

# CARDIFF COUNCIL



## **ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS APPLIED TO STRETCHED LIMOUSINES PROVIDED BY CONVERSION AND USED AS PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES**

These conditions made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 are specific to a vehicle adapted by lengthening the wheelbase of a standard, factory built vehicle. For the purposes of Private Hire Vehicle Conditions the vehicle is classed as a prestige vehicle which may be used for weddings and special occasions only. They differ from the standard conditions for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles in recognition of the fact that stretched limousines will:

- i) not be used as hackney carriages
- ii) travel generally at slower speeds than normal taxis
- iii) not normally overtake other vehicles
- iv) be easily recognisable by the hirer
- v) be heavier and considerably longer than standard cars
- vi) be adapted or converted by someone other than the original manufacturer.

### **1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 These additional conditions must be read in conjunction with the Council's standard conditions for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles.
- 1.2 A "stretched limousine", is a saloon type vehicle that has undergone an increase in length by extending the wheelbase after manufacture. For the purpose of these conditions, it will be restricted to carrying up to, but not exceeding, eight passengers.
- 1.3 An "American stretched limousine" is a stretched limousine imported from the USA and typically will have been manufactured originally by Lincoln (Ford) or Cadillac.

### **2. CONDITIONS**

- 2.1 A stretched limousine shall, in the first instance, meet with the standard conditions relating to hackney carriage and private hire vehicles, with the exception that the vehicle may be left hand drive, have some side facing seats and may not have seat belts for all passengers.
- 2.2 In the case of a stretched limousine, or American stretched limousine, originals of the following documentation will be required by the Council before an application for a vehicle licence can be considered:

- (a) Completed importation documentation and single vehicle approval (SVA) or MAC certificate.
- (b) DVLA Registration Document (V5).
- (c) Valid Certificate of Insurance, with cover for hire and reward.
- (d) Current MOT certificate issued by the Licensing Authority's approved Testing Station.
- (e) Where applicable, an installation certificate from a LPGA Approved UK Vehicle Conversion Company, in the case of vehicles converted to run on LPG.

2.3 The Operator shall ensure that an American stretched limousine also complies with the following:

- (a) Be equipped with a minimum of four road wheels and full sized spare wheel. The tyres shall be of a rating as specified by Ford USA i.e. vehicles registered before 1998 – 235/75R 15 108S (BF Goodrich Extra Load or Equivalent). Versions from 1998 onwards must be fitted with 225/70R 16 107T (Reinforced)).
- (b) Seat belts, where fitted, must be fitted in accordance with the current Road Vehicle (Construction and Use) Regulations.
- (c) The maximum length of the wheelbase (measured between the centre point of the wheel hubs) shall not exceed 120"/3048mm.
- (d) A "long vehicle" notice, which complies with the Construction and Use Regulations, shall be fitted to the rear of the vehicle.

2.4 Where alcoholic drink is supplied in the vehicle, the Operator shall deposit a copy of his or her liquor licence with the Local Authority. No person, under the age of 18 years, being conveyed in a stretched limousine shall be allowed to consume alcohol.

2.5 All windows are to be in a good clean condition and free from damage. The windscreen and all other windows must allow at least 75% of light to pass through.

2.6 Children under the age of 16 years shall not be carried in a licensed stretched limousine unless accompanied by the parent or guardian of at least one of the children.