



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 150.00 City Of New Orleans For Hire License Plates**

**Section:** 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification & Requirements

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[New Orleans City Council, Code of Ordinances](#)

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**Background:** Statute provides for the issuance of the City of New Orleans for Hire license plates. This license plate shall be issued to taxi cabs, limousines, horse drawn carriages, and pedi-cabs owned and/or operated by companies licensed by the city of New Orleans.

**Definitions:**

- **For Hire Vehicle-** Any vehicle designed or used for the transportation of passengers for hire, the charges for the use of which are determined by agreement, by the length of time the vehicle is engaged, by distance traveled, or a permissible combination thereof.
- **Taxi Cab-** Any motor vehicle duly licensed to be operated as such by the City of New Orleans, Department of Safety and Permits, which is used for the transportation of passengers or packages for hire over a route or to a destination that is controlled by the passenger.
- **Pedi-cab-** Any bicycle-like vehicle duly licensed to be operated as such by the City of New Orleans, Department of Safety and Permits, and used primarily for the purpose of providing for-hire transportation over a route or to a destination and upon which one or more persons may ride as passenger(s), while being propelled exclusively by the manual strength of a company hired person.

**Requirements:**

- The following must be provided at the time of application for initial issuance and all subsequent renewals.
  - A copy of the Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience (CPNC) document or a copy of the CPNC annual renewal receipt must be provided by all "For Hire" type owners.
  - Taxi cab and limousine owners must also provide a copy of the registration certificate for the vehicle on which the plates will be placed.
  - If the vehicle is not registered in the applicant's name, proper title documentation and fees must be submitted along with the request for the special plate.

**Fees:**

- **Taxi Cabs and Limousines** - Issued two plates, to be displayed at the front and rear of the vehicle
  - \$50.00 fee due at initial issuance and all subsequent renewals
  - \$8.00 handling fee due on all transactions, except renewals
  - \$7.00 administrative handling fee (\$3.50 per plate), due only at initial issuance
  - \$3.00 transfer fee, if transferring to a new owner
- **Animal (Horse) Drawn Carriages and Pedi-cabs** - Issued one plate only
  - \$30.00 fee due at initial issuance and all subsequent renewals
  - \$8.00 handling fee due on all transactions except renewals
  - \$3.50 administrative handling fee, due only at initial issuance

**Guidelines:**

- The number displayed on the license plate will match the CPNC number issued to the applicant.
- The plates may be transferred from one vehicle in the applicant's name(s) to another vehicle in the applicant's name(s), provided the use of the vehicle is the same as for the original vehicle.
- Taxi cab and limousine plates can be transferred to a new owner if the CPNC was transferred to a new owner.
- Animal (Horse) drawn carriage and pedi cab plates **shall not** be transferred between owners.
- A vehicle with a reconstructed title **shall not** be issued a license plate to operate as a motor carrier of passengers or as a public carrier vehicle.
- All initial requests for plates must be processed by the Veterans Office of Motor Vehicles, 100 Veterans Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70124.
- Renewals can be processed at any Office of Motor Vehicle or Public Tag Agency location.