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1 AN ORDINANCE relating to taxis, for-hire vehicles and
2 drivers; amending Ordinance 10498, Section 1, as
3 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.010, Section 5, as amended, and
4 K.C.C. 6.64.015, Ordinance 10498, Section 11, and K.C.C.
5 6.64.310, Ordinance 10498, Section 13, and K.C.C.
6 6.64.330, Ordinance 10498, Section 16, and K.C.C.
7 6.64.360, Ordinance 10498, Section 17, and K.C.C.
8 6.64.370, Ordinance 10498, Section 21, and K.C.C.
9 6.64.410, Ordinance 10498, Section 22, as amended, and
10 K.C.C. 6.64.420, Ordinance 10498, Section 22, as
11 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.420, Ordinance 10498, Section
12 23, and K.C.C. 6.64.430, Ordinance 10498, Section 24, as
13 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.440, Ordinance 10498, Section
14 24, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.440, Ordinance 10498,
15 Section 27, and K.C.C. 6.64.500, Ordinance 10498, Section
16 28, and K.C.C. 6.64.510, Ordinance 10498, Section 29, as
17 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.520, Ordinance 10498, Section
18 30, and K.C.C. 6.64.530, Ordinance 10498, Section 35, as
19 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.580, Ordinance 10498, Section

20 37, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.600, Ordinance 10498,
21 Section 38, and K.C.C. 6.64.610, Ordinance 10498, Section
22 47 through 60, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.660,
23 Ordinance 10498, Sections 61 through 68, and K.C.C.
24 6.64.670, Ordinance 10498, Sections 69 through 79, as
25 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.680, Ordinance 10498, Section
26 91, and K.C.C. 6.64.720, Ordinance 10498, Section 93, and
27 K.C.C. 6.64.740 and Ordinance 10498, Section 102, and
28 K.C.C. 6.64.920 and adding a new section to K.C.C.
29 chapter 6.64.

30 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

31 SECTION 1. Ordinance 10498, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.010 are
32 each hereby amended to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter and unless the context plainly requires otherwise,
34 the following definitions apply:

35 A. "Affiliated representative" means the individual within the service
36 organization who has the authority to file special rates and contract agreement rates and
37 charges for a group of affiliated taxicabs, and who is designated as the individual
38 responsible for the receipt of any correspondence or notices pertaining to the service
39 organization or the taxicabs or for-hire vehicles operating within the service organization.

40 B. "Affiliated taxicab" means a taxicab associated with a service organization.

41 C. "Alcohol" means a mixture containing no less than eighty-five percent
42 methanol, ethanol or other alcohols, in any combination, by volume.

43 D. "Alternative fuel" means a means for propulsion by other than gasoline or
44 diesel fuel. "Alternative fuel" includes:

- 45 1. Alcohol;
- 46 2. Dual energy;
- 47 3. Electricity;
- 48 4. Natural gas;
- 49 5. Propane; and
- 50 6. Human power.

51 E. "Approved mechanic facility" means a garage or repair facility that employs
52 mechanics:

- 53 1. Who have successfully passed the examinations of, and met the experience
54 requirements prescribed by, the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence;
- 55 2. Who have been awarded certificates in evidence of competence satisfactory
56 to the director;
- 57 3. Who are authorized emission specialists certified by the Washington
58 Department of Ecology;
- 59 4. None of whom are the owner, lessee or driver of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle
60 or the employee of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle company; and
- 61 5. None of whom have a financial interest in a taxicab or for-hire vehicle or
62 taxicab or for-hire vehicle company.

63 F. "Contract agreement rate" means the rate specified in a written agreement
64 signed by both parties in advance of the dispatch of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle for the
65 services identified in the contract.

66 G. "Director" means the director of the King County department of executive
67 services and his or her duly appointed representatives.

68 H. "Dual energy" means capable of being operated using an alternative fuel and
69 gasoline or diesel fuel.

70 I. "Engage in the business of operating a taxicab or vehicle for hire" means the
71 pickup and transportation of any fare paying passenger from a point within the
72 geographical confines of unincorporated King County, whether or not the vehicle is
73 dispatched from a taxicab stand or office within any other municipal corporation, and
74 whether or not the ultimate destination or route of travel is within the confines of
75 unincorporated King County. However, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to
76 apply to taxicabs or for-hire vehicles licensed by any other municipal corporation and
77 transporting passengers from a point within the licensing municipality to a destination
78 outside thereof, whether or not the ultimate destination or route traveled is within
79 unincorporated King County.

80 J. "For-hire driver" means any person in control of, operating or driving a taxicab
81 or for-hire vehicle and includes a lease driver, owner-operator or driver of taxicabs or for-
82 hire vehicles as an employee.

83 K. "For-hire vehicle" means and includes every motor vehicle used for the
84 transportation of passengers for hire and not operated exclusively over a fixed and
85 definite route, except:

- 86 1. Taxicabs;
- 87 2. Passenger vehicles carrying passengers on a noncommercial enterprise basis;
- 88 3. Vehicles or operators expressly exempt by the RCW from county regulation;

89 4. Operators of charter boats.

90 L. "For-hire vehicle owner" means the registered owner of the vehicle as defined
91 by RCW 46.04.460 as now of hereafter amended.

92 M. "He" means and includes in all references either he or she.

93 ~~((M.))~~ N. "His" means and includes in all references either his or her.

94 ~~((N.))~~ O. "Independent taxicab" means a taxicab that is not affiliated with a
95 service organization.

96 ~~((O.))~~ P. "Lease driver" or "Lessee" means a for-hire driver who is an
97 independent contractor or sole proprietor and who has a taxicab for-hire vehicle lease
98 contract or other form of agreement with a taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner or service
99 organization.

100 ~~((P.))~~ Q. "Lessor" means an owner of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle who leases, by
101 contract or other form of agreement, to a lease driver.

102 ~~((Q.))~~ R. "Licensee" means all applicants, including for-hire drivers, vehicle
103 owners and service organizations including the affiliated representative required to
104 license under this chapter.

105 ~~((R.))~~ S. "Motor vehicle" means every motorized vehicle by or upon which any
106 person may be transported or carried upon a public street, highway or alley, though
107 vehicles used exclusively upon stationary rail tracks or propelled by use of overhead
108 electric wires shall not come under this chapter.

109 ~~((S.))~~ T. "Service organization" means a group of taxicabs owned or operated by
110 the same or various owners and using the same color scheme, trade name and dispatch
111 services, and having an affiliated representative.

112 ~~((F:))~~ U. "Special rate" means discounted rates for senior citizens and disabled.

113 ~~((V:))~~ V. "Summary suspension" means where conditions exist that are deemed
114 hazardous to life and property, the public official in charge is authorized to immediately
115 stop such hazardous conditions that are in violation of this rule, up to and including
116 suspending the vehicle license.

117 ~~((U:))~~ W. "Taxicab" means every motor vehicle used for the transportation of
118 passengers for hire, where the route traveled or destination is controlled by a customer
119 and the fare is based on an amount recorded and indicated on a taximeter or on a special
120 fare rate or contracted agreement as permitted by this chapter.

121 ~~((V:))~~ X. "Taxicab vehicle owner" means the registered owner of the vehicle as
122 defined in RCW 46.04.460, as now or hereafter amended.

