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Department of Finance revised Director Rules amending Chapter
6.310 "Taxicabs and For-Hire Vehicles".

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM

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From: Craig Leisy, Manager
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To: Judith Pippin, City Clerk

Subject: **FILING DIRECTOR RULES - EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2001**

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Please file the attached copy of the revised Director Rules that implement requirements contained in Ordinance 119872, effective April 15, 2000, which amended Chapter 6.310 "Taxicabs and For-Hire Vehicles" in the Seattle Municipal Code. Two copies of the revised Rules are provided with this memorandum.

An Affidavit of Publication for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing and Opportunity to Comment is attached. The Notice was published on February 9, 2001 in the *Daily Journal of Commerce*. The required public hearing was held on February 27, 2001.

If I can provide any additional information, please contact me at 386-1296.

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Affidavit of Publication

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

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was published on

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[Signature]
Subscribed and sworn to before me on

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Melissa M. Paquet
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residing in Seattle



Affidavit of Publication

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED
PUBLIC HEARING AND
OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

The Finance Director acting under the authority of Chapters 8.02 and 8.113 of the Seattle Municipal Code, proposes to revise the rules pertaining to business and for-hire vehicles. The revised rules implement requirements contained in Ordinance No. 118872, passed March 28, 2000, which amended Chapter 8.110 of the Code and For-Hire Vehicles. The revised rules are proposed to become effective on April 1, 2001.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT:
The Finance Department has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed revised rules from 7:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2001** in the 10th Floor Conference Room of the Seattle Municipal Building at 300 South Dearborn Street.

All interested persons are invited to present data, views, or arguments in regard to the proposed revised rules, orally at the hearing, or in writing at or before the hearing. Written comments should be mailed or delivered to:

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
ATTN: TRANG LEUY, MANAGER
CONSUMER AFFAIRS UNIT, 300
SOUTH DEARBORN STREET, SEAT-
TLE, WASHINGTON 98104.**

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed revised rules at the Consumer Affairs Unit, 300 South Dearborn Street between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily. If you would like a copy of the proposed revised rules please contact the Consumer Affairs Unit at: (206) 465-1288, fax: (206) 465-1129, email: seattle.consumer@dnr.seattle.wa.gov, or mail a request to the address shown above.

Dated: January 30, 2001.
DWIGHT D. DUEVELY,
Director, Department of Finance.

Date of publication in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, February 9, 2001. (SXL1708627)

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City of Seattle
Finance Department
Consumer Affairs Unit

Taxicab and For-Hire Vehicle Rules
[Effective Date: April 1, 2001]



April 1, 2001

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Taxicab and For-Hire Vehicle Rules

Authority. These rules are adopted pursuant to Section 6.310.140 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) and are intended to implement Ordinance 118341 and Ordinance 119872. Rules effective January 1, 1997 are amended. These amended rules will become effective April 1, 2001.

Contents. These rules are organized by: (1) taxicab associations and for-hire vehicle operators, (2) taxicabs and for-hire vehicles, and (3) for-hire drivers like the Taxicabs and For-Hire Vehicles Code in Chapter 6.310 of the Seattle Municipal Code. The rule numbers generally correspond with requirements in the Taxicabs and For-Hire Vehicles Code.

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R-6.310.110 Definitions.

1. "**Certificate of Safety**" means a document signed by an approved mechanic certifying that a particular taxicab or for-hire vehicle meets all vehicle safety standards set forth in Chapter 6.310 and in rules adopted pursuant to that chapter [SMC 6.310.110.D]
2. "**Change of equipment**" means replacement of a vehicle licensed as a taxicab or for-hire vehicle within the City of Seattle.
3. "**Director**" means the Director of the Department of Finance for the City of Seattle, or any successor department, and the Director's authorized designees. [SMC 6.310.110.H]
4. "**For-hire driver's license**" means a regulatory license issued by the Director to any person to operate a taxicab or for-hire vehicle including a lease driver or owner/driver. The license includes a photograph of the driver and it expires annually on the anniversary of the application date. King County issues these licenses to Seattle drivers under a cooperative agreement signed in 1995.
5. "**Insurance policy declarations**" means a document from an admitted carrier in the State of Washington that provides proof of compliance with liability coverage requirements in Chapter 46.72 of the Revised Code of Washington and underinsured motorist coverage requirements in Section 6.310.300.C(6) of the Seattle Municipal Code. [SMC 6.310.300.C(5)]
6. "**Monetary penalties**" mean monetary (civil) penalties assessed by the Director against a for-hire driver, taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner, and/or taxicab association for violations of Chapter 6.310 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC). [SMC 6.310.605.C]
7. "**Notice of Complaint**" means a document prepared by the Director and provided to a taxicab association representative or for-hire vehicle operator that describes a passenger complaint and requires a written response to the passenger. [SMC 6.310.710]
8. "**Notice of Violation**" means a document issued by the Director to notify a for-hire driver, taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner and/or taxicab association representative, as appropriate, of violation(s) of Chapter 6.310 of the Seattle Municipal Code. [SMC 6.310.610.C]
9. "**Penalty points**" mean penalty points assessed by the Director against a taxicab association for violation(s) of Chapter 6.310 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) by for-hire drivers operating taxicabs and/or taxicab owners affiliated with the taxicab association or for violation(s) by the taxicab association.
10. "**Physician's Certificate**" means a document signed by a physician licensed to practice in the State of Washington that certifies a license applicant's fitness to perform the duties of a for-hire driver. [SMC 6.310.410]
11. "**Prearranged trip**" means a paid trip by a for-hire vehicle that was requested by the passenger by contacting the business office of the for-hire vehicle operator.
12. "**Rate filing**" means a document submitted by a for-hire vehicle operator or taxicab association representative at vehicle license renewal specifying all special and contract rates