



ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE:
Carrier-for-Hire Support Surcharge
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I. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Support Act of 2026 amended D.C. Official Code § 50-301.29h to establish a carrier-for-hire support surcharge. The carrier-for-hire support surcharge requirement becomes applicable on October 1, 2026.

Under D.C. Official Code § 50-301.29h, every three (3) months, each carrier-for-hire company must transmit to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (“OCFO”) a carrier-for-hire support surcharge assessed to each carrier-for-hire trip that physically terminates in the District of Columbia. The surcharge assessed to each qualifying trip must be not less than twenty cents (\$0.20).

The Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“DFHV” or “Department”) issues this Administrative Issuance to provide carrier-for-hire companies with practical guidance regarding the statutory surcharge requirement and the process for transmitting surcharge payments to OCFO.

This Administrative Issuance does not establish substantive requirements beyond those imposed by District law.

II. AUTHORITY

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Support Emergency Act of 2026, D.C. Act 26-416, § 6182(c), amending D.C. Official Code § 50-301.29h.

III. PROCEDURES

Beginning October 1, 2026, each carrier-for-hire company shall comply with the carrier-for-hire support surcharge requirements established by D.C. Official Code § 50-301.29h.

I. SURCHARGE

D.C. Official Code § 50-301.29h requires each carrier-for-hire company, every three (3) months, to transmit to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) a carrier-for-hire support surcharge assessed to each carrier-for-hire trip that physically terminates in the District. The surcharge shall be not less than twenty cents (\$0.20) per trip.

For purposes of administering the quarterly transmission process, the applicable three-month periods are:

- a) January 1 through March 31;
- b) April 1 through June 30;





- c) July 1 through September 30; and
- d) October 1 through December 31.

The first three-month period following the October 1, 2026 applicability date is October 1 through December 31, 2026.

2. *TRANSMISSION OF SURCHARGE TO OCFO*

Carrier-for-hire companies may transmit surcharge payments to OCFO by wire transfer. Companies should contact the DFHV point of contact identified below to obtain the applicable wire transfer instructions and banking information.

The statutory requirement to transmit the surcharge every three (3) months remains applicable regardless of the method used to transmit payment.

3. *QUARTERLY DELIVERY FEE REPORT*

To assist DFHV and OCFO in identifying and reconciling surcharge payments, DFHV will provide carrier-for-hire companies with a Quarterly Support Surcharge Report that may accompany each quarterly surcharge transmission.

The report identifies the reporting company and provides fields for the fiscal year, month, number of completed deliveries terminating in the District, applicable delivery fee amount, and quarterly totals.

The Quarterly Support Surcharge Report is an administrative tool intended to facilitate processing and reconciliation of surcharge payments. It does not alter the statutory surcharge obligation or create an independent reporting requirement.

4. *CUSTOMER DISPLAY OF SURCHARGE*

D.C. Official Code § 50-301.29h does not prescribe a particular format or method for displaying or communicating the carrier-for-hire support surcharge to customers.

Accordingly, DFHV does not require a specific customer-facing description or display format. Each carrier-for-hire company may determine how it displays or communicates the surcharge to its customers, consistent with the statutory surcharge requirement.

5. *ADDITIONAL INFORMATION*

Questions regarding the carrier-for-hire support surcharge or the administrative process described in this Administrative Issuance may be directed to Faye Dastgheib, Senior Policy and Legislative Affairs Advisor, at faye.dastgheib1@dc.gov.

SO ORDERED:



DEPARTMENT OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLES

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Enclosure: Quarterly Support Surcharge Report