123 ~~((W:))~~ Y. "Taximeter" means any instrument or device by which the charge for
124 hire of a passenger-carrying vehicle is measured or calculated either for the distance
125 traveled by the vehicle or for waiting time, or for both, and upon which the calculated
126 charges shall be indicated by means of figures.

127 ~~((X:))~~ Z. "Wheelchair accessible taxicab" means a taxicab designed or modified
128 to transport passengers in wheelchairs or other mobility devices and conforming to the
129 requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and inspected and approved by the
130 director or the director's designee

131 SECTION 2. Ordinance 10498, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.015 are
132 each hereby amended to read as follows:

133 ~~((A:))~~ The executive may execute an interlocal agreement with either the
134 ~~((C:))~~city of Seattle ~~((and/))~~or the Port of Seattle, or both, for the purposes of coordinating

135 and consolidating for-hire driver, taxicab and for-hire vehicle licensing, administration
136 and enforcement, reducing duplication of licensing functions, and a sharing of license
137 fees as agreed to by the city and county. The agreement may authorize the city to accept
138 and investigate applications for and issue taxicab and for-hire vehicle licenses and license
139 renewals on behalf of the county, ~~((provided that))~~ but only if the city uses the
140 requirements of this chapter for taxicab and for-hire vehicle licenses. The agreement may
141 authorize the county to accept and investigate applications for and issue for-hire driver
142 licenses and license renewals and/or taxicab vehicle licenses and license renewals on
143 behalf of the city, ~~((provided that))~~ but only if the city agrees to the requirements of this
144 chapter for driver licenses and/or taxicab licenses.

145 ~~((B. The executive is directed to begin negotiating an interlocal agreement with
146 the City of Seattle and with the Port of Seattle to accomplish the objectives stated in
147 K.C.C. 6.64.015A. The executive shall report to the Council no later than April 1, 1994
148 on the status of negotiating an interlocal agreement with the City of Seattle and the Port
149 of Seattle regarding regional taxicab and for-hire vehicle regulation.))~~

150 SECTION 3. Ordinance 10498, Section 11, and K.C.C. 6.64.310 are each hereby
151 amended to read as follows:

152 An application shall be filed by the registered owner of the vehicle to be used as a
153 taxicab or for-hire vehicle on forms provided by the director. The application shall be
154 signed and sworn to by the applicant and shall include:

155 A. The full name of the applicant, date of birth, social security number, business
156 address, home address, phone number, and any other applicant information as may be
157 reasonably required;

158 B. If the applicant is a corporation, the corporation name, corporation's business
159 address and telephone number, full names, titles, dates of birth, social security numbers,
160 home addresses and phone numbers of each officer, and the name, address, date of birth,
161 and phone number of the registered agent of the corporation, state of Washington
162 business license number and any other corporation information as may be reasonably
163 required;

164 C. Vehicle information including the name and number the taxicab or for-hire
165 vehicle will be operating under, the make, model, year, vehicle identification number,
166 Washington ~~((S))~~state license number~~((;))~~ and any other vehicle information as may be
167 reasonably required;

168 D. Whether or not the applicant~~((s))~~ or applicants have ever had a license
169 suspended, revoked or denied and for what reason;

170 E. Criminal history information of the applicant, or if a corporation, each officer
171 and registered agent.

172 SECTION 4. Ordinance 10498, Section 13, and K.C.C. 6.64.330 are each hereby
173 amended to read as follows:

174 No person~~((;))~~ or, if the applicant is a corporation, no officer or registered agent,
175 shall be issued a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license unless the following minimum
176 applicant qualifications are met:

177 A. Must be eighteen years of age or older;

178 B. Must present documentation, as required by the United States Department of
179 ~~((Justice))~~ Homeland Security's Citizenship and Immigration ~~((and Naturalization))~~

180 Services Agency, that the applicant is authorized to work and/or own a business in the
181 United States.

182 SECTION 5. Ordinance 10498, Section 16, and K.C.C. 6.64.360 are each hereby
183 amended to read as follows:

184 A. The inspection for a certificate of safety required in K.C.C. 6.64.320 shall be
185 performed by an approved mechanic facility as defined in this chapter. Such an
186 inspection shall ensure the mechanical and structural integrity of the vehicle and shall
187 include:

188 ~~((A-))~~ 1. Adequate braking system including emergency or auxiliary as per the
189 manufacturer's allowable tolerance;

190 ~~((B-))~~ 2. Adequate suspension system to prevent excessive motion when the
191 vehicle is in operation;

192 ~~((C-))~~ 3. Adequate steering system as per the manufacturer's allowable tolerance;

193 ~~((D-))~~ 4. Exhaust system that is free of leaks, defects, or tampering and that meets
194 State of Washington motor vehicle emissions standards;

195 ~~((E-))~~ 5. No fluid leaks, including but not limited to motor oil, antifreeze,
196 transmission fluid, and brake fluid;

197 ~~((F-))~~ 6. Air conditioning system free of CFC leaks, if the vehicle has such a
198 system;

199 ~~((G-))~~ 7. No excessive noise;

200 ~~((H-))~~ 8. Mechanically sound;

201 ~~((I-))~~ 9. Front end aligned; and

202 10 Other safety standards as may be required for vehicle safe operation as
203 prescribed by the director.

204 B. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner or the service organization shall keep all
205 maintenance and service records for all of their taxicabs and for-hire vehicles.

206 C. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner or the service organization shall insure
207 that each taxicab or for-hire vehicle shall be inspected and obtain a certificate of safety
208 before it is placed into service and thereafter semiannually.

209 SECTION 6. Ordinance 10498, Section 17, and K.C.C. 6.64.370 are each hereby
210 amended to read as follows:

211 A. No taxicab or for-hire vehicle shall be operated unless it meets the minimum
212 vehicle standards as prescribed in this section. Each taxicab or for-hire vehicle shall be
213 inspected by the director before it is placed into service and thereafter semi-annually. No
214 taxicab or for-hire vehicle shall be operated without having passed inspection within the
215 last six months. The inspection required by this section and the vehicle operating
216 standards shall include the following:

217 ~~((A-))~~ 1. Current taxicab vehicle plate or for-hire vehicle decal displayed as
218 prescribed by the director; (Class I)

219 ~~((B-))~~ 2. Rate posting, numbers and letters displayed as prescribed by the
220 director; (Class I)

221 ~~((C-))~~ 3. Color scheme, decals and insignias as approved by the director; (Class
222 I)

223 ~~((D-))~~ 4. Windshield wiping blades, switch and defroster, all fully operational;
224 (Class I)

225 ~~((E-))~~ 5. Mirrors, one that is rear view and two that are side view ~~((2))~~ one left
226 and one right, that are adjustable~~((;))~~ and free of cracks or defects; (Class I)

227 ~~((F-))~~ 6. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle must be equipped with four doors, and
228 all door latches shall be operable from both the interior and exterior of the vehicle. No
229 devices are allowed on the vehicle that could restrict the ability of a passenger from
230 readily exiting the vehicle in an emergency; (Class I)

231 ~~((G-))~~ 7. The windshield shall be without cracks, chips or defects that could
232 interfere with the driver's vision. All other windows shall be intact and able to be opened
233 and closed as intended by the manufacturer. The windows and windshield shall be
234 maintained in a clean condition so as not to obstruct visibility; (Class I)

