

CF 307684

Seattle Rule 6.310.320 T Silent Alarm.

Seattle Municipal Code Section 6.310.320 T reads as follows:

No taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensed by the City may lawfully operate within The City of Seattle unless the following minimum vehicle requirements are met:

T. The taxicab must be equipped with a monitored silent alarm system approved by the Director pursuant to specifications provided by rule and adopted by the Director. All taxicabs with computer dispatch systems shall comply with this requirement by no later than December 31, 2005. All taxicabs with radio dispatch systems shall comply with this requirement by no later than January 1, 2008 (summary suspension and Class B);

The following rule provides guidance for implementing this provision as authorized by the Seattle Municipal Code.

1. A hidden switch, that can be activated by the driver without the knowledge of passengers, and that sends a silent alarm to the taxicab association dispatch office whenever there is an emergency such as a crime in progress against the driver, shall be installed in each taxicab.

2. The switch shall be installed so that it is not visible to passengers and so that it minimizes

false alarms from accidental activation by the driver.

3. The dispatch office for each taxicab association shall continuously monitor the equipment that receives silent alarms. The equipment must be operational whenever an affiliated taxicab is operating. The taxicab association shall immediately attempt to verify with a taxicab driver that an actual emergency exists and, unless a false alarm is confirmed by the driver, the association shall immediately notify the local police. The dispatch office shall assist the Seattle Police Department, and other authorized law enforcement agencies, in responding to and resolving silent alarm activations, including but not limited to, utilization of its GPS tracking system. Resolution of silent alarms shall have priority over all other work of the taxicab association dispatch office.

Effective: October 24, 2005

DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATION

I Kenneth J. Nakatsu, Director of the Department of Executive Administration of the City of Seattle, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury of law, that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Seattle Rule 6.310.320 T entitled "Silent Alarms" as adopted by the City of Seattle, Department of Executive Administration.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2005.

CITY OF SEATTLE,

a Washington municipality

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Kenneth J. Nakatsu, Director

Department of Executive Administration