**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Removal of Taxicab Vehicle Retirement Waiver**

**Administrative Issuance (AI)**

**Q1: What is the existing vehicle age limit?**

**A:** The existing vehicle age limit under 31 DCMR § 609 is 10 years. This means that taxicab vehicles that are model year 2013 have reached their 10-year age limit. When that happens, their meters are turned off and they can no longer be used as taxis.

**However, there is a new proposed rulemaking that will be published very soon. This will allow vehicles to continue operation beyond 10 years without a waiver.**

**Q2: I have an approved waiver from 2022. How does this affect me?**

**A:** Vehicle owners who have a 2022 waiver will automatically be able to continue to operate because of the pending Taxi Vehicle Age Rulemaking.

**Q3: I just paid for a waiver in 2023, how does this affect me?**

**A:** Vehicle owners who have already submitted the $50 fee for the vehicle age limit extension waiver in 2023 will receive a credit applied towards their subsequent One-Stop application fee.

**Q4: My vehicle is more than 12 model years. However, it is in great condition and meets the mileage requirements. Can I apply for the waiver?**

**A: There is no longer a need to apply for a waiver.** Taxicab vehicles will not be required to retire due to the vehicle’s age or mileage in 2024. Any taxicabs that were able to provide service in 2023 are eligible to continue service in 2024, including vehicles with 12 model years that were operating according to the previous waiver.

**Q5: Will my vehicle have to retire due to having too many miles?**

**A**: **No vehicle will have to retire due to its mileage in 2024.** The proposed rulemaking seeks to remove current the maximum mileage requirement, which is three hundred thousand (300,000) miles under 31 DCMR § 609.4. This change is intended to align the District’s mileage requirements with those in neighboring jurisdictions.

**Q6: Why did DFHV choose to issue an AI with requirements to fulfill for a waiver, instead of notifying vehicle owners about this proposed rulemaking sooner?**

**A**: DFHV has been working hard to revise the age and mileage criteria for taxicabs after receiving various requests from both the drivers and companies. The agency only recently received approval to proceed with a proposed rulemaking. While it is not possible to implement the proposed changes in the rulemaking until after the agency receives public comments and finalizes the rules, DFHV wanted to provide the proposed benefits to the taxicab industry as quickly as possible, including removing any fees for extension waivers.