235 ~~((H-))~~ 8. Adequate emergency braking system; (Class I)

236 ~~((I-))~~ 9. Headlights shall be operable on both high and low beam. Taillights,
237 parking lights, signal lights, back-up lights, license plate lights, emergency flashers, and
238 interior lights shall all be operable and properly covered with factory equivalent lenses;
239 (Class I)

240 ~~((J-))~~ 10. Tires, including spare, shall be properly inflated, and have a minimum
241 tread depth of 2/32 inches as determined by gauge, on all surfaces contacting the road,
242 and free of visible defects; (Class I)

243 ~~((K-))~~ 11. No loose items on the taxicab or for-hire vehicle dashboard or rear
244 shelf; (Class I)

245 ~~((L-))~~ 12. Horn fully operational; (Class I)

246 ~~((M-))~~ 13. Interior panels free of rips or tears, interior lights, dashboard
247 instruments and lights operating properly; (Class I)

248 ~~((N-))~~ 14. Floor covering on all floor areas, no metal showing, and no torn or
249 ripped floor mats; (Class I)

250 ~~((O-))~~ 15. Upholstered area and headliner to have no rips, torn seams, holes, or
251 burns; (Class I)

252 ~~((P-))~~ 16. Seats shall be unbroken, fastened securely, and have no exposed
253 springs, wires, or framework; (Class I)

254 ~~((Q-))~~ 17. Seat belts shall be functional and readily available for passenger use;
255 (Class I)

256 ~~((R-))~~ 18. Pedals shall have rubber pads with no metal showing; (Class I)

257 ~~((S-))~~ 19. The trunk or luggage area must be covered either with a factory
258 covering or a floor carpet. This covering or carpet shall be maintained in a clean
259 condition, free of foreign matter, offensive odors, and litter. The trunk or luggage area
260 shall contain only the following items:

261 ~~((1-A))~~ a. a spare tire (inflated);

262 ~~((2.))~~ b. ~~((F))~~ those tools or accessories necessary for the safe operation of the
263 taxicab or for-hire vehicle;

264 ~~((3-))~~ c. ~~((F))~~ those items necessary for vehicle cleaning and passenger safety
265 and/or convenience;

266 ~~((4-A))~~ d. a serviceable tire jack; and

267 e. a child car seat~~((:))~~; (Class I)

268 ~~((F-))~~ 20. Bumpers and body molding must be in good condition and properly
269 attached as the manufacturer intended; (Class I)

270 ~~((U))~~ 21. General body is to be free of noticeable dents, rust or holes which
271 would impair the appearance or serviceability of the vehicle. A violation of this section
272 is deemed to have occurred any time one or more of the following exists:

273 ~~((1. There are any visible dents which exceed three (3) square feet in any~~
274 ~~single area of the exterior surface of the taxicab or for hire vehicle, provided, that the~~
275 ~~deepest point of depression is three-quarters of an inch deep or greater, or;~~

276 ~~2. There are any visible dents which exceed four square feet of the total exterior~~
277 ~~surface of the taxicab or for hire vehicle, provided that the deepest point of depression is~~
278 ~~three-quarters of an inch deep or greater, or;~~

279 ~~3. There are any visible dents which exceed six lineal feet of the total exterior~~
280 ~~surface of the taxicab or for hire vehicle, provided that the deepest point of depression is~~
281 ~~three-quarters of an inch deep or greater, or;~~

282 ~~4. There are any areas of the exterior surface of the taxicab or for hire vehicle~~
283 ~~that contain a hole larger than six square inches, or;~~

284 ~~5. There is a visible dent which exceeds twelve inches square, provided that the~~
285 ~~deepest point of depression is more than two inches. (Class I))~~ a. a body defect six
286 linear inches or greater and where the deepest point of depression is one-quarter inch or
287 greater;

288 b. a body defect three inches in width or greater and three inches in height or
289 greater and where the deepest point of depression is one-quarter inch or greater;

290 c. a defect that is one-half inch at the deepest point of depression regardless of
291 width or height;

292 d. exterior paint that is not uniform in color, does not completely cover the
293 vehicle, or is not in compliance with approved color scheme; or

294 e. any area of the exterior surface that contain a hole which is one-half inch or
295 greater; (Class I)

296 ~~((V-))~~ 22. Wheels and rims straight and aligned properly. Wheels must have
297 hubcaps or covers. Rims are to be of uniform color; (Class I)

298 ~~((W-))~~ 23. Two-way radio dispatch or telephone operational; (Class I)

299 ~~((X-))~~ 24. Meter sealed and functioning per ordinance requirements; (Class I)

300 ~~((Y-))~~ 25. Functional heater, defroster, and fan; (Class I)

301 ~~((Z-))~~ 26. Consumer information board included as prescribed by the director;
302 (Class I)

303 ~~((AA-))~~ 27. Decals, posters, or any other material shall not be placed on the
304 windows or windshield so as to obscure the driver's or passenger's view; (Class I)

305 ~~((BB-))~~ 29. A toplight that is activated by the use of the meter, size of the
306 toplight and activation as prescribed by the director; (Class I)

307 ~~((CC-))~~ 30. Trade name and vehicle number marking as prescribed by the
308 director; and

309 31. Other reasonable requirements as may be determined by the director.

310 B. All equipment must operate properly and all damage must be repaired.
311 Replacement equipment shall meet manufacture's original specifications.

312 C. Taxicabs and for-hire vehicles shall be maintained following the service
313 standards recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.

314 D. Maintenance and service records for all taxicabs and for-hire vehicles must be
315 maintained by the vehicle owner for three years. The records shall be available for
316 inspection by the director without notice during normal business hours.

317 E. A vehicle that has been in a collision and determined by the insurance adjuster
318 to be total wreck or total loss shall not be repaired and placed back in service as a taxicab
319 or for-hire vehicle until an approved mechanic facility with a current certification in
320 structural analysis and damage repair has verified that there is no damage to the vehicle
321 frame.

322 F. Each taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner shall ensure that the safety standards,
323 conditions and requirements in this section are met and continually maintained.

324 G. Violations of this section that are determined by either a King County or a
325 Seattle inspector to present a clear, substantial and imminent hazard to life, safety or
326 property may result in a summary suspension of the vehicle license.

327 SECTION 7. Ordinance 10498, Section 21, and K.C.C. 6.64.410 are each hereby
328 amended to read as follows:

329 Each taxicab or for-hire vehicle shall be equipped with a consumer information
330 board, the size, material((;)) and placement ((to)) shall be prescribed by the director.
331 ((Sueh)) The board shall include, at a minimum, the taxicab or for-hire vehicle name and
332 number, the driver's for-hire driver's license number, the taxi hotline number and
333 consumer survey and complaint cards.

