**Frequently Asked Questions**

**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.

**Q2: What would the Administrative Issuance (AI) do?**

**A:** The AI would allow 2012 and 2013 model year vehicle owners to request a vehicle age limit extension so they can continue to operate their vehicles until December 31, 2024.

**Q3: Does this mean the agency already extended the vehicle age limit?**

**A:** No, vehicle owners must submit a waiver request to be eligible for this extension.

**Q4: When is the deadline to request the waiver?**

**A:** **If you do not apply and receive a waiver by December 31, 2023, DFHV will deactivate your 2012 or 2013 model year vehicle in January 2024.** If DFHV deactivates your vehicle in January 2024 and your vehicle is eligible for a waiver, you have until February 27, 2024, to apply to have your vehicle reactivated.

**Q5: What is the process to request a waiver?**

**A:** Eligible vehicle owners must complete the waiver application form, available at <https://dfhv.my.site.com/company/s/dfhv-vehicle-age-waiver-request>. Applications can be accessed beginning November 27, 2023.

**Q6: What if I miss the deadline?**

**A**: If you do not receive a waiver by December 31, 2023, your meter will be deactivated in January 2024 and you will be unable to drive the vehicle as a taxi If DFHV deactivates your vehicle in January 2024 and your vehicle is eligible for a waiver, you have until February 27, 2024, to apply to have your vehicle reactivated.

**Q7: How is the mileage requirement considered in the waiver application process?**

**A**: The mileage requirement is a critical component of the waiver eligibility criteria. To apply for the waiver, please submit your application through the provided link (<https://dfhv.my.site.com/company/s/dfhv-vehicle-age-waiver-request>). **Your vehicle must satisfy both of the following conditions**:

1. The model year must not exceed 12 years. (taxis from Model Year 2011 or an older model year are ineligible for this waiver.)
2. It must have been driven no more than 350,000 miles.

**Q8: 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**: No.

 **Q9: What are the other requirements aside from the vehicle mileage and age limits noted above?**

**A**: You must meet all the following requirements:

1. The operator must show proof that the vehicle has been driven no more than 350,000 miles at the time the waiver application is submitted;
2. The vehicle passed its two (2) most recent required DMV inspections;
3. The vehicle is in excellent mechanical condition, as evidenced by proof of passage of a 150-point inspection administered by an independent third-party Automotive Service. No taxicab company or association may self-certify the 150-point ASE inspection;
4. The vehicle is in excellent physical condition and appearance, which includes having no body damage to its exterior. This will be determined through a virtual or in-person inspection conducted by the Department’s designated staff; and
5. Not be a salvaged vehicle or declared a total loss.

**Q10: What does “12 model years” mean?**

**A**: Twelve model years means that any vehicle the car company produced for the model year 2011. Some car manufacturers may have sold Model Year 2011 vehicles in 2010 and those vehicles still count as Model Year 2011 for the purposes of this waiver. **This means that taxis from Model Year 2011 or an older model year are ineligible for this waiver.**

**Q11: Is there a fee to apply for the waiver?**

**A**: Yes, the fee to apply is $50. You must pay the fee, even if we deny the waiver. You may pay the waiver fee online or in person.

**Q12: What if I have questions or concerns?**

**A.** Applicants seeking additional guidance are encouraged to contact the DFHV Client Services department at dfhv.clientservices@dc.gov or 202-645-7300.