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Vehicle Age Exemption

- What is it?** Normally, vehicles can be permitted for service for a maximum of 10 years beyond the vehicles' manufactured date. After 10 years, those vehicles would be removed from service and replaced with a newer approved vehicle.
- Who can apply?** The Vehicle Age Exemption is intended for older vehicles that have been completely restored, vehicles that have been customized in appearance and are unique, or qualifying Executive Town Cars, LPTs, Large Shuttles, and On-Demand Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles that have been maintained and continue to appear and operate in "Like New" condition.
- Why should I?** Let's face it, to maintain a vehicle in "Like New" condition requires a significant investment of time and money. The same applies to a vehicle that has been completely restored. This type of maintenance does not only apply to what you see on the outside of the vehicle, but also includes what you don't see on the inside and beneath the vehicle. Now, having a well maintained qualifying vehicle may actually save you money. You may be able to delay or avoid purchasing a brand-new car by simply maintaining and investing in your current one.
- Do I qualify?** Most used vehicles will not qualify for this exemption as the type of upkeep that is required to maintain a car to "Like New" standards is far beyond basic simple maintenance. The following list can help you determine whether or not your vehicle is ready for inspection.

The following list contains some of the items that would cause your vehicle to fail an inspection.

- Cracked Belts
- Engine knocks
- Cracked windows
- Cracked or Broken lights
- Chipped/Peeling paint
- Chipped/ Peeling chrome
- Missing parts
- Paint oxidation
- Insufficient tire tread
- Non-working windows
- Worn ball joints
- Worn tie rods
- Unpainted parts or sections
- Discolored seats
- Visible rust
- Torn seats
- Discolored carpet
- Town discolored carpets
- Broken or non-working locks and latches
- Faulty Suspension (shocks/springs)
- Nonworking heat or AC
- Non Working seatbelts
- Fluid leaks or drips
- Improper fluid color

- Worn engine mounts
- Cracked muffler
- Non-working gages
- Abnormal engine noise
- Non Working Seatbelts
- Non working lights (interior/exterior)
- Damage dents or dings
- Inadequate braking
- Missing mats and trunk liners

1. Download Vehicle Age Exemption application.
2. Submit your application and pre-inspection fee of \$60.
 - a. This fee will cover administrative fees, the initial cosmetic inspection, and a re-inspection if the vehicle does not pass inspection.
 - b. If the vehicle does not pass re-inspection the application process (and fees) will need to be restarted.
3. A Regulatory Program Specialist will contact you and schedule your appointment.
4. Plan to arrive at your appointment location 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment (IF YOU ARE LATE, YOU WILL BE FORCED TO RESCHEDULE AND REAPPLY)
5. After passing cosmetic inspection a fee of \$360 for mechanical inspection will be collected and you will be directed to schedule the mechanical inspection with City FLEET.
6. Plan to arrive at your appointment location 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment (IF YOU ARE LATE, YOU WILL BE FORCED TO RESCHEDULE AND REAPPLY)
7. A service technician will meet you; your inspection will may take over an hour.
8. Your service technician will return your vehicle to you once the inspection is complete. The Regulatory Division will contact you within three business days regarding your exemption status.
9. If the inspections have been passed you will be issued a two (2) year Vehicle Age Exemption Certification.
10. At this time the annual \$180 vehicle permit fee will be assessed.