

4766-3-08

Vehicle inspections.

(A) (A) The board shall inspect all ambulettes for roadworthiness and for appropriate equipment as prescribed in rule 4766-3-10 of the Administrative Code.

(B) In order to qualify for an ambulette permit, an ambulette shall contain the equipment set forth in rule 4766-3-10 of the Administrative Code.

(C) (B) In order to receive a permit, an ambulette shall meet the requirements set forth below:

(1) (1) Roadworthiness requirements:

(a) High and low beam headlights shall be operational;

(b) Clearance lights, marker lights and reflectors shall be operational (if applicable);

(c) High beam indicator light (on dashboard) shall be operational;

(d) Dashboard lights and interior lights shall be operational;

(e) Left and right tail lights shall be operational;

(f) Left and right front turn signals shall be operational;

(g) Left and right rear turn signals shall be operational;

(h) Left and right brake lights shall be operational;

(i) License plate light shall be operational;

(j) Back up light(s) shall be operational;

(k) Audible back up alarms shall be operational;

(l) Tread depth on each tire shall be minimum of one sixteenth inch;

(m) Tread or sidewall of tires shall be free of major deformities;

(n) Rims/wheels shall be free of significant damage;

(o) Each tire shall have full range-of-motion without rubbing chassis or body;

(p) Brake pedal travel shall not exceed:

(i) Two thirds travel in vehicles with non-assisted brakes;

(ii) Four fifths travel in vehicles with power assisted brakes;

- (q) Emergency/parking brake shall be operational;
 - (r) Windshield shall be without breach, unobstructed;
 - (s) Windshield wipers and washer shall be operational;
 - (t) Windows shall be without breach and consistent with original equipment manufacturer specifications;
 - (u) Exhaust system shall be properly secured and without breach;
 - (v) Steering shaft shall be secure with no more than one quarter turn play;
 - (w) Power steering shall operate properly;
 - (x) Rear view mirrors and side view mirrors shall be installed in accordance with the original equipment manufacturer and shall be without any breach;
 - (y) Horn shall be operable and audible;
 - (z) Heater, defroster, and air conditioner shall be properly installed and operational;
 - (aa) Each seat shall be securely fastened to the floor;
 - (bb) Floor of vehicle shall be intact and free of holes;
 - (cc) Interior of vehicle shall be free of broken tubing, protruding metal, protruding plastic, debris, and trash;
 - (dd) Safety belts for driver and passengers, including wheelchair clients, shall be operational and free of visible damage;
 - (ee) Vehicle body and frame shall have structural integrity without breach;
 - (ff) Each shock/spring shall be mounted and intact;
 - (gg) Fuel tank shall be free of leaks and securely mounted;
 - (hh) License plates shall be properly mounted on front and rear of vehicle (if required by state law);
- (2) The name of the ambulette service shall be permanently affixed with each letter being a minimum of three inches in height on both sides and each letter being a minimum of one and one half inches in height on the rear of the ambulette.

(a) If an ambulette service is under contract which requires other signage, the ambulette service's name and service code shall be permanently affixed with each letter being at a minimum of three inches in height on both sides and one and one half in height on the rear of vehicle.

(3) All board identified deficiencies must be corrected. The vehicle shall be placed out-of-service until it passes reinspection by the board.

(4) Ambulette configuration

(a) For vehicles in excess of twenty-two feet in length, the overhead clearance between the top of the door opening and the raised lift platform, or highest point of a ramp, shall be a minimum of sixty-eight inches. For vehicles of twenty-two feet in length or less, the overhead clearance between the top of the door opening and the raised lift platform, or highest point of a ramp, shall be a minimum of fifty-six inches;

(b) Each vehicle must be specifically designed to transport one or more patients sitting in wheelchairs and have permanent fasteners to secure the wheelchair to the floor or side of the vehicle to prevent wheelchair movement;

(c) Each vehicle must have safety restraints in the vehicle for the purpose of restraining the patient in the wheelchair;

(d) Each vehicle must be equipped with a stable access ramp or hydraulic lift;

(e) Each vehicle must have provisions for secure storage of removable equipment and passenger property in order to prevent projectile injuries to passengers and driver in the event of an accident.

(D) Upon issuance of a vehicle permit, each licensed ambulette service shall apply the decal on the outside of the right rear window in accordance with division (B)(2) of section 4766.07 of the Revised Code on each ambulette.

(1) The permit must be unobstructed at all times.

(E) A permit is not transferable.

(F) The board may conduct routine unannounced inspections at any location of licensed ambulette service at any time, including night or weekend inspections to determine compliance with Chapter 4766. of the Revised Code and Administrative Code to include, but not limited to, ambulettes.

(G) A permitted ambulette shall maintain compliance with roadworthy requirements set forth in this rule at any time it is used as an ambulette.

(H) Each permitted ambulette shall be free from dirt, stains, impurities, and/or foreign matter in driver's compartment and ambulette client compartments.

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