

**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE:  
WAIVER FOR TAXICAB VEHICLE RETIREMENT**

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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 issued a vehicle age retirement waiver until November 15, 2022, to alleviate the difficulty of purchasing of new vehicles due vehicle shortages and supply chain issues following the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to facilitate recovery from the pandemic and in response to continued concerns by stakeholders, 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* “Procedure” section below). This AI provides guidance to taxicab operators on how to apply for the waiver to the taxicab vehicle retirement age and maximum mileage requirement.

**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 less than twelve (12) model years old may complete an application to waive the ten-year vehicle retirement age and 300,000 maximum mileage requirement under 31 DCMR § 609 until December 31, 2023. To qualify for the waiver, the operator must show proof that the vehicle has been driven no more than 350,000 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 fee is \$50.00 per vehicle in addition to the license renewal fee. Operators of eligible vehicles will have until February 28, 2023, to complete the waiver process.

Other eligibility criteria for the waiver are as follows:

The vehicle shall:



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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 the Department's designated staff;
4. Not be a salvaged vehicle or declared a total loss; and
5. Not have been driven more than three hundred fifty thousand (350,000) 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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