



**City
of
Milwaukee**

**LICENSE DIVISION
Interdepartmental Correspondence**

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TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Richard Pfaff, License Division Assistant Manager

DATE: June 23, 2008

RE: EPA Fuel Economy Estimates for and Make/Models of Vehicles Operating as Taxicabs in Current Biennial License Period

CCFN 080078, Proposed Substitute A establishes that, with the license period beginning December 1, 2009, no new public passenger vehicle permits for taxicabs shall be issued for or shall be transferred to any motor vehicles not meeting a minimum city rating of 25 miles per gallon as estimated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). With the license period beginning December 1, 2011, no new public passenger permits for taxicabs shall be issued for or shall be transferred to any motor vehicles not meeting a minimum city rating of 30 miles per gallon as estimated by the EPA.

Provided on the following page is a table relating to the EPA'S revised city and combined fuel economy estimates, and the number of public passenger vehicle permits that have been issued for the operation of taxicabs per vehicle make, model and model year for the current biennial license period expiring November 30, 2009.

There are 321 public passenger vehicle permits issued for the operation of taxicabs for the current license period. Our records indicate that 156 (48.6%) of permit holders operate a Chevrolet Impala, and an additional 121 (37.7%) permit holders operate a Ford Crown Victoria. The Dodge Grand Caravan is the only other make and model of vehicle that is operated by more than 5% of permit holders.

According to the EPA website (www.fueleconomy.gov), the revised city and combined fuel economy estimates for the makes and models of vehicles currently licensed to operate as taxicabs in the City of Milwaukee range from 14/16 mpg (1999 Chevrolet Tahoe) to 19/22 mpg (2002-03 Chevrolet Impala).

For the current license period, no makes and models of vehicles for which public passenger vehicle permits have been issued for the operation of taxicabs meet the minimum city rating of 25 miles per gallon as proposed in CCFN 080078.

Table. City and Combined EPA Fuel Economy Estimates, and Number of Taxicab Permits Issued per Vehicle Make, Model and Model Year for 2007-09 Biennial License Period, June 2008.

Make	Model	City/Combined EPA Fuel Economy Estimates (MPG) and Number of Taxicab Permits Issued (in parentheses) per Model Year.									
		2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Buick (7)	LeSabre (2)							17/20 (1)	17/21 (1)		
	Park Avenue (5)						17/20 (3)				17/20 (2)
Chevrolet (157)	Impala (156)		18/21 (13)	18/21 (15)	19/22 (41)	19/22 (28)	17/21 (30)	17/21 (29)			
	Tahoe (1)								12/14 (1)		
Chrysler (3)	Town & Country					16/18 (1)	16/18 (2)				
Dodge (17)	Grand Caravan	17/20 (1)	17/20 (1)	17/19 (2)	17/20 (3)	16/18 (1)	16/18 (6)	17/19 (2)	16/18 (1)		
Ford (121)	Crown Victoria				16/18 (14)	16/18 (10)	16/18 (16)	16/18 (36)	16/18 (23)	16/18 (19)	16/18 (3)
GMC (1)	Safari Van							15/16 (1)			
Lincoln (6)	Town Car						16/18 (1)	16/18 (2)	16/18 (2)	16/18 (1)	
Mercury (8)	Grand Marquis		16/19 (1)		16/18 (2)	16/18 (2)	16/18 (1)		16/18 (1)	16/18 (1)	
Oldsmobile (1)	88									17/21 (1)	

Source: License Division records; www.fueleconomy.gov.