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

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE:
TAXICAB COMPANY WAV REQUIREMENT WAIVER FOR 2022
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I. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Department of For-Hire Vehicles ("Department") is charged with the continuance, development, and improvement of the District's public vehicle-for-hire industry, and with the overall regulation of for-hire vehicles. *See* D.C. Official Code §§ 50-301.07 and 50-301.13. The Department has decided to renew its policy that taxicab companies would not be denied operating authority solely for lack of compliance with the 20% wheelchair-accessible vehicle ("WAV") requirement. After considering the impact of the COIVD-19 pandemic and current state of WAV service and availability, the Department has decided to extend the waiver of the WAV requirement for the 2022 calendar year.

The District continues to have an adequate level of accessible transportation options for residents, based on current demand. One consequence of the COVID-19 public health emergency has been a significant reduction in the number of for-hire trips taken in the District. Strict enforcement of the 20% WAV requirement at this time would impose an unsustainable burden for taxicab companies. For these and other lawful reasons, the Department is extending its policy of not denying applicants in good standing who seek to renew their taxicab company authority for calendar year 2022 solely for lack of compliance with the 20% WAV requirement.

II. AUTHORITY

D.C. OFFICIAL CODE §§ 50-301.02(b)(2)(B), 50-301.07(c)(2), 50-301.25(c)(2), and 31 DCMR § 501.10.

III. PROCEDURE

An applicant in good standing with the Department that seeks to renew its taxicab company operating authority for calendar year 2022 shall not have its application denied solely for lack of compliance with the 20% WAV requirement. The Department shall require taxicab companies to have WAVs constitute at least 12% of their fleet.

SO ORDERED:

DEPARTMENT OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLES

BY: _____
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Interim Director