

Rulemaking Process and Implementation of the Carrier-for-Hire Law

Pursuant to D.C. Law 25-301, the Department of For-Hire Vehicles (DFHV) must issue regulations to establish key requirements—such as registration, trade dress, and other operational standards—before the Carrier-for-Hire (CFH) Law may be implemented.

Once the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is published in the D.C. Register, CFH providers and members of the public will have a 30-day period to review the proposed regulations and submit written comments. DFHV will carefully review and consider all public feedback before finalizing the rules. This review and finalization process is expected to take approximately four to six weeks.

The CFH Law cannot be implemented until the rulemaking process is complete and the final rules are formally adopted. Upon adoption, the regulations will provide DFHV with the authority necessary to implement and enforce the law.

Following the effective date of the new regulations, DFHV will allow a four-month grace period. Full compliance, including application requirements, enforcement actions, and data collection, will begin after the conclusion of this grace period.

