Government of the District of Columbia
Department of For-Hire Vehicles

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE:
TAXICAB VEHICLE EXTENSION FEE WAIVER
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I. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Department of For-Hire Vehicles (Department) is tasked with regulating and supporting a diverse and sustainable public for-hire vehicle industry (D.C. Official Code §§ 50-301 *et seq*.). To encourage continued service of accessible and fuel-efficient vehicles, 31 DCMR § 609 permits certain vehicles to remain in service beyond the standard model-year retirement.

For the 2026 application renewal cycle, this Administrative Issuance establishes a waiver of the $50 application filing fee for wheelchair-accessible vehicles (WAVs), electric vehicles (EVs), and hybrid vehicles older than fifteen model years to remain in service.

This policy is intended to reduce barriers for owners of WAVs, helping maintain reliable accessible transportation options for residents and visitors. By extending this waiver to EVs and hybrid vehicles, the Department also supports the retention of fuel-efficient and low-emission vehicles, aligning with the District's sustainability goals and promoting cleaner transportation choices.

II. AUTHORITY

D.C. OFFICIAL CODE §§ 50-301.02, 50-301.07, and 50-301.13; and 31 DCMR § 609.

III. PROCEDURE

Vehicles that are fifteen (15) model years or older and eligible for continued service pursuant to 31 DCMR § 609.7 will not be charged the filing application fee of $50.00. The application form issued by the Department must be submitted no later than December 1, 2026, to continue service for the following calendar year.

Eligibility criteria under 31 DCMR § 609.7 is as follows. The vehicle must be a WAV, EV, or hybrid vehicle between fifteen (15) and twenty (20) model years and:

1. Have passed its two (2) most recent required DMV inspections;

2. Be in excellent mechanical condition, as evidenced by proof of passage of a 150-point inspection administered by an automotive technician employed by an independent third-party inspection service and certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE);

3. Be in excellent condition in appearance, including having no body damage on its exterior, as determined by the Department; and

4. Not be a salvaged vehicle or declared a total loss; and

5. Be painted in the uniform color scheme in accordance with the requirements of 31 DCMR § 503.

Eligible vehicles can request extension by first completing this link - Vehicle Age Waiver Request Form.

All other public vehicle-for-hire requirements under Title 31 of the DCMR are still applicable.

SO ORDERED:

DEPARTMENT OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLES

BY: _____
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