



Inspector of Carriages Notice

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Standards

Inspector of Carriages Notice 09-08 is hereby rescinded and replaced with the following:

In accordance with Boston Police Department Rule 403, the following minimum standards for interior dimensions will be utilized by the Inspector of Carriages when evaluating vehicles for use as Boston Licensed Hackney Carriages. These standards are minimum standards and shall not prohibit the Inspector of Carriages from denying approval to a vehicle which he feels is unsuitable for use as a Boston licensed hackney carriage for other reasons.

Rear Legroom: 36"
Rear Headroom: 37"
Rear Hip Room: 56"
Rear Shoulder Room: 58"
Luggage Volume: 20 cu. ft.

The following vehicles have already been approved as meeting the above standards:

2009, 2010 Dodge Caravan	2009, 2010 Toyota Sienna
2009, 2010 Honda Odyssey	2009, 2010 Ford Crown Victoria
2009, 2010 Lincoln Town Car	2010 Ford Flex
2009, 2010 Mercury Grand Marquis	

Exceptions:

Vehicles which do not meet the above standards will only be approved for service if they are a hybrid vehicle. When evaluating hybrid vehicles for service the following minimum standards for interior dimensions will be utilized by the Inspector of Carriages.

Rear Legroom: 35"
Rear Headroom: 36"
Rear Hip Room: 49"
Rear Shoulder Room: 55"
Luggage Volume: 10 cu. ft.

The following vehicles have already been approved as exceptions to the minimum standards:

2009, 2010 Nissan Altima Hybrid

2009, 2010 Saturn Vue Hybrid

2009, 2010 Toyota Camry Hybrid

2009, 2010 Ford Escape Hybrid

2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid

2009, 2010 Toyota Highlander Hybrid

Other Standards:

Vehicles must be NEW defined by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Vehicles must be WHITE as originally manufactured.

No sunroofs.

Rear seats must be leather or vinyl.

Rear seat floor covering must be black automotive vinyl.

All passenger windows must be clear glass.

NOTE:

The above list of vehicles is not intended to be, nor can it ever be, a final list. The ever changing and evolving needs of the industry coupled with the ever changing array of vehicles offered by the automotive industry require that this list will be constantly re-examined. Any person who would like to submit for approval a vehicle which is not on the list should submit a request in writing, along with documentation of the interior specifications. The Inspector of Carriages will then review the vehicle in accordance with the general specifications outlined above and, if approved, will add the vehicle to the list.

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Inspector of Carriages