

**SAN FRANCISCO TRANSPORTATION CODE, ARTICLE 1100**

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**SEC. 1103. PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY**

**(a) Limitations on Certain Permits**

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**(b) Application Forms**

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**(c) Applications Deemed Active**

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**(d) Determination of Eligibility**

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**(e) Burden of Proof on Applicant**

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**(f) Additional Requirements for Driver Permit Applications: Forms and Qualifications, Compliance with Controlled Substance Testing Program**

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**(g) Additional Requirements For Taxi and Accessible Taxi Application; Waiting List; Eligibility; and Other Information Required**

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**(h) Additional Requirements Specific To Ramp Taxi Medallion Applications**

**(1) Limitation on Acceptance of Other Medallions**

No person to whom a Ramp Taxi Medallion is issued may accept any other Taxi Medallion for a minimum of five years after receipt of a Ramp Taxi Medallion or, in the alternative, for a minimum of three years after receipt of the Ramp Taxi Medallion and at least 6 months following the Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder's written notice of intent to leave the Ramp Taxi program as required by Section **4.8(b)**. If the Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder becomes eligible for a Taxi Medallion at a time when the Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder is precluded from accepting the Medallion, and so long as the Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder otherwise remains qualified as an applicant, the Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder's application shall be kept active until such time that a Medallion becomes available when the Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder is no longer precluded from accepting such Medallion.

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**(2)** Notice of Intent to Leave the Ramp Taxi Program

Upon completion of a minimum of 30 months as a Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder, the Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder may elect to leave the Ramp Taxi program by filing written notice of the Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder's intent to leave the program with the SFMTA ("Notice of Intent").

The date that the SFMTA receives the Notice of Intent shall be deemed the filing date of the Notice.

**(3)** Notice Effective Date; Qualification for New Permit

The Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder's decision to leave the Ramp Taxi program shall become effective six months after the Notice of Intent is filed. Except as provided by paragraphs (A) and (B) below, upon completion of the six-month notice period, the Ramp Taxi Medallion shall expire by operation of law, and the former Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder shall no longer be precluded from accepting another Medallion.

- (A)** If, at the completion of the six-month period, the Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder is not yet eligible for a Medallion, or if no such Medallion is available, the Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder may elect to remain in the Ramp Taxi program for any period of time until a Medallion becomes available.
- (B)** The Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder's decision to leave the Ramp Taxi program shall become inoperative if, within the first three months of the six-month notice period, the Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder files a statement of his or her decision to rescind the Notice of Intent. The Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder shall be required to file a subsequent Notice of Intent if he or she later decides to leave the program. The same requirements governing the Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder's initial Notice of Intent, including the full six-month notice period, shall apply to any subsequently filed Notice of Intent to leave the Ramp Taxi program.

**(4)** Preference for Full-Time Drivers of Ramp Taxis

Among the applicants on the Ramp Taxi Waiting List, the SFMTA Board shall give preference to any applicant who has been a Full-Time Driver of a Ramp Taxi during the six months immediately

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preceding the hearing on that application, and shall grant Ramp Taxi Medallions to all otherwise qualified Full-Time Drivers of Ramp Taxis on the Waiting List before granting Medallions to others on the Ramp Taxi Waiting List. The applicant has the burden of demonstrating his or her eligibility for this preference.

**(5) Eligibility For Ramp Taxi Medallion**

The SFMTA shall not issue a Ramp Taxi Medallion to an applicant unless:

- (A)** The applicant has completed at least 100 wheelchair pickups in the City as a Ramp Taxi Driver during the six months immediately preceding the hearing on the application.
- (B)** applicant has completed a course of instruction approved by the SFMTA for the safe, effective and efficient operation of Ramp Taxis and has been certified by the SFMTA to have satisfactorily demonstrated the aptitude and attitude necessary for a Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder;
- (C)** The applicant agrees to operate Ramp Taxi Medallion at all times in compliance with the regulations of the SFMTA’s Paratransit Program.

***Police Code § 1148.1 Permit Applications:*** *If no Ramp taxi applicant has completed the necessary wheelchair pick-ups, the Commission shall issue the permit to the applicant next on the list who has completed the most wheelchair pick-ups within the six months prior to the Commission's hearing.*

**SEC. 1104. PERMIT CONDITIONS**

- (a) Conditions Applicable to All Permits**  
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- (b) Additional Conditions Specific to Color Scheme Permits**  
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- (c) Additional Conditions Specific to Driver Permits**  
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- (d) Additional Conditions Applicable To Ramp Taxi Medallions**

In addition to the conditions specified in Section 1104(a), the following conditions are applicable to Ramp Taxi Medallion Holders:

- (1) Wheelchair Priority**
  - (A)** Ramp Taxi Medallion Holders shall grant priority to requests for service from wheelchair users.
  - (B)** No Ramp Taxi Driver, once notified dispatched to a "Ramp service" call may accept any other fare while en route to that dispatched call. In the absence of requests for service for passengers in wheelchairs, Ramp Taxi s may transport any person in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
- (2) Approval of Use of Ramp Taxi Medallion in Spare Taxi Vehicle**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or of this Article, the SFMTA may allow a Ramp Taxi Medallion to be used for the purpose of operating a Taxi upon written request from a Color Scheme. The SFMTA may only approve such request if all of the following requirements are met:

- (A)** The Taxi must be a spare vehicle approved by the SFMTA;
- (B)** The Taxi must meet all requirements for operation;
- (C)** The Ramp Taxi Medallion cannot be used in the Medallion Holder's accessible vehicle because that vehicle is out of service or must be replaced;

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**(D)** The Ramp Taxi Medallion cannot be used in a spare Ramp Taxi because none are available at the Color Scheme with which the Ramp Taxi Medallion is affiliated;

**(3)** Time Limits on Use of Ramp Taxi Medallion in Spare Taxi

A Ramp Taxi Medallion may be used in a spare Taxi for the time that it would take to repair or consecutive days. For good cause shown the SFMTA may extend the time limit beyond 30 days in increments of no greater than 15 consecutive days. In no event shall the total time in which a Ramp Taxi Medallion is used in a spare Taxi exceed 90 days. The authorization to use the Ramp Taxi Medallion in a spare Taxi shall expire by operation of law on the day that the applicable durational limit has been reached, or upon completion of repair or replacement of the Ramp Taxi, whichever occurs first. A Ramp Taxi Medallion may not be used in a spare Taxi for more than 90 days within a twelve-month period.

**(4)** Operation of Ramp Taxi by Qualified Driver

The Ramp Taxi Medallion Holder shall ensure that all persons with whom he or she enters into an agreement for the operation of the Ramp Taxi Medallion and every Driver of the Ramp Taxi at all times hold a valid Driver Permit and satisfy the eligibility criteria set forth in Section 1103(h)(5)(A) and 1103(h)(5)(B) of this Article.