

Taxicab Vehicle Inspection 2014 FAQ

1. What's different from the old inspection requirements?

MCO 341.620 now allows for only 1 inspection a year. This inspection may be conducted at a City of Minneapolis or City of St Paul owned facility. Inspections may also be conducted at a taxicab service company owned facility or a privately owned, public motor vehicle repair garage approved by the City of Minneapolis Licensing Official. You will still need to pass an inspection using the inspection form and criteria found on the Business Licensing website.

2. When are taxicab vehicle inspections required?

Taxicab owners must turn in a completed inspection form with the application paperwork at the time of original licensure and at renewal time on February 1st of each year.

3. Is my inspection schedule the same as in past years?

No, the inspection schedule will no longer apply beginning December, 2014. However, all taxicab vehicles will be required have an inspection between December 1st – January 31st (within 60 days) prior to the license renewal.

4. How can I find a garage on the approved list?

Contact the Licensing Department for an approved list of service company garages and privately owned garages.

5. How does a garage get approved by Business Licensing?

In order to qualify, a garage must employ an ASE Certified Automotive Technician (s) skilled at: Engine Repair, Automatic Transmission/Transaxle, Manual Drive Train & Axles, Suspension & Steering, Auto Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Heating & Air Conditioning and Engine Performance. The facilities must be able to perform a "wheels off" inspection and be able to inspect the under carriage of the vehicle by means of a hoist or lift. They must pass an onsite inspection by a Business Licensing official.

Registration forms and inspection criteria are available on the Business Licensing Website.

For additional information contact Jose Velez at 612.673.2576.