or other promotional content;

"limousine driver's licence" means a standard limousine driver's licence issued under this By-law;

2(2) Subsection 3(1) is amended to replace clause (d) in the definition of "transportation service" with the following:

(d) transportation of a passenger provided or offered in the course of providing goods and services to an individual who requires personal assistance with the activities of daily living where

(i) the arrangement or provision of that transportation is not the primary business of the person providing the goods or services; and

(ii) no fee or charge is directly charged or collected for the provision of the transportation portion of the goods or services being provided;

2(3) Subsection 3(1) is amended to replace clause (f) of the definition of "transportation service" with the following:

(f) a shuttle service operated by a business or other organization to provide transportation on a pre-determined schedule or route as a courtesy to users of the business or other organization's goods or services but does not include transportation provided by a vehicle for hire on behalf of a business or other organization for compensation;

Subsection 8(1) amended

3 Clause 8(1)(a.1) is added after clause 8(1)(a) as follows:

(a.1) not owe any outstanding fines or fees with respect to this By-law (including per-trip fees) or any City By-laws;

Section 20.1 added

4 Section 20.1 is added after subsection 20(2) as follows:

20.1(1) A dispatcher may provide for digital advertising in or on a vehicle for hire provided such digital advertising complies with any requirements or guidelines established by the designated employee in accordance with this By-law.

20.1(2) The designated employee may order that a dispatcher make changes to its digital advertising and, when doing so, must provide a reasonable time for compliance with the order. The dispatcher must comply with such an order.

Section 23 deleted

5 Section 23 is deleted.

Section 26 replaced

6 Section 26 is replaced with the following:

26(1) Upon receiving a report from a taxi driver registered with the dispatcher that he or she has refused to accept a request for service or has refused to drop off a passenger at his or her preferred destination under section 58 (Obligation to accept passengers and drop off at preferred destination), a taxi dispatcher must collect the following information:

(a) the date, time and location of the refusal;

(b) the taxi driver's licence number;

(c) the taxi's licence number;

(d) a complete description of the circumstances and the reasons for refusing the request for service; and

(e) any other information reasonably requested by the designated employee.

26(2) A taxi dispatcher must provide the information required by subsection 26(1) to the designated employee within 24 hours of a request by the designated employee.

Subsection 32(4) added

7 Subsection 32(4) is added after subsection 32(3) as follows:

32(4) A PTP dispatcher must not identify a PTP vehicle as a taxi or otherwise hold out a PTP vehicle as a taxi.

Subsection 33(1) amended

8(1) Subclause 33(1)(iv) is amended to delete *"and"*.

8(2) Subclause 33(1)(v) is amended to replace the word "or" with "*and*".

8(3) Subclause 33(1)(vi) is added after subclause 33(1)(v) as follows:

(vi) evidence that he or she is eligible to work in Canada; or

8(4) Clause 33(1)(b) is amended to add "*or limousine driver's licence*" immediately after "valid taxi driver's licence" and immediately after "the taxi driver's licence".

Subsection 33(1.1) replaced

9 Section 33(1.1) is replaced as follows:

33(1.1) If a PTP dispatcher registers an individual as a driver under clause (1)(b), the PTP dispatcher must

(a) suspend the driver's registration if their taxi driver's licence or limousine driver's licence is suspended or expires, unless the PTP dispatcher receives proof of renewal of the licence prior to its expiry;

(b) terminate the driver's registration if their taxi driver's licence or limousine driver's licence is cancelled or not renewed.

Subsection 39(2) amended

10 Clause 39(2)(a.1) is added after clause 39(2)(a) as follows:

(a.1) not owe any outstanding fines or fees with respect to this By-law (including per-trip fees) or any City By-laws;

Subsection 45.1(1) replaced

11 Subsection 45.1(1) is replaced as follows:

45.1 The owner of a limousine must not permit it to be used to provide a transportation service unless

(a) the limousine is licenced under this Part; and

(b) the driver is licenced under Part 4, Division 4 (Rules for limousine drivers).

Subsection 45.3(2) amended

12 Clause 45.3(2)(a.1) is added after clause 45.3(2)(a) as follows:

(a.1) not owe any outstanding fines or fees with respect to this By-law (including per-trip fees) or any City By-laws;

Subsection 46(1) amended

13(1) Subclause 46(1)(d) is amended to delete *"and"*.

13(2) Subclause 46(1)(e) is amended to replace "." with "*; and*".

13(3) Subclause 46(1)(f) is added after subclause 46(1)(e) as follows:

(f) is eligible to work in Canada.

Subsection 46(2) amended
14(1) Subclause 46(2)(d) is amended to replace "." with "*; and*".

