City of San Diego Pedicab Bulletin

Overview

Pedicabs are a mode of non-motorized transportation for residents and tourists alike throughout the City of San Diego. Permits must be obtained to own and/or operate a pedicab. All permits expire on December 31 of the current year and are non transferable.

Operators and Owners of pedicabs must comply with the City of San Diego Municipal Code pertaining to pedicabs including but not limited to Chapter 8, Article 3: “Pedicabs, Pedestrians and Bicycles”

Pedicab owners and operators must comply with California Vehicle Code

Anybody operating a pedicab including steering, braking and/or pedaling are subject to CVC Section 21200.5 Riding Bicycle Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs

“Notwithstanding Section 21200, it is unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle upon a highway while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or any drug, or under the combined influence of an alcoholic beverage and any drug. Any person arrested for a violation of this section may request to have a chemical test made of the person's blood, breath, or urine for the purpose of determining the alcoholic or drug content of that person's blood pursuant to Section 23612, and, if so requested, the arresting officer shall have the test performed. A conviction of a violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars ($250). Violations of this section are subject to Section 13202.5.”

Insurance Requirements

Per the Ordinance, it is unlawful for any person to operate a pedicab unless the decal owner has a valid policy of commercial general liability coverage or business auto coverage with a pedicab endorsement from a company with a rating of A in Best's Key Rating Guide in an amount not less than $1 million per occurrence for bodily injury and personal injury or property damage.

Requirements for Obtaining a Human-Powered Operator's Permit

1. Complete a human-powered operator's permit application

2. Obtain a business tax certificate (see Pedicab Ordinance Section §83.0122), from Office of the City Treasurer, 1200 Third Ave, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92101

3. Picture Government issued ID

4. Valid California Driver’s License

5. Two recent photographs of the applicant (2”x 2”)

6. Return ALL + $91.00 Fee to: Transportation Engineering Division, 1010 Second Avenue, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101 to obtain Operator’s Permit.
Requirements for Obtaining a Human-Powered Vehicle Permit (restricted and non restricted)

1. Completed pedicab decal application:

At the time of the PIN # allocation, the applicant has 30 calendar days to complete and submit a completed application. Late applications or partial applications will not be accepted (Post marks are not accepted).

2. Picture Government issued ID

3. Insurance requirements (see Pedicab Ordinance Section §83.0126):

It is a responsibility of a pedicab decal owner to provide liability insurance for each registered Pedicab. Minimum required for Insurance Policy coverage is $1,000,000, for each occurrence. City of San Diego should be a certificate holder of the policy. Insurance policy has to indicate the PIN # of each insured Pedicab. Each business entity has to have Insurance Policy of its own. Insurance Policy needs to be presented to authorized San Diego Traffic Engineer or a member of the San Diego Police Department during Pedicab Inspection time (see below).

4. Business Tax Certificate (see Pedicab Ordinance Section §83.0122):

Purchase a business tax certificate from: The Office of the City Treasurer, 1200 Third Ave, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92101.

5. Safety and identification inspection (see Pedicab Ordinance Section §83.0123 and §83.0130):

An authorized San Diego Police Department officer must perform the inspection, complete and sign second part of the Pedicab Decal Application. To obtain an appointment for a pedicab safety and identification inspection the applicant needs to call 619.533.3126.

6. Return complete application + Other Requirements Above + $156.00 Fee to: Transportation Engineering Division, 1010 Second Avenue, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101 to obtain a Decal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Transportation Engineering Operations Division - (619) 533-3126.

I know and understand the rules and regulations as set out in the California Vehicle Code and the San Diego Municipal Code, and will abide by those rules at all times while operating or owning a pedicab within the City of San Diego. I also understand that failure to comply with these rules may result in the suspension or revocation of my pedicab operator's permit or decal and possible criminal prosecution.

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Applicant      Date