

City of Seattle and King County

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

The director of the City of Seattle's Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) and the director of King County's Department of Executive Services (DES), acting under the authority of Seattle Municipal Code chapter 3.02 and chapter 6.310, section 6.310.140, and King County Code chapter 2.98 and chapter 6.64, section 6.64.021 and section 6.64.111.C, respectively, propose adopting a rule concerning the Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund (the Fund) and using the Fund to reimburse owners and drivers of wheelchair accessible vehicles for certain costs.

The proposal would extend for another year the provisions of the WAS Fund reimbursement rule adopted in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Specifically, the proposed rule would:

- 1) Suspend minimum operating requirements to be eligible for certain reimbursement types through December 2021; and
- 2) Allow WAV owners to request reimbursement for eligible maintenance and equipment costs incurred in 2021 on a quarterly basis rather than having to wait until the end of the year.

An electronic copy of the proposed rule is available at <http://www.seattle.gov/finance-and-administrative-services/directors-rules> and <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/records-licensing/licensing/taxi-for-hire-transportation-networks/notices-regulations.aspx>. Seattle and King County intend to repeal Seattle rule FOR-HIRE-TRANSPORTATION-04-2020 and King County rules FIN-10-3-2-PR.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The City of Seattle and King County are seeking public comments on the proposed changes to the rule governing reimbursements from the Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on January 3, 2021, and may be emailed or mailed to:

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