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City of Seattle and King County For-Hire Transportation Rules

City of Seattle Director’s Rule FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION-19-2024 and King County Public Rule FHT-16-2024-PR – Regional For-Hire Driver’s License Training Requirements

Pursuant to an interlocal agreement, the City of Seattle and King County work cooperatively to regulate for-hire passenger transportation. The City of Seattle and King County adopt this Rule as new.

- I. **Purpose.** To establish training course requirements, in addition to those required by code, for an applicant for a regional for-hire driver license or an enhanced regional for-hire driver’s license to be issued a license.

- II. **Definitions.** For purposes of this Rule, the following definitions apply:
 - A. “Director” means the director of King County’s Department of Executive Services and/or the City of Seattle’s Director of Finance and Administrative Services, or their designees.
 - B. “Regional for-hire driver’s license” means a license issued to an applicant for a regional for-hire driver’s license who meets all criteria under King County Code (KCC) Chapter 6.65 and Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 6.311 for a regional for-hire driver’s license.
 - C. “Enhanced regional for-hire driver’s license” is a type of regional for-hire driver’s license that, in addition to meeting the requirements in KCC 6.65.090 and SMC 6.311.090 for a regional for-hire driver’s license, requires a driver to consent to and successfully pass a fingerprint-based background check, with ongoing monitoring if available, from an entity that is approved by the director, consistent with the criteria in KCC 6.65.090.H and SMC 6.311.090.H.

- III. **Requirements.** Applicants for a regional for-hire driver’s license or an enhanced regional for-hire driver’s license must complete driver training including, but not limited to, a general for-hire driver training course and a defensive driving course.

SMC 6.311.090.C.3 and KCC 6.65.090.C.3 authorize the Director to require additional training courses. In this Rule, the Director is requiring the following additional training:

1. **Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Training for For-Hire Drivers.** People experiencing human trafficking are frequently transported to and from venues of exploitation in for-hire transportation. This training increases awareness of human trafficking, including commercially sexually exploited victims and survivors, gives drivers indicators to help identify potential victims and survivors, and provides drivers with information on how victims and survivors might access services.

Additionally:

- a. This training is required for all applicants submitting an initial application for a new regional for-hire driver’s license or an enhanced regional for-hire driver’s license on or after November 1, 2024.
- b. This training is required for all applicants submitting a regional for-hire driver’s license or an enhanced regional for-hire driver’s license renewal application upon their first renewal on or after November 1, 2024.
- c. Access to this training will be available on King County’s for-hire transportation website.
- d. There is no fee to complete this training.

- e. Upon completion of the training, a certificate of completion will be issued with the name of the person completing the course and the date of completion.
- f. Unless the Director determines otherwise, the Director shall only accept a certificate of completion as proof of completing the course if the certificate of completion was issued by the Director or an organization authorized by the Director.
- g. Failure to complete this training shall result in denial of the application for a regional for-hire driver's license or an enhanced regional for-hire driver's license.

IV. Implementation. The requirements of this Rule take effect immediately after the Director files this Rule with the Seattle City Clerk and with the King County Archives, Records Management, and Mail Services Section (ARMMS).

V. Rule Maintenance. The Director will periodically assess for-hire transportation industry conditions and for-hire driver and passenger safety concerns to determine whether this Rule needs revision.

VI. Rule Enforcement. The Director may review written documentation and consider community feedback to ensure compliance with the requirements outlined herein.