



ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE

Title: Dome Light – Optional Message

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- I. Background**

The D.C. Taxicab Commission (“Commission”) has a statutory obligation to establish standards for compliance with Title 31 of the DCMR, including standards to allow mandatory equipment to be modified at the request of stakeholders where the modification is not inconsistent with regulatory requirements.
- II. Purpose**

This administrative issuance authorizes the programming of a dome light to allow it to display the message “CALL 911” (“optional message”), in addition to required messages, based on concerns expressed by owners and operators.
- III. Policy**

The Office of Taxicabs (“Office”) finds that the optional message addresses the concerns expressed by owners and operators and is not inconsistent with regulatory requirements. Dome lights may be programmed at the expense of owners to display the optional message in addition to mandatory messages (“reprogramming”). Reprogramming shall be performed only by a dome light installation businesses with current operating authority under 31 DCMR Ch. 15 (“business”).
- IV. Definitions**

“Dome light” – an instrument or device approved by the Commission which is attached to the top of a licensed taxicab to illuminate the assigned public vehicle identification number (“PVIN”) and display the vehicle’s availability for hire. 31 DCMR § 9901.1.

“VIVO” – an application used by the Office to manage and store electronic records.
- V. Authority**

D.C. Official Code § 50-307(c) (3), (4), (5), (19), § 50-313; 31 DCMR §§ 605.1, 701.1.
- VI. Procedures**

Each business may reprogram dome lights at the expense of vehicle owners, provided the business is registered with the Office to file reprogramming reports through VIVO. Each business shall file a reprogramming report through VIVO within twenty four (24) hours of or the next business day after a reprogramming which includes: (1) the PVIN prior to the reprogramming; (2) the PVIN after the reprogramming, if the dome light was replaced in connection with the reprogramming; (3) each fee charged in connection with the reprogramming; and (4) the date on which the reprogramming was performed. The Office shall provide information to businesses on how to register for and use VIVO.