334 SECTION 8. Ordinance 10498, Section 22, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.420 are
335 each hereby amended to read as follows:

336 It is the responsibility of each taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee to ensure that
337 the following conditions or requirements are met and continually maintained:

338 A. Proof of insurance as required in K.C.C. 6.64.350 is on file with the director
339 (Class M);

340 B. Any person driving, operating, in control of or any lessee of the taxicab or for-
341 hire vehicle has been issued a for-hire driver's license and the license is valid (Class M);

342 C. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle meets the safety standards in K.C.C. 6.64.360
343 at all times the vehicle is operating (Class I or M);

344 D. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle meets the vehicle standards ((as set forth)) in
345 K.C.C. 6.64.370 at all times the vehicle is operating (Class I or M);

346 E. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner shall maintain a business address and a
347 mailing address where ((he)) the owner can accept mail, and a business telephone in
348 working order that can be answered during normal business hours, Monday through
349 Friday, and during all hours of operation (Class I); ((and))

350 F. A wheelchair accessible taxicab licensee must personally operate the vehicle a
351 minimum of forty hours per week for at least forty weeks per year (Class I); and

352 G. A for-hire driver shall have a valid King County taxicab or for-hire vehicle
353 license to operate a taxicab or for-hire vehicle in the county (Class I or M).

354 SECTION 9. Section 10 of this ordinance takes effect November 1, 2013.

355 SECTION 10. Ordinance 10498, Section 22, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.420
356 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

357 It is the responsibility of each taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee to ensure that
358 the following conditions or requirements are met and continually maintained:

359 A. Proof of insurance as required in K.C.C. 6.64.350 is on file with the director
360 (Class M);

361 B. Any person driving, operating, in control of or any lessee of the taxicab or for-
362 hire vehicle has been issued a for-hire driver's license and the license is valid (Class M);

363 C. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle meets the safety standards in K.C.C. 6.64.360
364 at all times the vehicle is operating (Class I or M);

365 D. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle meets the vehicle standards (~~as set forth~~) in
366 K.C.C. 6.64.370 at all times the vehicle is operating (Class I or M);

367 E. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner shall maintain a business address and a
368 mailing address where the owner can accept mail, and a business telephone in working
369 order that can be answered during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, and
370 during all hours of operation (Class I);

371 F. A wheelchair accessible taxicab licensee must personally operate the vehicle a
372 minimum of (~~forty~~) thirty hours per week for at least forty weeks per year (Class I); and

373 G. A for-hire driver shall have a valid King County taxicab or for-hire vehicle
374 license to operate a taxicab or for-hire vehicle in the county (Class I or M).

375 SECTION 11. Ordinance 10498, Section 23, and K.C.C. 6.64.430 are each
376 hereby amended to read as follows:

377 A. The director shall deny any taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner license
378 application if (~~he~~) the director determines that the applicant, or if a corporation, any of
379 the officers or registered agent:

380 1. Has made any material misstatement in the application for a license;

381 2. Fails to meet any of the applicant or vehicle requirements of a taxicab or for-
382 hire vehicle owner licensee; or

383 3. Has had a criminal conviction, a bail forfeiture or ~~((conviction))~~ other
384 adverse finding for crimes pertaining to alcohol or controlled substances within five years
385 of the date of application where such crime involved the use of a taxicab.

386 B. The director may deny any taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner license
387 application if ~~((he))~~ the director determines that the applicant:

388 1. Has had a criminal conviction, a bail forfeiture or ~~((conviction))~~ other adverse
389 finding involving crimes reasonably related to the applicant's ability to operate a taxicab
390 or for-hire business, including but not limited to prostitution, gambling, fraud, larceny,
391 extortion~~((s))~~ or income tax evasion, ~~((provided that))~~ but only if such a criminal
392 conviction, bail forfeiture ~~((or conviction))~~ or other adverse finding was within five years
393 of the date of application;

394 2. Has been found, either through a criminal conviction, bail forfeiture or other
395 adverse finding, including in a civil suit or administrative proceeding, or it has been
396 proven by a preponderance of the evidence regardless of whether the same act was
397 charged as a civil infraction or a crime, to have exhibited past conduct in driving or
398 operating a taxicab or for-hire vehicle or operating a taxicab or for-hire business
399 ~~((which))~~ that would lead the director to reasonably conclude that the applicant will not
400 comply with the provisions of the chapter related to vehicle requirements and the safe
401 operation of the vehicle; or

402 3. Engaged in the business of operating any taxicab or for-hire vehicle for which
403 a license is required while unlicensed or while such license was suspended or revoked.

404 SECTION 12. Ordinance 10498, Section 24, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.440

405 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

406 A. A taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner's license shall be immediately suspended

407 if:

408 1. At any time the insurance as required in K.C.C. 6.64.350 expires, lapses, is

409 cancelled or is revoked;

410 2. The taximeter security seal is missing, broken or tampered with;

411 3. The director places the vehicle out-of-service for a violation of a vehicle

412 standard (~~which~~) that is found to be an immediate safety hazard and summary

413 suspension is necessary to prevent a clear, substantial and imminent hazard to life,

414 safety(~~s~~) or property;

415 4. The vehicle owner fails to comply with a written notice of violation or notice

416 of correction within the prescribed time; or

417 5. It is discovered after license issuance that the applicant or if the applicant is a

418 corporation, any of the officers or registered agent, failed to meet the applicant

419 qualifications or that the vehicle failed to meet the vehicle qualifications at the time the

420 license was issued.

421 B. The director may suspend or revoke a taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner's

422 license if (~~he~~) the director determines that the licensee has:

423 1. Received (~~conviction or~~) a criminal conviction, a bail forfeiture or other

424 adverse finding for a crime that would be grounds for denial as set forth in K.C.C.

425 6.64.430;

426 2. Been found to have exhibited a record that would lead the director to
427 reasonably conclude that the taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner licensee would not comply
428 with the provisions of the chapter related to vehicle standards or operating requirements;

429 3. Allowed the operation of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle that does not meet the
430 safety standards and the vehicle standards as set forth in this chapter;

431 4. Submitted a safety inspection form that was not completed by an approved
432 mechanic facility as defined in this chapter;

433 5. Provided false information in connection with the annual industry reporting
434 required in this chapter; or

435 6. If licensed as a wheelchair accessible taxicab;

436 a. failed to personally operate the vehicle for a minimum of forty hours per
437 week for at least forty weeks per year;

438 b. failed to provide priority service to private pay passengers in wheelchairs or
439 other mobility devices; or

440 c. failed to comply with any of the requirements in the wheelchair accessible
441 taxicab demonstration project operating agreement.

