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Vehicle Size and Fuel.

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Rule R-6.310.320P Vehicle Size and Fuel

Seattle Municipal Code subsection 6.310.320P reads as follows:

P. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle meets the vehicle requirements prescribed by Director's rule, including but not limited to vehicle size and standards for fuel efficiency and emissions (denial of license);

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

Vehicles proposed for service as taxicabs or for-hire vehicles must meet the following size and fuel requirements:

1. **Size:** Taxicabs and for-hire vehicles must be motor vehicles licensed by Washington for operation on the highways of the state.
 - (1) **Seating Capacity.** Vehicles must have seating capacity for at least four (4) passengers.
 - (2) **Wheelchair Accessibility.** New vans must meet applicable requirements of the American's with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended. No dual rear axle vans or dual rear wheel vans.
 - (3) **Doors.** Sedans, station wagons, and sports utility vehicles (SUV) must have a minimum of four (4) doors.
 - (4) **Neighborhood Electric Vehicles.** Neighborhood electric vehicles (NEV) are not approved for use as taxicabs.

2. **Fuel:**
 - (1) **Type.** Any type of fuel that is used by motor vehicles licensed by Washington for operation on the highways of the state including, but not limited to, gasoline, compressed natural gas (CNG), propane (liquefied petroleum gas), and biofuels (e.g., biodiesel, ethanol blends).
 - (2) **Green Vehicles.** Seventy-five percent (75%) of new taxicab licenses issued after December 31, 2008, other than licenses issued for wheelchair accessible taxicabs, shall be awarded to persons who must use green vehicles that are not more than four (4) model years old when placed into service. Holders of taxicab licenses that are not new taxicab licenses, and the other new taxicab licenses, may voluntarily use green vehicles. All green vehicles that are not more than four (4) model years old when placed into service may be continued in service for eight (8) model years providing that they pass annual safety inspections by approved ASE-certified technicians and by city taxicab inspectors.

A "green vehicle" is any motor vehicle that has the following propulsion: electric, gasoline-electric hybrid, compressed natural gas (CNG), propane (liquefied petroleum gas), fuel cell, or clean diesel (ultra low sulfur) as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency. Wheelchair accessible taxicabs are not required to use green vehicles. The Director may authorize a taxicab lease fuel surcharge by rule (see R-6.310.315) for "green vehicles".

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