



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



**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE:
TAXICAB FLEET REQUIREMENT RELIEF**

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I. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“DFHV”) is charged with the continuance, development, and improvement of the District’s public vehicle-for-hire industry, as well as the overall regulation of for-hire vehicles. See D.C. Official Code §§ 50-301.07 and 50-301.13. The Department is committed to increasing competition, expanding consumer choice, and improving customer experiences across the vehicle-for-hire spectrum.

Minimum fleet requirements were established in 2014, when the taxicab industry consisted of approximately 8,000 vehicles and held a dominant share of the for-hire market. At that time, the requirement was intended to promote accountability, service reliability, and operational scale. Since then, significant changes in the vehicle-for-hire industry have altered market conditions. In light of these changes, DFHV is considering a legislative revision to the fleet requirement to better support small businesses, preserve essential public for-hire services, and update the regulatory framework to reflect current operational realities.

In the interim, DFHV will not enforce the 20-vehicle minimum fleet requirement for applicants seeking operating authority for the 2026 calendar year.

II. AUTHORITY

D.C. OFFICIAL CODE §§ 50-301.02(b)(2)(B), 50-301.07(c)(2); and 31 DCMR §§ 501, 9901.

III. PROCEDURES

An applicant that seeks operating authority for a taxicab company or association for calendar year 2026 shall not have its application denied solely due to noncompliance with the 20-vehicle fleet requirement.

To qualify for the reduced fleet requirement:

- Companies with 1–8 vehicles are required to have at least 1 wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV).
- Companies with 9 or more vehicles are required to have at least 20% of the vehicles be WAVs, rounding down to the nearest whole vehicle.



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SO ORDERED:

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