442 SECTION 13. Section 14 of this ordinance takes effect November 1, 2013.

443 SECTION 14. Ordinance 10498, Section 24, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.440
444 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

445 A. A taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner's license shall be immediately suspended
446 if:

447 1. At any time the insurance as required in K.C.C. 6.64.350 expires, lapses, is
448 cancelled or is revoked;

- 449 2. The taximeter security seal is missing, broken or tampered with;
- 450 3. The director places the vehicle out-of-service for a violation of a vehicle
451 standard that is found to be an immediate safety hazard and summary suspension is
452 necessary to prevent a clear, substantial and imminent hazard to life, safety((;)) or
453 property;
- 454 4. The vehicle owner fails to comply with a written notice of violation or notice
455 of correction within the prescribed time; or
- 456 5. It is discovered after license issuance that the applicant or if the applicant is a
457 corporation, any of the officers or registered agent, failed to meet the applicant
458 qualifications or that the vehicle failed to meet the vehicle qualifications at the time the
459 license was issued.
- 460 B. The director may suspend or revoke a taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner's
461 license if the director determines that the licensee has:
- 462 1. Received a criminal conviction, a bail forfeiture or other adverse finding for a
463 crime that would be grounds for denial as set forth in K.C.C. 6.64.430;
- 464 2. Been found to have exhibited a record that would lead the director to
465 reasonably conclude that the taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner licensee would not comply
466 with the provisions of the chapter related to vehicle standards or operating requirements;
- 467 3. Allowed the operation of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle that does not meet the
468 safety standards and the vehicle standards as set forth in this chapter;
- 469 4. Submitted a safety inspection form that was not completed by an approved
470 mechanic facility as defined in this chapter;

471 5. Provided false information in connection with the annual industry reporting
472 required in this chapter; or

473 6. If licensed as a wheelchair accessible taxicab;

474 a. failed to personally operate the vehicle for a minimum of ~~((forty))~~ thirty
475 hours per week for at least forty weeks per year;

476 b. failed to provide priority service to private pay passengers in wheelchairs or
477 other mobility devices; or

478 c. failed to comply with any of the requirements in the wheelchair accessible taxicab
479 demonstration project operating agreement.

480 SECTION 15. Ordinance 10498, Section 27, and K.C.C. 6.64.500 are each
481 hereby amended to read as follows:

482 It is unlawful for any person to drive, be in control of, or operate a taxicab or for-
483 hire vehicle in the unincorporated areas of King County without first having obtained a
484 valid for-hire driver's license. (Class M)

485 SECTION 16. Ordinance 10498, Section 28, and K.C.C. 6.64.510 are each
486 hereby amended to read as follows:

487 The applicant shall file an application on a form furnished by the director, which
488 shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant and shall include ~~((:-N))~~ name, height,
489 weight, color of hair and eyes, residence address, place and date of birth, social security
490 number, Washington ~~((S))~~ state driver's license number, aliases, criminal history
491 information, whether or not the applicant has ever had a license suspended, revoked~~((;))~~
492 or denied and for what cause, medical certificate as required in K.C.C. 6.64.560 and such
493 other information as may be reasonably required.

494 SECTION 17. Ordinance 10498, Section 29, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.520

495 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

496 All applicants for a for-hire driver's license shall be referred ~~((to the King County~~
497 ~~department of public safety))~~ for fingerprinting, and all applications shall be referred for a
498 state and national Washington State Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal
499 background check under RCW 36.01.300 to regulate the issuance of licenses of those
500 engaged in the taxicab and for-hire occupations and activities. Information relating to the
501 applicants' criminal history, including nonconviction data, shall be forwarded to the
502 ~~((business license section))~~ records and licensing services division for review.

503 SECTION 18. Ordinance 10498, Section 30, and K.C.C. 6.64.530 are each
504 hereby amended to read as follows:

505 No person shall be issued a for-hire driver's license unless ~~((he))~~ the person
506 possesses the minimum following qualifications as further defined in this chapter~~((;))~~:

- 507 A. Must be twenty-one years of age or older;
- 508 B. Must possess a valid ~~((S))~~ state of Washington driver's license;
- 509 C. Must submit a physician's certification certifying ~~((his))~~ the person's fitness as
510 a for-hire driver upon initial application and every three years thereafter;
- 511 D. Must submit a letter from the taxicab vehicle owner ~~((which))~~ that has been
512 approved by the service organization, if applicable, ~~((which))~~ that indicates which
513 taxicab~~((s))~~ or taxicabs the applicant is authorized to operate;
- 514 E. Must have completed a training program offered or approved by the director;
- 515 F. Must successfully complete a written exam as further defined in this chapter;

516 G. Must present documentation, as required by the United States Department of
517 ~~((Justice))~~ Homeland Security's Citizenship and Immigration ~~((and Naturalization))~~
518 Services Agency, that the applicant is authorized to work in the United States.

519 SECTION 19. Ordinance 10498, Section 35, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.580
520 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

521 A. An applicant for an initial for-hire license shall be required to successfully
522 complete a written and oral examination. Existing for-hire driver licensees who have not
523 completed the written oral examination are required to do so at the time the for-hire
524 license is renewed.

525 B. The written examination shall test the applicant's knowledge of the chapter
526 requirements dealing with fare determination, driver-passenger relations, conduct
527 including the applicant's ability to understand oral and written directions in the English
528 language, vehicle safety requirements and driver regulations, risk factors for crimes
529 against for-hire drivers, emergency procedures and taxicab equipment for driver's
530 personal safety. The written examination shall also test the applicant's geographical
531 knowledge of King County and surrounding areas and local public and tourist
532 destinations and attractions. The director shall prescribe the content of the examination.

533 C. The oral examination shall test the applicant's ability to speak and understand
534 English sufficiently to perform the responsibilities of a for-hire driver. A certified
535 diploma from an accredited secondary or post-secondary institution located in the United
536 States or a country where English is the primary language spoken may waive the oral test
537 requirement.

538 ~~((D. The temporary license issued pursuant to K.C.C. 6.64.540 will not be issued~~
539 ~~until successful completion of both the written and oral examination.~~

540 E.)) The written examination is not required for the renewal of a for-hire driver's
541 license unless the applicant's license has remained expired for more than one year.

542 NEW SECTION. SECTION 20. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 6.64 a
543 new section to read as follows:

544 The taxicab and for-hire vehicle for-hire driver's license shall be in form as
545 determined by the director and a copy shall be displayed approximately five and one-half
546 inches in height and eight and one-half inches in length and shall be contained under a
547 sealed transparent cover, in such a manner that the contents cannot be altered or
548 substituted, placed inside each taxicab in such a location that the license is clearly visible
549 from the passenger compartment at all times that the licensee is operating, driving or
550 using the vehicle.

551 SECTION 21. Ordinance 10498, Section 37, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.600
552 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

553 ((A.)) For a person holding a for-hire license ~~((on November 27, 2000))~~ or for a
554 person applying for a for-hire license:

555 ~~((1.))~~ A. The director shall deny any for-hire driver license renewal or application
556 if the director determines that the applicant:

557 ~~((a.))~~ 1. ~~((h.))~~ Has made any material misstatement or omission in the application
558 for a license;

559 ~~((b.))~~ 2. ~~((f.))~~ Fails to meet any of the qualifications of a for-hire driver;

560 ~~((e-))~~ 3. ~~((h))~~Has had a criminal conviction, a bail forfeiture or
561 ~~((conviction))~~other adverse finding for a crime pertaining to hit-and-run, reckless driving,
562 attempting to elude an officer by using a vehicle, vehicular assault, vehicular homicide,
563 reckless endangerment or driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled
564 substance, or has been found to be a habitual traffic offender within five years of the date
565 of application; ~~((or))~~

566 ~~((d-))~~ 4. ~~((i))~~Is required to register as a sex offender ~~((under RCW 9A.44.130))~~;
567 or

568 5. Has been convicted of a sex offense or kidnapping offense against a minor.

