



Inspector of Carriages Notice

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SUBJECT: Credit Card Regulations and Equipment Mounting Standards

In order to assist the implementation of mandatory Credit Card processing in Licensed Boston Hackney Carriages the Inspector of Carriages has compiled the following excerpts from various sections of Rule 403 which affect the implementation. Also below are the Inspector of Carriages standards for mounting and installation.

Excerpts from Rule 403:

Rule 403, Section 3, III, c, x.

x. Be Equipped for Credit Card Processing:

1. Effective January 1, 2009 all taxicabs shall be equipped with an electronic credit card processing capability. Such equipment shall allow the passenger to swipe the card in the rear compartment of the taxicab without handing the card to the Driver. Such equipment shall list fare, tolls, fees, and tips separately for processing purposes. Such equipment shall have the ability to electronically authorize the transaction in a timely manner. Such equipment will provide a printed receipt that includes:

- a. Boston Licensed Taxi Number,
- b. Date,
- c. Time,
- d. Charge Amount,
- e. Hackney Carriage Unit Taxi Hot Line: (617) 536-TAXI, and
- f. Hackney Carriage Unit E-mail:
Taxi.bpd@cityofboston.gov.

2. All Hackney Carriages shall have a functioning credit card reader at all times. If a Hackney Carriage does not have a functioning credit card reader, it shall be deemed unfit for service as a taxi.

***NOTE:**

Licensed Boston Hackney Carriages shall be considered in compliance with Rule 403, Section 3, III, c, x. provided the Medallion Owner (or Lessee in a Medallion-only lease) is under contract with an authorized provider to have the equipment installed by the Spring 2009 Inspection.