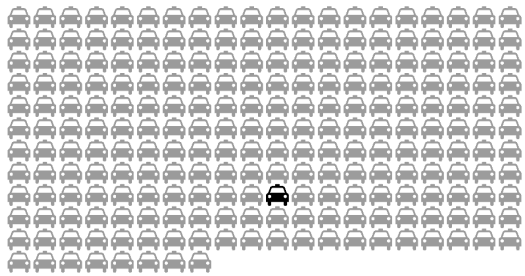


# Proposed Rulemaking Order 126-11 Would Make Philadelphia the First City in America with a Fully Accessible Taxicab System<sup>1</sup>

## Philadelphia's Taxi System Today



**1 in 228 taxicabs are accessible**

More than **128,800** people in the City of Philadelphia live with an ambulatory disability yet **only 7 of the 1,599 taxicabs in Philadelphia** are Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs).<sup>2</sup>

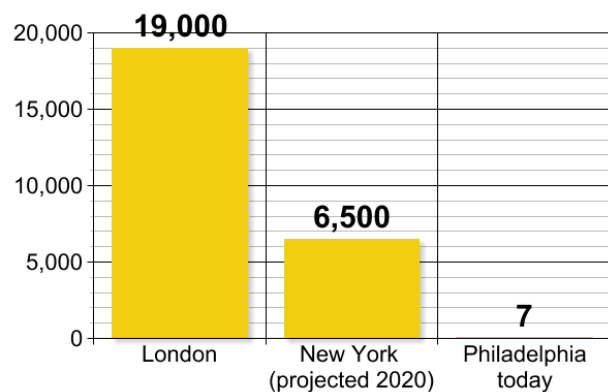
If the new regulation is approved, **every** medallion taxicab in Philadelphia will be gradually replaced by a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle **over 8 years**.

- In **London**, **every** taxicab has been a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle since **1988**.
- **New York** gained nationwide attention for committing to **50%** accessibility by **2020**.
- **Philadelphia** can do better.

## Who else benefits from WAVs?

- **Seniors**
- **Families** with strollers
- **Shoppers** with packages
- **Travelers** with luggage
- **Taxpayers**
- The **family, friends and co-workers** of **hundreds of thousands** of disabled customers

Number of Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs) By City



## What about cost?

- A **fully integrated** taxicab fleet will **save taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars** by reducing need for the region's costly paratransit services.
- **Philadelphia taxicab companies** stand to **gain hundreds of thousands of new customers** by serving the **whole population** rather than just a segregated segment.

2015 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It's time we move forward in the City of Brotherly Love, **with Liberty and Taxis For All**.



<sup>1</sup> Huffington Post. "Accessible Taxis: A Civil Right or a Nice Bonus of a City?" July 28, 2014

<sup>2</sup> City of Philadelphia Resolution No. 140734, September 25, 2014