569 ~~((2-))~~ B. The director may deny any for-hire driver license application if the
570 director determines that the applicant:

571 ~~((a-))~~ 1. ~~((h))~~Has had a criminal conviction, a bail forfeiture or ~~((conviction))~~
572 other adverse finding involving a crime pertaining to prostitution, gambling, physical
573 violence or other crimes reasonably related to the applicant's honesty and integrity,
574 including but not limited to fraud, larceny, burglary or extortion or reasonably related to
575 the person's ability to operate a taxicab, if the conviction, bail forfeiture or ~~((conviction))~~
576 other adverse finding was within five years of the date of application;

577 ~~((b-))~~ 2. ~~((h))~~Has been found either through a criminal conviction, bail forfeiture
578 or other adverse finding, including in a civil suit or administrative proceeding, or has
579 been proven by a preponderance of the evidence regardless of whether the same act was
580 charged as a civil infraction or a crime, to have exhibited past conduct in driving or
581 operating a taxicab that would lead the director to reasonably conclude that the applicant

582 will not comply with the provisions of the chapter related to driver and operator conduct
583 and the safe operation of the vehicle; ~~((or))~~

584 ~~((e-))~~ 3. ((h))Has been found either through a criminal conviction, bail
585 forfeiture, or other adverse finding, including in a civil suit or administrative proceeding,
586 or has been proven by a preponderance of the evidence regardless of whether the same
587 act was charged as a civil infraction or a crime, to have exhibited a past driving record
588 that would lead the director to reasonably conclude that the applicant would not operate
589 the taxicab or for-hire vehicle in a safe manner; or

590 4. Has a felony conviction or other adverse finding related to a felony under the
591 laws of Washington or another state, or under federal law.

592 ~~((B. For a person applying for a for hire license on or after November 27, 2000:~~

593 ~~1. The director shall deny any for hire driver license application if the director~~
594 ~~determines that the applicant:~~

595 ~~a. has made any material misstatement in the application for a license;~~

596 ~~b. fails to meet any of the qualifications for a for hire driver;~~

597 ~~c. has had, within five years of the date of application, a bail forfeiture or~~
598 ~~conviction for a crime pertaining to alcohol or a controlled substance;~~

599 ~~d. is required to register as a sex offender under RCW 9A.44.130; ((or))~~

600 ~~e. has had, within five years of the date of application, a bail forfeiture or~~
601 ~~conviction involving vehicular assault or vehicular homicide; or~~

602 ~~f. has had, within five years of the date of application, a bail forfeiture or~~
603 ~~conviction involving reckless driving.~~

604 2. ~~The director may consider and deny any for hire driver license application if~~
605 ~~the director determines that the applicant:~~

606 a. ~~has had, within five years of the date of application, a bail forfeiture or~~
607 ~~conviction involving a crime pertaining to:~~

608 (1) ~~prostitution;~~

609 (2) ~~gambling;~~

610 (3) ~~physical violence;~~

611 (4) ~~use of a machine gun in a felony (RCW 9.41.225);~~

612 (5) ~~felonies not defined by Title 9A, RCW, if the maximum sentence of~~
613 ~~imprisonment authorized by law upon the first conviction of such felony is twenty years~~
614 ~~or more (RCW 9.94A.035);~~

615 (6) ~~criminal attempt when the crime attempted is murder in the first, murder~~
616 ~~in the second, or arson in the first (RCW 9A.28.020);~~

617 (7) ~~criminal conspiracy when the object of the conspiratorial agreement is~~
618 ~~murder in the first (RCW 9A.28.040);~~

619 (8) ~~murder in the first (RCW 9A.32.030);~~

620 (9) ~~murder in the second (RCW 9A.32.050);~~

621 (10) ~~homicide by abuse (RCW 9A.32.055);~~

622 (11) ~~manslaughter in the first (RCW 9A.32.060);~~

623 (12) ~~assault in the first (RCW 9A.36.011);~~

624 (13) ~~assault of a child in the first (RCW 9A.36.120);~~

625 (14) ~~kidnapping in the first (RCW 9A. 40.020);~~

626 (15) ~~rape in the first (RCW 9A.44.040);~~

- 627 ~~(16) rape in the second (RCW 9A.44.050);~~
- 628 ~~(17) rape of a child in the first (RCW 9A.44.073);~~
- 629 ~~(18) rape of a child in the second (RCW 9A.44.076);~~
- 630 ~~(19) child molestation in the first (RCW 9A.44.083);~~
- 631 ~~(20) arson in the first (RCW 9A.48.020);~~
- 632 ~~(21) burglary in the first (RCW 9A.52.020);~~
- 633 ~~(22) robbery in the first (RCW 9A.56.200);~~
- 634 ~~(23) rendering criminal assistance in the first if to a person who has~~
- 635 ~~committed or is being sought for murder in the first or any class A felony or equivalent~~
- 636 ~~juvenile offense (RCW 9A.76.070);~~
- 637 ~~(24) bail jumping if the person was held for, charged with, or convicted of~~
- 638 ~~murder in the first (RCW 9A.76.170);~~
- 639 ~~(25) leading organized crime as defined by RCW 9A.82.060 (1) (a);~~
- 640 ~~(26) malicious placement of an explosive in the first (RCW 70.74.270);~~
- 641 ~~(27) malicious explosion of a substance in the first (RCW 70.74.280);~~
- 642 ~~(28) malicious explosion of a substance in the second (RCW 70.74.280);~~
- 643 ~~(29) homicide by watercraft (RCW 79A.60.050); or~~
- 644 ~~(30) any crime directly related to the occupation of for hire driver including:~~
- 645 ~~(a) crimes concerning honesty and integrity, including but not limited to~~
- 646 ~~fraud, larceny, burglary and extortion; or~~
- 647 ~~(b) ability to operate a taxicab;~~
- 648 ~~b. has been found to have exhibited past conduct in driving or operating a taxi~~
- 649 ~~that would lead the director to reasonably conclude that the applicant will not comply~~

650 ~~with the provisions of the chapter related to driver and operator conduct and the safe~~
651 ~~operation of the vehicle; or~~

652 ~~e. has been found to have exhibited a past driving record that would lead the~~
653 ~~director to reasonably conclude that the applicant would not operate the taxicab or for-~~
654 ~~hire vehicle in a safe manner.))~~

655 SECTION 22. Ordinance 10498, Section 38, and K.C.C. 6.64.610 are each
656 hereby amended to read as follows:

657 A. A for-hire driver's license shall be immediately suspended~~((f))~~ and is null and
658 void if:

659 1. At any time ~~((his))~~ the driver's Washington ~~((S))~~state driver's license expires,
660 is suspended or revoked;

661 2. It is discovered after license issuance that ~~((he))~~ the driver fails to meet the
662 qualifications of a for-hire driver; or

663 3. ~~((He))~~ The driver is found to be in possession of controlled substances or
664 alcohol while in control of or while operating any taxicab or for-hire vehicle;

665 B. The director may suspend or revoke a for-hire driver's license if ~~((he))~~ the
666 director determines that the licensee has:

667 1. Received a conviction or bail forfeiture or other adverse finding for a crime
668 ~~((which))~~ that would be grounds for denial as set forth in K.C.C. 6.64.600;

669 2. Failed to comply with the driver standards as set forth in this chapter; or

670 3. Been found to have exhibited a driving record ~~((which))~~ that leads the
671 director to reasonably conclude that the applicant would not operate a taxicab or for-hire
672 vehicle in a safe manner.

