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Rule R-6.310.320.E
Uniform Vehicle Safety Inspection Report, Approved Mechanics
(SMC 6.310.270.R, .320.E and .330.J)

(1) Each taxicab, for-hire vehicle, and TNC endorsed vehicle shall pass a uniform vehicle safety inspection, pursuant to this rule, by a mechanic approved by the Director prior to providing services and annually thereafter.

(2) Mechanics who sign off on a uniform vehicle safety inspection must be approved by the Director. Approved mechanics must hold valid certificates of competency issued by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) in the following:

a. engine repair,

b. suspension and steering,

c. brakes, and

d. heating and air conditioning, or

e. be currently certified as a master automobile technician.

All certificates of competency must be current. If certificates expire, the approval issued by the Director shall be withdrawn. Approved mechanics may not own, lease, or drive a taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle. Approved mechanics must sign off on inspections prior to filling out the *Uniform Vehicle Safety Inspection Database.*

(3) The approved mechanic is responsible for certifying that the taxicab license plates, decals, customer notices, and other markings, as required by the City are legible and properly displayed as specified in this rule.

Vehicle Type	External Markings	Interior Notices/Signs
Taxicab	**Color Scheme**: See most recent Director list	**Rates decal**: Must include taximeter rates and airport flat rate (See most recent Director list for airport flat rate). Must have a transparent background, 3/4" lettering, and affixed to the driver- side rear window.
	Trade Name/Telephone Number: Upper Half of both front doors. Lettering must be at least 4".	**Passenger Information Decal**: Must include vehicle name, number, passenger complaint hotline, and printed or electronic receipt requirement. Must be affixed to the

		rear driver-side window.
	Vehicle Number: Number must be at least 4" lettering. Must be on all four sides of the vehicle.	**Passenger Information in Braille and Raised Lettering**: Must include vehicle name, number, and passenger complaint hotline. Lettering raised at least 1/32" and a height of 5/8". Affixed on the inside of all passenger doors above the arm rest.
	Rates: On the upper half of both rear doors in 3/4" lettering. Include taximeter rate, airport flat rate (see most recent Director list).	**520 Toll Rates Decal:** Must include current Good To Go! toll rates for Monday through Friday and for weekends and holidays as outlined by the Washington Department of Transportation.
	License: Rivet to rear of vehicle	
For-Hire Vehicle	**Color Scheme**: See most recent Director List	**Passenger Information Decal**: Must include vehicle name, number, passenger complaint hotline, and printed receipt option notification. Must be affixed to the rear driver-side window.
	Trade Name/Telephone Number: Upper half of both front doors. Lettering must be at least 4".	**Passenger Information in Braille and Raised Lettering**: Must include vehicle name, number, and passenger complaint hotline. Lettering raised at least 1/32" and a height of 5/8". Affixed on the inside of all passenger doors above the arm rest.
	Vehicle Number: Number must be in at least 4" lettering. Must be on all four sides of the vehicle.	**Rates Decal**: A notice stating "Vehicle charges a flat rate and fare is determined by zones. Driver is required to provide a rate book upon customer request. Application dispatch fare supersedes rate book". Must have a transparent background, 3/4" lettering, and affixed to the driver- side rear window.
	License Decal: Fixed to inside surface of windshield above rear view mirror.	**520 Toll Rates Decal:** Must include current Good To Go! toll rates for Monday through Friday and for weekends and holidays as outlined

		by the Washington Department of Transportation.
	Flat rate: Vehicle must be clearly marked with "flat rate" on the exterior.	
TNC Endorsed Vehicle	**Trade Dress**: See most recent list published by the Director.	
	Endorsement Decal: Fixed to inside surface of windshield in the center above rear view mirror. Endorsement decal is not required for initial license inspections.	

(4) Vehicle safety inspections shall include thorough inspection of the following:

Inspection Item	Criteria for Passing
Brakes	All pedals (brake, emergency brake and accelerator) must have rubber foot pads in good condition (no metal showing).
Emergency brakes	Capable of holding vehicle on a 30 degree incline in neutral.
Steering mechanism and suspension	No defects.
Windshield	No chips or cracks larger than one inch. Window tint cannot extend further than 6 inches from the top of the windshield.
Rear window and other glass	No chips or cracks larger than one inch and must open and close properly. Window tint must allow a minimum of 24% light transmission per RCW 46.37.430. This applies to all 4 door windows and rear window. Window tint shall be checked with a tint meter.
Windshield wipers and defroster	Must operate properly.
Headlights including high beams	Covered with undamaged lenses and all bulbs operating properly.
Tail lights	Covered with undamaged lenses and all bulbs operating properly.
Turn indicator and hazard lights	Covered with undamaged lenses and all bulbs operating properly.
Brake lights including high center	Covered with undamaged lenses and all bulbs operating

