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**New Retirement and MPG Requirements for “Black Cars”**  
*Rule changes affecting For-Hire Vehicles operating  
as “Black Cars” (affiliated with Black Car Bases)*

**NEW VEHICLE APPLICATIONS** (Rule §6-09):

- In order to apply for a new vehicle permit **and affiliate with a Black Car Base**, please see important dates and vehicle requirements below. (Accessible vehicles that meet TLC requirements are exempt from these requirements. These are the ONLY cars that are exempt.)
- An application for a for-hire permit after a previous permit has expired will be considered a **new application**.

<b>Vehicle Application Date</b>	<b>Vehicle Requirements</b>
01/01/2009 thru 12/31/2009	Vehicle must have a minimum EPA city rating of twenty-five (25) MPG
On and after 01/01/2010	Vehicle must have a minimum EPA city rating of thirty (30) MPG

**VEHICLE RETIREMENT** (§6-10):

- In order to renew your vehicle permit, and still maintain **affiliation with a Black Car Base**, there is a new retirement schedule. Please see important dates below.
- The vehicle must be retired from service by the expiration date of the vehicle permit AND must retire according to the following schedule.

<b>Permit Expiration Date</b>	<b>Vehicle Model Years to be Retired</b>
01/01/2009 thru 12/31/2009	2001 or earlier
01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010	2003 or earlier
01/01/2011 thru 12/31/2011	2005 or earlier
01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012	2006 or earlier; any vehicle that is five (5) years old will be permitted to affiliate with a black car base for one year ONLY following the date of permit renewal.
On and after 01/01/2013	Any vehicle that is six (6) model years old or older; any vehicle that is five (5) years old will be permitted to affiliate with a black car base for one year ONLY following the date of permit renewal.

**VEHICLE TRANSFERS / REPLACEMENT VEHICLES**

As of January 1, 2009, when you apply for a **transfer to replace** a vehicle, you must meet the new vehicle requirements. If the permit has not expired, you will need to fill out a transfer application (and pay the \$25 transfer fee). You will **not** need to fill out a new application.

**Please note** that any vehicle which does not meet the requirements for an affiliation to a Black Car Base may still receive a permit to work as a livery or a luxury limousine provided the vehicle is: (1) Affiliated with a Livery Base or a Luxury Limousine Base and (2) the vehicle meets all other requirements for a permit for that type of vehicle.