673 SECTION 23. Ordinance 10498, Sections 47 through 60, as amended, and
674 K.C.C. 6.64.660 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

675 A. A driver shall neither drink any alcoholic beverage while on duty or eight
676 hours before going on duty nor have in his or her possession an open or unsealed
677 container of any alcoholic beverage (Class M).

678 B. A driver shall, at the end of each trip, check his or her vehicle for any article
679 that is left behind by his or her passenger or passengers. The articles are to be reported as
680 found property on the ((TAXI-H))hotline number, as well as to the service organization,
681 and the articles are to be returned to the service organization or affiliated representative at
682 the end of the shift or sooner if possible. Unaffiliated taxicabs or for-hire vehicles shall
683 deposit the articles at the records and licensing services division (Class M).

684 C. A driver shall have in his or her possession and posted as required in K.C.C.
685 6.64.595 a valid for-hire driver's license at any time he or she is driving, in control of or
686 operating a taxicab or for-hire vehicle and the license shall be displayed as prescribed by
687 the director (Class I).

688 D. A driver shall comply with any written notice of violation or notice of
689 correction by the director including removal from service (Class M).

690 E. A driver shall not operate a taxicab or for-hire vehicle when the taxicab or for-
691 hire vehicle has been placed out-of-service by order of the director (Class M).

692 F. A driver shall immediately surrender the vehicle license plate or decal to the
693 director upon written notice that the vehicle is out-of-service (Class M).

694 G. A driver shall be in control of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle for neither more
695 than twelve consecutive hours nor for more than twelve hours spread over a total of

696 fifteen hours in any twenty-four-hour period. Thereafter, driver shall not drive any
697 taxicab until eight consecutive hours have elapsed (Class I).

698 H. A driver shall not drive, operate or be in control of a taxicab or for-hire
699 vehicle other than that designated on the driver's temporary for-hire permit (Class I).

700 I. A driver shall not drive, be in control of or operate a taxicab or for-hire vehicle
701 where the customer information board, as required under K.C.C. 6.64.410 is not present
702 and contains the required information (Class I).

703 J. A driver shall operate the taxicab or for-hire vehicle with due regard for the
704 safety, comfort and convenience of passengers (Class I).

705 K. A driver shall neither solicit for prostitution nor allow the vehicle to be used
706 for such an unlawful purpose (Class M).

707 L. A driver shall not knowingly allow the taxicab or for-hire vehicle to be used
708 for the illegal solicitation, transportation, sale or any other activity related to controlled
709 substances (Class M).

710 M. A driver shall deposit all refuse appropriately and under no circumstances
711 may litter (Class I).

712 N. A driver shall not use offensive language, expressions or gestures to any
713 person while the driver is driving, operating or in control of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle
714 (Class I).

715 O. A driver shall not operate a wheelchair accessible taxicab unless the driver has
716 successfully completed the special training requirements in K.C.C. 6.64.570.

717 P. A driver shall not use a cell phone while a passenger is in the taxicab.

718 SECTION 24. Ordinance 10498, Sections 61 through 68, as amended, and
719 K.C.C. 6.64.670 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

720 A. A driver shall not operate a taxicab that has a taximeter (~~((which))~~) that is not
721 sealed, in good working order, or accurate. (Class M)

722 B. A driver must activate the taximeter at the beginning of each trip and
723 deactivate the taximeter upon completion of the trip. Beginning of a trip means the point
724 where the passenger is seated and the forward motion of the vehicle begins. (Class I)

725 C. A driver shall assure that the meter reading is visible from a normal passenger
726 position at all times. (Class I)

727 D. A driver shall not operate a taxicab or for-hire vehicle that does not have the
728 rate posted as prescribed by the director. A driver shall confirm any allowable flat rates
729 charged with the customer before beginning a trip. (Class I)

730 E. A driver shall not ask, demand or collect any rate or fare other than as
731 specified on the meter, required by ordinance, or pursuant to special rates or contract
732 rates (~~((on file with))~~). Contracts for agreement rates must be available for inspection by
733 the director and retained by the taxicab or for-hire company for one year after the
734 contract expiration date. (Class M)

735 F. A driver of either a taxicab or a for-hire vehicle shall complete tripsheets and
736 shall show all trips in an accurate and legible manner as each trip occurs. (Class I)

737 G. A driver shall complete all items on tripsheets including:

- 738 1. Driver's name and for-hire license number;
- 739 2. Company name and vehicle name and number;
- 740 3. Vehicle for-hire license number;

- 741 4. Beginning and ending odometer reading;
742 5. Beginning and ending time of each shift worked;
743 6. Date, time, place or origin, and dismissal of each trip;
744 7. Fare collected;
745 8. Number of passengers;
746 9. "No shows"; and
747 10 Contract rates or special rates. (Class I)

748 H. A driver shall allow the director to inspect the daily trip sheet at any time
749 while driving, in control of or operating a taxicab or for-hire vehicle.

750 SECTION 25. Ordinance 10498, Sections 69 through 79, as amended, and
751 K.C.C. 6.64.680 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

752 A.1. A driver shall wear suitable clothes that are neat and clean and the driver
753 shall be well groomed at all times while on duty. When wearing a costume a driver shall
754 display a photograph of the driver dressed in the costume along with the driver's for-hire
755 license.

756 2. For the purposes of this subsection:

757 a. "Neat and clean," as it relates to clothes, means that all clothing is clean, free
758 from soil, grease and dirt and without unrepaired rips or tears; and

759 b. (~~("Suitable clothes" mean full length pants, collared shirt and shoes. It shall~~
760 ~~not be permissible for any driver to wear as an outer garment any of the following:~~

- 761 ~~(1) undershirts or underwear;~~
762 ~~(2) tank tops;~~
763 ~~(3) body shirts (see-through mesh);~~

764 ~~(4) swimwear;~~

765 ~~(5) jogging or warm-up suits or sweatshirts or similar attire;~~

766 ~~(6) shorts or trunks (jogging or bathing);~~

767 ~~(7) sandals; or~~

768 ~~(8) any similar clothing; and~~

769 e.) "Well groomed" refers to that state of personal hygiene, body cleanliness
770 and absence of offensive body odor normally associated with bathing or showering on a
771 regular basis(~~(, and means that hair is neatly trimmed, beards and mustaches are groomed~~
772 ~~and neatly trimmed at all times in order not to present a ragged appearance and scalp and~~
773 ~~facial hair are combed and brushed)) (Class I).~~

774 B. A driver shall provide his or her customer with professional and courteous
775 service at all times (Class I).

776 C. A driver shall not refuse a request for service because of the driver's position
777 in line at a taxicab zone; a passenger may select any taxicab in line (Class M).

778 D. A driver shall at all times assist a passenger by placing luggage or packages
779 that are under fifty pounds in and out of the taxicab or for-hire vehicle (Class I).

780 E. A driver shall not refuse to transport in the taxicab or for-hire vehicle:

781 1. Any passenger's wheelchair that can be folded and placed in either the
782 passenger, driver or trunk compartment of the taxicab or for-hire vehicle;

783 2. An assist dog or guide dog to assist the disabled or handicapped; and

784 3. Groceries, packages or luggage when accompanied by a passenger (Class M).

