

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) (3), (7), (12), and (19), 14, 20, and 20a 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) (3), (7), (12), and (19)), 50-313, 50-319, and 50-320 (2012 Repl. & 2013 Supp.)); hereby gives notice of its intent to adopt amendments to Chapter 8 (Operation of Taxicabs) and Chapter 99 (Definitions) of Title 31 (Taxicabs and Public Vehicles for Hire) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

The proposed amendments to Chapters 8 and 99 would clarify the definition of “shared riding” and allow the Chief of the Office of Taxicabs to have the flexibility to designate share ride locations as needed to best serve the interests of passengers, owners, operators, and the venues at which shared riding may be allowed, for other lawful purposes within the authority of the Commission.

The proposed rulemaking was adopted on August 6, 2014. Directions for submitting comments may be found at the end of this notice. The Commission also hereby gives notice of the intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt these proposed rules in not less than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice of proposed rulemaking in the *D.C. Register*.

CHAPTER 8, OPERATION OF TAXICABS, is amended as follows:

Section 808, GROUP RIDING AND SHARED RIDING, is amended to read as follows:

Subsection 808.2 is amended to read as follows:

808.2 Shared riding, as defined in § 9901.1 is authorized under this chapter only at a shared riding location designated by the Chief of the Office in an administrative issuance issued pursuant to Chapter 7. An operator shall not pick up a passenger at a designated shared riding location except at the designated taxi stand nor discharge a passenger except at the designated discharge stand. Violations of this subsection are subject to a civil fine of one hundred dollars (\$100).

CHAPTER 99, DEFINITIONS, is amended as follows:

Section 9901.1, is amended to read as follows:

“**Shared riding**” – a group of two (2) or more passengers arranged by a starter at a location, which has been expressly designated by the Chief of the Office in an Office Issuance issued pursuant to Chapter 7 of this title, where there are common or different destinations.

Copies of this proposed rulemaking can be obtained at www.dcregs.dc.gov or by contacting Juanda Mixon, Secretary to the Commission, District of Columbia Taxicab Commission, 2041 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue, S.E., Suite 204, 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 D.C. Taxicab Commission, 2041 Martin Luther King, Jr., Ave., S.E., Suite 204, Washington, D.C. 20020, Attn: Juanda Mixon, Secretary to the Commission, no later than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.