brake light and back-up lights	properly.
Seats	Front seat adjustment mechanism operates properly. All seats are in undamaged condition and fastened securely.
Doors	All doors open, close, and lock.
Horn	Must operate properly.
Speedometer and odometer	Must operate properly.
Bumpers	No sharp edges or any defects which is one-half inch at the deepest point of depression.
Muffler and exhaust system	No exhaust leaks, damage to muffler or tail pipe or missing support for tail pipe.
Tires including spare tire, tire jack, lug wrench, and jack handle or inflator/sealant kit	Wheels (including spare) must be properly aligned, inflated, free of defects, and have a minimum tread depth of 2/32". There must be a tire jack, jack handle, and lug wrench or an inflator/sealant kit in all vehicles.
Interior and exterior rear view mirrors	Free of cracks and defects.
Safety belts and air bags	Must operate properly. Air bag indicator lights must operate per manufacturer standards.
Silent alarm/GPS (taxicabs and for-hire vehicles)	Silent alarm must be tested. Mechanic shall activate emergency button, and call taxicab association or for-hire vehicle dispatch office to verify emergency signal was received and GPS location of vehicle is accurate. Complies with specifications set forth in Seattle Rule R- 6.310.320.T.
Wheelchair accessible vehicles	Must meet the following rules from code of federal regulations, ADA accessibility specifications for transportation vehicles, Title 49, Part 38 Subpart B: • Lighting-Shall have a light installed that illuminates the ramp when the ramp is deployed; • Ramp surface- Ramp surface shall be continuous and slip resistant, no protrusions over ¼ inch high, and shall have a clear width of 30 inches.; • Contrast-Boarding edge of ramp shall have a band of color running the full width of the edge which contrasts from the ramp surface, either light on dark or dark on light; • Securement devices-When the wheelchair or

	mobility aid is secured, the securement devices shall limit the movement of an occupied wheelchair or mobility aid to no more than 2 inches in any direction under normal vehicle operating conditions; • Seat belt and shoulder harness-For each wheelchair or mobility aid securement device, a passenger seat belt and shoulder harness shall also be provided for use by the wheelchair or mobility aid users. Seat belts shall NOT be used in lieu of a securement device; • Ramp barriers- Each side of the ramp shall have barriers at least 2 inches high to prevent mobility aid wheels from slipping off.

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fuel Systems (inspection to be completed by a CSA Group Certified CNG Fuel System Inspector)	All vehicles with CNG fuel supply systems must meet the following requirements:
	
	• NFPA 52-6.4.4 Vents shall not exit into a wheel well;
	• NFPA 52-6.5.7 Fuel lines shall be mounted, braced, and supported to minimize vibration and should be protected against damage, corrosion, or breakage due to strain or wear;
	• NFPA 52-6.6.1 Every cylinder shall be equipped with a manual shut off valve;
	• NFPA 52- 6.6.2.4 Where a manual valve is used, the valve location shall be indicated with the words "MANUAL SHUTOFF VALVE";
	• NFPA 52-6.11.1 Vehicles equipped with a CNG fuel system shall bear the following durable labels: a label readily visible and located in the engine compartment shall include the following:
	  o Identification as a CNG-fueled vehicle;
	  o System service pressure;
	  o Installer's name or company;
	  o Container retest date or expiration date;
	  o Total container water volume in gallons;
	• NFPA 52-6.11.3 Vehicle must have a weather resistant, diamond shaped label located on an exterior vertical surface or near vertical surface on the lower right rear of the vehicle (e.g. on the trunk lid of the vehicle, but not on the bumper);
	• CNG fuel receptacles must be checked for wear with the Go No/Go gage.

Note: All equipment must operate properly and all damage must be repaired. Replacement equipment shall meet manufacturer's original specifications.

(5) An approved mechanic shall not issue a passing *Uniform Vehicle Safety Inspection Report* to the vehicle licensee until all inspection items meet the criteria for passing (above). The inspection shall be entered into the *Uniform Vehicle Safety Inspection Database* on the same day of the inspection.

(6) A vehicle that has been in a collision and determined by the insurance adjuster to be a "total wreck", or having the term "rebuilt" noted on the vehicle registration, shall not be placed in service, or back in service, as a taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle until an approved mechanic with a current ASE certification in "structural analysis and damage repair" has verified that there is no damage to the vehicle frame or an I-CAR Gold Class shop has verified that there is no damage to the vehicle frame.

(7) A vehicle determined by the insurance adjuster to be a "total wreck", or having the term "rebuilt" noted on the vehicle registration shall not be placed in service, or put back into service, as a taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle until an approved airbag technician has verified that the airbag system is working properly.

(8) All vehicles with a CNG fuel system shall pass a CNG inspection annually completed by a CSA Group Certified CNG Fuel System Inspector. The inspector shall verify the tank is installed per NFPA standards and is still operating properly. A copy of the CNG inspection report shall be filed with the Consumer Protection Unit office.

(9) Violations that are determined to present a "clear, substantial and imminent hazard to life, safety, or property" shall result in a summary suspension of the vehicle license or endorsement until the violations are corrected and re-inspected. These "safety" violations include, but are not limited to, all of the inspection items listed in the table above. Taxicab associations, for-hire companies, and transportation network companies are required to send any Notice of Violation or Summary Suspension from the Director to the licensee or endorsee within five business days after the company or association receives such correspondence and must keep a written record of the mailings.

(10) Inspections must be entered into the *Uniform Vehicle Safety Inspection Database* provided by the Director on the same day as the inspections. If the *Uniform Vehicle Safety Inspection Database* is not operating properly, paper forms will be provided by the Director. Paper forms should only be used when the database is down. City officials may audit these records on demand during normal business hours.