



**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE:
WAIVER FOR VEHICLE RETIREMENT AGE
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I. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“Department”) is charged with the continuance, development, and improvement of the District's public vehicle-for-hire industry, and with the overall regulation of for-hire vehicles. *See* D.C. OFFICIAL CODE §§ 50-301.07 and 50-301.13. Earlier this year, the Department extended a vehicle age retirement waiver process in response to concerns raised by stakeholders across the vehicle for-hire spectrum. In response to continued concerns, the Department is submitting this Administrative Issuance (“AI”) to increase the mileage requirement established by AI-2019-01 to allow taxicabs that are older than eight (8) model years but less than ten (10) model years to continue operating. The Department will allow taxicab operators to submit a waiver to extend the service life of a vehicle pursuant to 31 DCMR § 609.7 as long as certain conditions are met (*see* “Procedures” section below). This AI provides guidance to taxicab operators on how to apply for the waiver to the taxicab vehicle retirement age.

II. AUTHORITY

District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986; D.C. OFFICIAL CODE § 47-2829, *et seq.*; D.C. OFFICIAL CODE §§ 50-301, *et seq.*; and 31 DCMR § 609.

III. PROCEDURE

Taxicab operators who have vehicles that are older than eight (8) model years, but less than ten (10) model years may complete an application to waive the eight-year vehicle retirement age under 31 DCMR § 609.3 for one calendar year. To qualify for the waiver, the operator must show proof that the vehicle has been driven no more than 275,000 miles and has passed a 150-point inspection by an independent ASE certified mechanic. No taxicab company or association may self-certify the 150-point ASE inspection. The charge for the waiver application is \$50.00 per vehicle in addition to the license renewal fee.

Other eligibility criteria for the waiver are as follows:

The vehicle shall:

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 independent third party Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified inspection service, **any fleet, company, or association may not self certify**;

3. Be in excellent condition and appearance, including having no body damage on its exterior, as determined by a Vehicle Inspection Officer at the Department;
4. Not be a salvaged vehicle or declared a total loss; and
5. Not have been driven more than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000) miles at the time the waiver application is filed.

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

To apply for the waiver, please go to <https://dfhv.dc.gov/page/vehicle-age-waiver-inspection-request>.

SO ORDERED:

DEPARTMENT OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLES

BY:  _____
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Director