

- ▶ The City of Chicago’s Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) ensures Chicago’s public passenger vehicles are safe, reliable, and provide residents and visitors positive transportation options.
- ▶ BACP oversees the licensing of Chicago’s public chauffeurs and public passenger vehicles (taxis, liveries, transportation network providers (ride-hail), charter and sight-seeing buses, pedicabs, ambulances, water taxis, and tour boats.)
- ▶ In 2021, a new public passenger vehicle license type was introduced: the "Low-speed electric public passenger vehicle."
- ▶ A low-speed electric public passenger vehicle is a (i) a three-wheeled or four-wheeled vehicle; (ii) exclusively powered by an electric motor that is capable of propelling the vehicle at a maximum speed of 30 miles per hour on a paved level surface; and (iii) which is used for the transportation of passengers for hire.
- ▶ Low-speed electric public passenger vehicle (PPV) license fees and taxes:
 - License fee per vehicle: \$500/1-year license term
 - License term: July 1 to June 30
 - Ground Transportation Tax: \$3.50/day operating
 - Restricted Public Chauffeur License: \$5/2-year term
- ▶ Chapter 9-114 of the Municipal Code of Chicago (MCC), titled “Public Passenger Vehicles Other Than Taxicabs” contains the licensing and regulatory framework for the low-speed electric public passenger vehicle.
- ▶ Section 3-46-030 of the MCC contains applicable Ground Transportation Tax details.
- ▶ Section 9-48-040 of the MCC contains applicable geographic and day/time operating restrictions.
- ▶ The Municipal Code of Chicago is available at amlegal.com.
- ▶ Low-Speed Electric PPV license information, documents, and updates are posted at chicago.gov/bacp.
- ▶ Data information on Low-Speed Electric PPV and restricted public chauffeur licenses is available on Chicago’s Open Data Portal: data.cityofchicago.org.
- ▶ This fact sheet contains a simplified summary of Chapter 9-114 as it relates to low-speed electric public passenger vehicle licenses. Specific details and laws are contained in the Municipal Code of Chicago (MCC).
- ▶ Questions or comments may be directed to BACPPV@cityofchicago.org.

❖ What is a Low-Speed Electric PPV?

- A 100% electric vehicle with a capacity of ten or less persons, including the driver, used to transport passengers for compensation.
- The vehicle may have 3 or 4 wheels.
- The vehicle’s maximum speed is 30 mph or less.
- The vehicle meets applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for vehicles of its size, type and proposed use.
- Passenger trips must be pre-arranged. Street-hails are not permitted.

❖ When is a Chicago Low-Speed Electric PPV License required?

- For any for-hire-transportation of passengers within the City of Chicago.

❖ What are the qualifications for a Chicago Low-Speed Electric PPV License?

- Applications for a Low-Speed Electric PPV License are available at chicago.gov/bacp.
- Minimum qualifications for a Low-Speed Electric PPV License applicant:
 - ✓ Must have a place of business within the City of Chicago.
 - ✓ Must pass a background check performed by a BACP-approved vendor.
- Insurance requirements for licensed vehicle:
 - ✓ Vehicle capacity ≤ 9 seats, then \$350,000 combined single-limit coverage per occurrence.
 - ✓ Vehicle capacity = 10 seats, then \$1,000,000 combined single-limit coverage per occurrence.
 - ✓ Worker's compensation coverage must be provided as required by state law.

❖ What are requirements for the drivers of a Chicago Low-Speed Electric PPV?

- ✓ The driver must have an active City of Chicago Restricted Public Chauffeur License.
- ✓ See Chapter 9-104 of the MCC and the BACP Public Chauffeurs web page for more information.

❖ What are the operating regulations for a Chicago Low-Speed PPV?

- ✓ Passenger transportation must be pre-arranged.
- ✓ Solicitation of passengers is prohibited. Passengers may not be picked up via street hail or from a taxi stand.
- ✓ The driver of must have a current valid Restricted Public Chauffeur License and driver's license.
- ✓ Driver or operator may not offer passengers food or beverages to consume during the trip.
- ✓ No person may drink alcoholic beverages or possess open alcoholic drink containers during the trip.
- ✓ Paid advertising permits must be secured to display advertising on charter/sightseeing vehicles.
- ✓ Prohibition on operating
 - Monday through Friday, except on official holidays, during rush hours (between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.) in the area bounded in the north and west by Chicago River, on the east by Lake Michigan, and on the south by Ida B. Wells Drive.
 - At any time or day on Michigan Avenue and State Street from Ida B. Wells Drive to Oak Street.
 - On any street with a speed limit of greater than 30 mph.

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