



Government of the District of Columbia
Department of For-Hire Vehicles



ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE:

TAXICAB COLOR SCHEME

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I. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“DFHV” or “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. The Department is responsible ensuring compliance with the uniform color scheme for District taxicabs. The Department has been made aware that certain taxicabs have passed the District’s Department of Motor Vehicles’ (“DMV”) inspections and are operating as District taxicabs despite not matching the correct color scheme. Pursuant to this administrative issuance, District taxicabs operating with incorrect color schemes that have already received inspection approval will have additional time to be repainted in compliance with the uniform color scheme.

II. DEFINITIONS

“Uniform color scheme” – red in color to match 3M Controltac Graphic Film Geranium 180C-63, and a stripe decal on both sides to match 3M Controltac Plus Film Pantone Warm Gray 2 in color that aligns with the bottom of the taxicab taillight at the rear of the vehicle.¹

III. AUTHORITY

Establishment Act, D.C. OFFICIAL CODE § 50-301, *et seq.*; 31 DCMR §§ 503 and 518.

IV. PROCEDURES

District taxicabs operating with incorrect color schemes that received inspection approval prior to March 6, 2023, will have until the December 31, 2023, or until the current inspection approval expires, whichever occurs sooner, to be repainted in compliance with the uniform color scheme. After that time District taxicabs that are operating in violation of the uniform color scheme requirements shall be subject to civil penalties, including impoundment of the vehicle. The Department will not issue waivers for vehicles that fail DMV inspection due to non-compliance with the uniform color scheme.

¹ <https://dfhv.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dc%20taxi/publication/attachments/DCTaxicab10DCTC.pdf>

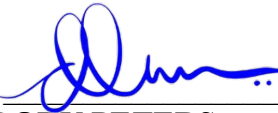


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SO ORDERED:

DEPARTMENT OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLES

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