

**DEPARTMENT
OF
FOR-HIRE VEHICLES**

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE
Title: Application Fee for Initial
Registration of Private Sedan Business
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I. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Pursuant to the Establishment Act, the Department has promulgated regulations in Chapter 19 of Title 31 of the DCMR to require that each private sedan business register before providing rides in the District. § 1902. Pursuant to § 1902.5, the application fees to register a private sedan business are twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for an initial registration, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a renewal registration. These regulations were initially promulgated when private sedans were first authorized in the District on March 10, 2015, pursuant to the Vehicle for Hire Innovation Amendment Act of 2014.

Since that time, four private sedan businesses have registered, and Department staff has gained significant experience working with them, by evaluating and approving applications, and by conducting ongoing account reviews to ensure compliance. This experience has resulted in efficiencies in the use of staff time and resources, leading the Department to conclude that it is no longer necessary to assess the full amount of the registration fees authorized by § 1902.5. In addition, the Department finds that the best interests of the riding public are served by generally reducing regulatory hurdles to entry into the for-hire market, which leads to more competition, lower prices, and greater consumer choice. One way to accomplish these ends is to lower application fees, as reflected in this administrative issuance.

II. POLICY

The fee pursuant to § 1902.5, for the initial registration of a private sedan business, is hereby established as five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

III. AUTHORITY

31 DCMR §§ 701, 1901, and 1902; D.C. OFFICIAL CODE § 50-301.29a.

SO ORDERED:

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