785 F. A driver shall provide each passenger a receipt upon payment of the fare. The
786 receipt shall accurately show the date and time, the amount of the fare, the taxicab name

787 and number and the printed name and for-hire driver license number of the for-hire driver
788 (Class I).

789 G. A driver shall use the most direct available route on all trips unless the
790 passenger specifically requests to change the route (Class M).

791 H. A driver shall not permit a non-fare-paying passenger, or pets, to ride in the
792 taxicab or for-hire vehicle. Validly licensed trainees, when approved by the passenger,
793 are exempt from this requirement (Class I).

794 I. A driver shall not refuse to transport any person except when:

795 1. The driver has already been dispatched on another call;

796 2. The passenger is acting in a disorderly, threatening or suspicious manner, or
797 otherwise causes the driver to reasonably believe that the driver's health or safety, or that
798 of others, may be endangered;

799 3. The passenger cannot, upon request, show ability to pay fare; or

800 4. The passenger refuses to state a specific destination upon entering the taxicab
801 (Class M).

802 J. A driver shall not smoke while the taxicab or for-hire vehicle is occupied
803 without the consent of all passengers (Class I).

804 K. A driver shall be able to provide a reasonable and prudent amount of change,
805 and if correct change is not available, no additional charge may be made to the passenger
806 in attempting to secure the change (Class I).

807 L. If operating a wheelchair accessible taxicab, a driver shall provide priority
808 service to private pay passengers in wheelchairs or other mobility devices.

809 SECTION 26. Ordinance 10498, Section 91, and K.C.C. 6.64.720 are each
810 hereby amended to read as follows:

811 A.1. ~~((Beginning January 1, 1993, t))~~The following information must be collected
812 for each licensed taxicab:

- 813 ~~((1-))~~ a. ~~((F))~~total number of trips~~((:))~~;
- 814 ~~((2-))~~ b. ~~((F))~~total paid miles~~((:))~~;
- 815 ~~((3-))~~ c. ~~((F))~~total miles driven~~((:))~~;
- 816 ~~((4-))~~ d. ~~((A))~~amount of fares collected and number of fare units~~((:))~~;
- 817 ~~((5-))~~ e. ~~((V))~~vehicle lease or rental income~~((:))~~; and
- 818 ~~((6-))~~ f. ~~((C))~~costs, including:
 - 819 ~~((a-))~~ (1) ~~((E))~~equipment depreciation;
 - 820 ~~((b-))~~ (2) ~~((E))~~equipment purchases;
 - 821 ~~((c-))~~ (3) ~~((R))~~repair and maintenance costs;
 - 822 ~~((d-))~~ (4) ~~((F))~~fuel and oil costs;
 - 823 ~~((e-))~~ (5) ~~((O))~~other supplies;
 - 824 ~~((f-))~~ (6) ~~((L))~~leases and service contract costs;
 - 825 ~~((g-))~~ (7) ~~((L))~~license fees and taxes;
 - 826 ~~((h-))~~ (8) ~~((I))~~insurance;
 - 827 ~~((i-))~~ (9) ~~((L))~~labor costs ~~((:))~~, which are driver salary paid or lessee income
828 retained by lessee~~((:))~~; and
 - 829 ~~((j-))~~ (10) ~~((O))~~other relevant costs~~((:))~~.

830 2. This information must be provided annually to the director on or before
831 ~~((January 30th))~~ February 28 of each calendar year to cover the period from January 1 to

832 December 31 of the prior year. Failure of an owner to report as required shall result in
833 the owner being required to purchase and install a taximeter conforming to the
834 requirements of K.C.C. 6.64.400 and may result in nonrenewal of the vehicle license.
835 ~~((Said))~~ The taximeter shall be capable of issuing receipts to customers.

836 B. Information stored on meters as required in K.C.C. 6.64.400 shall be collected
837 at official county or city taxicab testing stations a minimum of two times per year. Other
838 information required to be reported under this section shall be reported in a manner
839 established by the director.

840 C. The director may verify operating cost information reported by the industry as
841 required in this section of this chapter through special audits performed on a random
842 sample basis. Failure to submit information required for a special audit to document the
843 costs reported ~~((pursuant to))~~ under this section of this chapter within two weeks of the
844 director's request shall result in the owner being required to purchase and install a
845 taximeter conforming to the requirements of K.C.C. 6.64.400. ~~((Said))~~ The taximeter
846 shall be capable of issuing receipts to customers.

847 D. Providing data verified to be false is grounds for the suspension or revocation
848 of the license.

849 SECTION 27. Ordinance 10498, Section 93, and K.C.C. 6.64.740 are each
850 hereby amended to read as follows:

851 A. On or before April ~~((1st))~~ 30 of each year, ~~((beginning April 1, 1993,))~~ the
852 director shall file an annual report with the King County council based upon data,
853 collected ~~((pursuant to))~~ in accordance with K.C.C. 6.64.730 for the period ~~((between))~~ of
854 January 1 ~~((and))~~ through December 31 of the preceding calendar year.

855 B. ~~((These))~~ The reports shall include but not be limited to the following:

856 1. Number of taxicabs licensed in ~~((Seattle/King))~~ King County only, in Seattle
857 only and in both King County and Seattle during the reporting period and during the
858 preceding year~~((:))~~;

859 2. Number of drivers licensed in ~~((Seattle/))~~ King County only, Seattle only and
860 in both King County and Seattle during the reporting period and during the preceding
861 year~~((:))~~;

862 3. Numbers and nature of complaints~~((:))~~;

863 4. Results of a survey of taxicab response times, changes in response times from
864 previous reporting periods, and relationship of the actual response times to the optimum
865 average response time established by the director ~~((pursuant to))~~ under K.C.C.
866 6.64.760~~((:))~~;

867 5. Results of annual industry reporting including total net profit as reported~~((:))~~;

868 6. Results of meter readings as required in K.C.C. 6.64.720~~((:))~~ and

869 7. Any other recommendations deemed appropriate by the director.

870 SECTION 28. Ordinance 10498, Section 102, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.920
871 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

872 A for-hire driver licensee shall secure a renewal no later than one month before
873 the license expiration date. No license shall be renewed unless the licensee has paid in
874 full all license fees due under this chapter.

875 A late penalty shall be charged on all applications for renewal of a license,
876 registration or permit received later than ~~((ten))~~ one working day~~((s))~~ after the expiration
877 date of ~~((such))~~ the license, registration or permit, as set forth in the respective resolution

878 or ordinance establishing the expiration date of ~~((such))~~ the license, registration or permit.

879 The amount of ~~((such))~~ the penalty is fixed as follows:

880 A. For a license, registration or permit requiring a fee of fifty cents or more, but
881 less than fifty dollars, twenty percent of the required fee;

882 B. For a license, registration or permit requiring a fee of fifty dollars or more, but
883 less than one thousand dollars, ten percent of the required fee; and

884 C. For a license, registration or permit requiring a fee of one thousand dollars or more,
885 five percent of the required fee.
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Ordinance 17665 was introduced on and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/16/2013, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott and Mr. Dembowski
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Gossett

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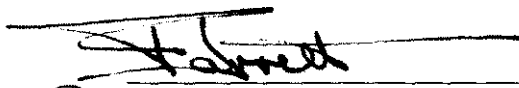

Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 26th day of September 2013.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None