



IOWA CITY TAXICAB ADMINISTRATIVE RULE # AR-6

Administrative Rules for Pedicab Inspections by Equipment

Date: April 4, 2025

1. Hours: Scheduled inspections shall be performed on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM in 30-minute intervals. Appointments for vehicle inspections must be made between 8:00 a.m. and Noon, Monday through Friday at 319-887-6122.
2. Pedicab Requirements: In order to receive and maintain a pedicab business license, each pedicab shall meet all of the following requirements:
 - a. Pedicabs shall be in a safe mechanical condition free from all known defects and be in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 321 of the Code of Iowa (Motor Vehicles and Law of the Road) and Title 5 Chapter 2 of the Iowa City Municipal Code.
 - b. Pedicabs and equipment shall be clean and sanitary any time the vehicle is in service. All vehicle exteriors shall be maintained in good condition with parts intact and properly painted.
 - c. Tires shall be of a size appropriate for the pedicab with no mismatched tires. There shall be no cuts or defects to the tire, localized worn spots that expose the ply or visible wear indicators.
 - d. Pedicabs shall be equipped with a fully operational horn or bell.
 - e. It shall be unlawful for a holder to operate, or cause to be operated, a pedicab that is not equipped with a front and rear braking system capable of being manipulated by the driver from his normal position of operation and is capable of causing a pedicab with a loaded passenger compartment to come to a complete stop within a distance of fifteen (15) feet from a speed of ten (10) miles per hour in a linear path of motion when each wheel of the pedicab is in contact with the ground on dry, level, clean pavement. The braking system controlling the rear wheels shall be hydraulic or mechanical disc or drum brakes which are unaffected by rain or wet conditions.
 - f. Every pedicab shall be equipped with the operational equipment set forth in the subsections below:
 - (1) A headlight capable of projecting a beam of white light for a distance at a minimum of three hundred (300) feet which shall be clearly visible during darkness and must be illuminated at all times during darkness.
 - (2) A side mounted mirror affixed to the pedicab to reflect to the pedicab driver a view of the street for a distance of at least two hundred (200) feet from the rear of the pedicab.

- (3) A red tail light and brake light affixed to the rear of the pedicab which must be visible for a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet from the rear of the pedicab and must be illuminated at all times during darkness.
 - (4) All pedicabs shall have reflectors on each pedal, the front of the pedicab frame, mounted on the spokes of each wheel, and a red reflector mounted on each side of the rear of the pedicab, at least one (1) inch from the outer edge and centered.
- g. Lettering Required: Each pedicab shall have the name of the pedicab business on each side of the vehicle in letters at least three and one-half inches (3 1/2") in height. Removable signs and peel off letters shall not be allowed. If a phone number is provided, the number shall be the same number that appears on the taxicab business application and rate card. All other letters and numbers shall not be greater than three inches (3") in height and minimum of two inches (2") in height.
- h. Rate Card & Driver ID: Rate card and Driver ID must be prominently displayed to all passenger seats.