

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The District of Columbia Taxicab Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to the authority set forth in Sections 8(c) (7) and (19), 14, and, 20j of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985 (“Establishment Act”), effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-307(c) (7) and (19), 50-313, and 50-329 (2012 Repl. & 2015 Supp.)), hereby gives notice of its adoption of amendments to Chapter 7 (Enforcement) of the title 31 (Taxicabs and Public Vehicles for Hire).

This proposed rulemaking would amend Chapter 7 to clarify the Commission’s intention that the Office of Taxicabs is not required to mediate except where, following the filing of a public complaint, the Office would ordinarily file a notice of infraction seeking a civil fine. The clarification is necessary to avoid an incorrect interpretation of the current rule suggesting that mediation may be required in connection with an order of immediate suspension or other serious enforcement actions.

The Commission also hereby gives notice of its intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt these proposed rules in not less than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. Directions for submitting comments may be found at the end of this notice.

Chapter 7, ENFORCEMENT, of Title 31, TAXICABS AND PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE, of the DCMR is amended as follows:

Section 713, MEDIATION, is amended as follows:

Subsection 713.2 is amended to read as follows:

713.2 The Office shall extend an invitation to mediate in connection with a public complaint, where the Office would ordinarily file a notice of infraction seeking a civil fine. The Office shall not otherwise be required to extend an invitation to mediate.

Copies of this proposed rulemaking can be obtained at www.dcregs.dc.gov or by contacting Secretary to the Commission, District of Columbia Taxicab Commission, 2235 Shannon Place, S.E., Suite 3001, Washington, D.C. 20020. All persons desiring to file comments on the proposed rulemaking action should submit written comments via e-mail to dctc@dc.gov or by mail to the DC Taxicab Commission, 2235 Shannon Place, S.E., Suite 3001, Washington, DC 20020, Attn: Secretary to the Commission, no later than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.