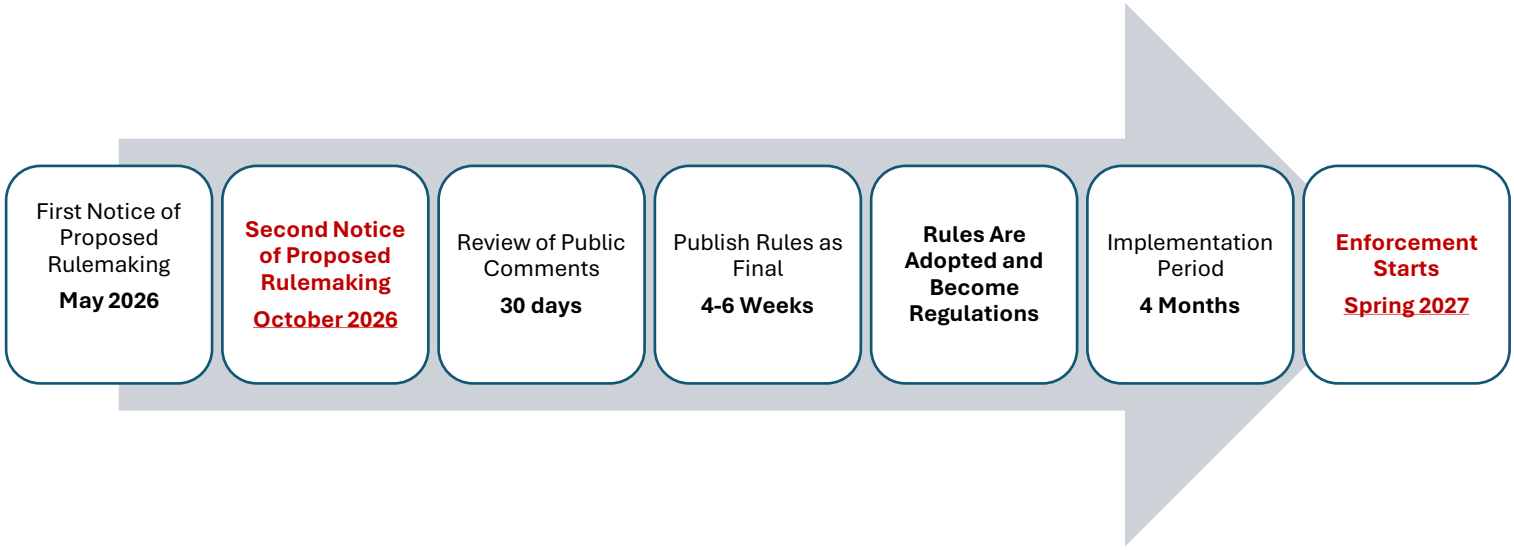
Rulemaking Process and Implementation of the Carrier-for-Hire Law

Pursuant to D.C. Law 25-301, the Department of For-Hire Vehicles (DFHV) is required to issue regulations establishing key requirements—such as registration, trade dress, and other operational standards—before the Carrier-for-Hire (CFH) Law can be implemented.

DFHV issued a First Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on May 22, 2026, and received comments from industry stakeholders. Based on that feedback, the rules have been revised. A Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking will be published in the *D.C. Register* in **Fall 2026.**

CFH providers and members of the public will have a 30-day comment period to review the Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and submit written comments to DFHV. DFHV will carefully evaluate all comments before finalizing the rules. This final review and adoption process is expected to take approximately four to six weeks.

The CFH Law cannot be implemented until the rulemaking process is complete and the final regulations are formally adopted. Once adopted, these regulations will provide DFHV with the authority needed to implement and enforce the law.

Following the effective date of the final regulations, DFHV will allow a four-month implementation period. Full compliance—including application requirements, enforcement activities, and data collection—will begin at the conclusion of this grace period.