14(2) Subclause 46(2)(e) is added after subclause 46(2)(d) as follows:

(e) any change in status regarding eligibility to work in Canada.

Subsection 55(3) amended
15 Subsection 55(3) amended to add "*, debit card*" immediately after "cash" and replace "and" with "*or*".

Section 64.2 added
16(1) Subsection 64.2(1) is added after subsection 64.1(3) as follows:

64.2(1) A PTP driver must comply with any order issued by the designated employee or the Vehicles for Hire Appeal Board.

16(2) Subsection 64.2(2) is added after subsection 64.2(1) as follows:

64.2(2) If the registration of a PTP driver or a PTP vehicle under this By-law is suspended, the PTP driver or PTP vehicle subject to the suspension must not engage in the activities authorized by its registration during the period of its suspension.

Subsection 73(3) amended
17(1) Clause 73(3)(r) is amended to delete "and".

17(2) Clause 73(3)(s) is amended to replace "." with "*; and*"

17(3) Clause 73(3)(t) is added as follows:

(t) to establish and impose requirements or guidelines for digital advertising in or on a vehicle for hire.

PART 2
AMENDMENTS TO
THE MUNICIPAL BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT ENABLING BY-LAW

Municipal By-law Enforcement Act (MBEA) Enabling By-law amended

1 The Municipal By-law Enforcement Act (MBEA) Enabling By-law 59/2016 is amended by this Part.

Schedule A amended

2 The table applicable to the Vehicles for Hire By-law No. 129/2017 set out in Schedule A of the Municipal By-law Enforcement Act Enabling By-law No. 59/2016 is amended

(a) to delete the following Provisions:

Vehicles for Hire By-law, By-Law No. 129/2017		Administrative Penalty	
Provision	Contravention summary	Administrative Penalty ($)	Early Payment Discount ($)
23	Failure to preserve camera records for required time period	1000	N/A
26	Failure by dispatcher to report refusal of service within 24 hours of receipt of report.	1000	500
45.1(1)	Owner allowing provision of limousine service in unlicensed limousine or by unlicensed driver	500	250

(b) to add the following Provisions in numerical order:

Vehicles for Hire By-law, By-Law No. 129/2017		Administrative Penalty	
Provision	Contravention summary	Administrative Penalty ($)	Early Payment Discount ($)
20.1(1)	Failure by dispatcher to comply with digital advertising guidelines or requirements	1000	500
20.1(2)	Failure by dispatcher to comply with an order to make changes to digital advertising	1000	500
26(1)	Failure by dispatcher to collect all required information regarding refusal of service	1000	500
26(2)	Failure by dispatcher to report refusal of service information within 24 hours of request	1000	500
32(4)	PTP dispatcher identifying or holding out a PTP vehicle as a taxi	500	N/A
45.1(a)	Owner allowing provision of limousine service in unlicensed limousine	500	250
45.1(b)	Owner allowing provision of limousine service by unlicensed driver	500	250

Vehicles for Hire By-law, By-Law No. 129/2017		Administrative Penalty	
Provision	Contravention summary	Administrative Penalty ($)	Early Payment Discount ($)
64(2)	Fail to comply with Highway Traffic Act rules for restraining passengers and securing wheelchairs, etc.	500	N/A
64.2(1)	PTP driver failing to comply with order	1000	500
64.2(2)	Operation under registration during suspension	1000	500

(c) to replace the current Administrative Penalty and Early Payment Discount amounts with the following amounts:

Vehicles for Hire By-law, By-Law No. 129/2017		Administrative Penalty	
Provision	Contravention summary	Administrative Penalty ($)	Early Payment Discount ($)
57(1)	Charge a fare not in accordance with the fare schedule	500	250
57(2)	Negotiating a fare in excess of what would be charged under the fare schedule	500	250
57(3)	Failure to operate the meter during service where a negotiated fare is in place.	250	N/A

(d) to replace the current Contravention Summary descriptions with the following descriptions:

Vehicles for Hire By-law, By-Law No. 129/2017		Administrative Penalty	
Provision	Contravention summary	Administrative Penalty ($)	Early Payment Discount ($)
22(a)	Dispatch or offer to dispatch a PTP by a nondigital platform	1000	500
55(3)	Taxi driver failing to allow passenger to pay by either cash, debit card or credit card	125	N/A

PART 3
COMING INTO FORCE

Coming into force

1 This By-law comes into force upon its enactment by Council.

DONE AND PASSED this 30th day of January, 2025.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved as to content:

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General Manager of Winnipeg Parking Authority

Legally reviewed and certified as to form:

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For Director of Legal Services/ City Solicitor