

**DEPARTMENT  
OF  
FOR-HIRE VEHICLES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE**

Title: Conditions on New Vehicle Licenses

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**I. BACKGROUND**

The Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“Department”) has the statutory power and obligation to establish the standards, conditions and requirements for public vehicle-for-hire rides in the District. Specifically, the Department has authority to, *inter alia*: (1) establish standards and requirements relating to the modernization of equipment and equipment design; (2) establish policies for energy conservation and the reduction of pollution, including through the use of alternative-fuel vehicles; (3) establish policies for the reduction of traffic congestion; (4) establish policies to increase services to persons with disabilities; (5) promote policies to create a more livable city; and (6) create incentives for taxicab service in underserved areas. *See* D.C. OFFICIAL CODE § 50-301.07 (c) (5), (12), (13).

In exercise of this authority, the former D.C. Taxicab Commission (“DCTC” or “Commission”), predecessor to the Department, approved final rulemaking at its May 11, 2016 General Meeting to authorize the imposition of conditions on new vehicle licenses (and the corresponding “H” and “L” tags issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles in connection therewith), to reflect the current ride needs of District residents and visitors. The final rulemaking remains pending publication in the *D.C. Register* as of the approval date of this administrative issuance. The final rulemaking has also been approved as emergency rulemaking by Department.

This administrative issuance provides guidance on the rulemaking for the benefit of interested stakeholders, including those who have been issued new vehicle licenses since the abolishment of the H Tag Moratorium in January 2016, as well as those who are interested in applying for such licenses. The Department hereby determines and finds that the reference in § 1010.24 (a) to “a vehicle that uses electric or other efficient means of propulsion” shall mean only an all-electric vehicle, and shall not mean a gasoline-electric hybrid vehicle.

**II. PURPOSE**

To provide guidance on the emergency and final rulemakings creating a 31 DCMR § 1010.24 (a): the reference to “a vehicle that uses electric or other efficient means of propulsion” shall mean only an all-electric vehicle, and shall not mean a gasoline-electric hybrid vehicle.

### **III. POLICY**

The Department shall not issue a new vehicle license unless the owner and vehicle meet the requirements of § 1010.24, as interpreted by this administrative issuance, as well as all other applicable requirements of Title 31 and other applicable laws (including without limitation the title and registration requirements of DMV).

### **IV. DEFINITIONS**

None.

### **V. AUTHORITY**

31 DCMR §§ 1010.24; Establishment Act, D.C. OFFICIAL CODE § 50-301.07 (c) (5), (12), (13).

### **VI. PROCEDURES:**

None.

**SO ORDERED:**

**DEPARTMENT OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLES**

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