Attention Vehicle for Hire Owner,

Effective August 02, 2013, the City of Columbus code regarding your Vehicle for Hire Mechanical Inspection has changed. Per 587.12, the owner must have the vehicle inspected by one of the following: a certified mechanic, ASE Blue Seal Shop, or dealership that is not employed by the driver and/or owner of the vehicle and that does not have a vested interest in the management affairs of the driver and/or owner of the vehicle.

You are required to take this letter and form to the facility that will be completing the Vehicle for Hire Mechanical Inspection and have them complete the form. You will need to submit the completed form to the License Section with your application.

587.12 - Inspections
(a) The Director shall establish the criteria and the procedure for a reasonable inspection to be performed prior to initial licensing and prior to any renewal.
(1) The Director shall provide all vehicle for hire owners with a City of Columbus annual mechanical inspection form for the specific vehicle to be licensed. The owner must have the vehicle inspected by one of the following: a certified mechanic, ASE Blue Seal Shop, dealership that is not employed by the driver and/or owner of the vehicle and that does not have a vested interest in the management affairs of the driver and/or owner of the vehicle. With respect to pedicabs an inspection must be obtained from a reputable bicycle shop that does not have a vested interest in the management affairs of the driver and/or owner of the pedicab. The inspection form must be signed and stamped by the mechanic and/or inspecting facility and submitted to the License Section with original invoice and any defect repair paperwork.
(2) The inspecting establishment shall provide a copy of the annual mechanical inspection form to the owner of the vehicle. The original form shall be taken to the License Section prior to the issuance or renewal of the license for that vehicle, pursuant to C.C.C. 587.05.
(3) All inspection criteria must be satisfactory prior to the approval of licensing. If any portion of the inspection is unsatisfactory, the vehicle owner shall cause the condition to be corrected and shall have the vehicle reinspected by the original certified mechanic or inspection facility.
(b) The Director shall make or cause to be made additional inspections of vehicles for hire at least once during the twelve month period after initial licensure or at any other time at the discretion of the Director at no charge to the owner or operator.
(1) If, upon any inspection, a vehicle is found to be unsafe, unclean or unsightly, a license officer or law enforcement officer may remove the decal and direct the vehicle be taken out of service until the vehicle is in compliance. Such vehicle taken out of service must be reinspected at a cost of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) per additional inspection and approved by a license officer before being returned to service.
(2) The license officer shall cause a memorandum of such inspection failure to be recorded on the record of the owner of said vehicle that are maintained by the License Section.
(c) After a vehicle successfully completes the inspection and pays a decal fee of ten dollar ($10.00), the decal shall be issued by the Director and be affixed to the vehicle in an assigned location. The decal shall clearly indicate that the vehicle has received and satisfied the inspection.

If you have any questions, contact the License Section at 614-645-8366.
CITY OF COLUMBUS
VEHICLE FOR HIRE MECHANICAL FORM

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

Owner’s Name ____________________________ Date of Inspection __________________

DBA ____________________________ Phone Number __________________

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Cab Number ________________ Vehicle Mileage ________________

Year ________ Make ________________ Model ________________ Color ________________

Type ________________ Ohio License Plate # ________________ Vin # ________________

**INSPECTION ITEMS**

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**FIRST INSPECTION**

Did unit pass inspection? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If no, explain needed repairs

Did unit pass re-inspection? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Re-inspection date ________________

If no, explain needed repairs

Comments / Notes / Needed repairs

________________________________________________________________________

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Inspected By ____________________________

Signature of Certified Mechanic ____________________________

ASE Certificate Number ____________________________

Name of Inspection Facility ____________________________

Street Address ____________________________ Phone Number __________________

City _______________________ State _____ Zip _______