

Ordinance No. 124524

Council Bill No. 118140

AN ORDINANCE relating to transportation network companies, taxi, and for-hire services and affiliated drivers and vehicles: establishing minimum operating requirements for transportation network companies and affiliated drivers; imposing industry-wide vehicle inspection and driver training processes; imposing insurance requirements for transportation network companies and affiliated vehicles; altering insurance requirements for taxi and for-hire vehicles; requiring rate transparency across industries; establishing and altering licensing fees; establishing an accessible service charge; raising the maximum number of taxicab licenses issued by the City; allowing hailing rights for for-hire vehicles; establishing a property right for taxi and for-hire vehicle license holders; revising terminology; adding new sections, amending various Sections of Chapter 6.310 of the Seattle Municipal Code, repealing Ordinance 124441, and amending Ordinance 124349, which adopted the 2014 Budget.

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12 maximum number of taxicab licenses issued by the City; allowing hailing rights for for-
13 hire vehicles; establishing a property right for taxi and for-hire vehicle license holders;
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15 of the Seattle Municipal Code, repealing Ordinance 124441, and amending Ordinance
16 124349, which adopted the 2014 Budget.

17 WHEREAS, that technology that allows consumers to directly dispatch drivers for trips via the
18 internet using mobile interfaces such as smartphone applications, (“application dispatch”)
19 did not exist in Seattle when for-hire driver and vehicle regulations were last amended by
20 Ordinance 122763 in 2008; and

21 WHEREAS, the Council caused a taxi, for-hire, and limousine services demand study (“demand
22 study”) to be undertaken to evaluate passenger demand and assess the quality of service
23 and the final study was completed by consultants on September 3, 2013; and

24 WHEREAS, the demand study supports that the public is receptive to application dispatch
25 technology and such technology is capturing a growing share of the traditional taxicab
26 and for-hire vehicle market, especially during periods of peak demand¹; and

27 WHEREAS, the demand study supports, that some companies using application dispatch
28 technology to offer transportation services in Seattle are unlicensed and affiliated with
29 unlicensed for-hire drivers (unlicensed drivers) and vehicles²; and

30 WHEREAS, the use of application dispatch technology by unlicensed companies, vehicles, and
31 drivers raises significant public safety and consumer protection concerns; and

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¹ 2013 City of Seattle and King County Taxi, For Hire Vehicle and Limousine Services Demand Study, Final Report, page 22

² *Id.*



1 WHEREAS, the use of application dispatch technology by unlicensed companies and drivers are
2 competing with existing licensed taxicab and for-hire drivers in the transportation market;
and

3 WHEREAS, establishing minimum operating requirements for unlicensed drivers and unlicensed
4 companies using application dispatch technology is appropriate and necessary to protect
the safety of the public; and

5 WHEREAS, to ensure fair market competition, there must be regulatory parity between taxi
6 operators, for-hire vehicle operators, and presently unlicensed transportation network
7 companies and affiliated drivers; and

8 WHEREAS, industry regulations for these services must encourage innovation without
9 compromising safety standards, so that regulation provides a safety net that the public can
10 rely on for its protection while new businesses innovate and use technology to better the
lives of Washingtonians; and

11 WHEREAS, establishing transparency of rates prior to a passenger initiating a ride via an
12 application is appropriate and necessary for consumer protection and there exists a need
13 to maintain existing dispatch and fare calculation systems to ensure transportation access
for people who do not have access to application dispatch technology; and

14 WHEREAS, there exists a need to create an industry-supported accessible service fund to ensure
the continued financial viability of operating Wheelchair Accessible Taxis (WATs); and

15 WHEREAS, the issuance of an additional 35 taxi licenses for the first year, and an additional 55
16 per year for the next three years as authorized by SMC 6.310.500(D) would promote fair
17 competition and meet current and future demand for efficient and economical for-hire
transportation services; and

18 WHEREAS, allowing for-hire vehicles to pick up street hails promotes increased immediate
19 access to services and eliminates confusion for the public; and

20 WHEREAS, converting existing and future taxi and for-hire vehicle licenses to a property right
21 would allow the vehicle license to be used as collateral and would promote fair
22 competition within the industry, and drivers with a direct financial stake in the medallion
will promote safe vehicles, courteous service, and safe driving; and

23 WHEREAS, there is authority to regulate for-hire vehicles as granted by Article 11, Section 11
24 of the Washington State Constitution and RCW 46.72.160; and

25 WHEREAS, the City will support efforts of for-hire transportation industry representatives
26 seeking to clarify or modify the current State insurance requirements of for-hire
27 transportation services to account for recent changes in the industry and business models



1 of all industry participants, including transportation network companies, taxicabs, and
2 for-hire vehicles.

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

5 Section 1. Section 6.310.100 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
6 118341, is amended as follows:

7 **6.310.100 Purpose((~~r~~))**

8 A. Transportation network companies (TNC) provide application dispatch services
9 (technology that allows consumers to directly request dispatch of for-hire drivers for trips via the
10 internet using mobile interfaces such as smartphone applications,) to connect drivers with
11 passengers for transportation services. The ordinance codified in this chapter is an exercise of
12 The City of Seattle's power to license for-hire vehicles, taxicabs, for-hire drivers ((~~and~~))-taxicab
13 associations, and transportation network companies, and issue TNC vehicle endorsements, for
14 regulations and revenue. Some of its regulatory purposes are to increase the safety, reliability,
15 cost-effectiveness, and the economic viability and stability of privately-operated for-hire vehicle
16 and taxicab services within The City of Seattle. This chapter is not intended to regulate
17 limousines and is consistent and compliant with RCW Chapter 46.72A.

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20 B. Within one year of the effective date of this ordinance, and every year thereafter
21 through December 30, 2016, the Director shall issue a report to chair of the Taxi, For-hire, and
22 Limousine Regulations Committee of the Seattle City Council. The report shall include a
23 summary of the industry data reported pursuant Section 6.310.540, a summary of on-street and
24 other enforcement activities performed between the effective date of this ordinance and the
25 deadline, a discussion of the conversion from licenses to medallions, a discussion of the funding
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1 level and use of the Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund, the number and type of passenger
2 complaints received between the effective date of this ordinance and the reporting deadline, and
3 a comparison of the City's regulatory revenue under the former and proposed regulatory
4 structure.

5 Section 2. Section 6.310.110 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by
6 Ordinance 123361, is amended as follows:

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8 **6.310.110 Definitions((~~r~~))**

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

11 "Active on the TNC dispatch system" includes but is not limited to: when the driver is
12 logged onto the transportation network company (TNC) application showing that the driver is
13 available to pick up passengers; when a passenger is in the vehicle; when TNC records show
14 the vehicle has been connected with a passenger; or when the driver has been connected with a
15 passenger and is enroute to provide transportation services to the passenger.

17 ((~~A~~)) "Affected licensee" means any licensee that may incur some penalty as a result of
18 a violation. For example, if a for-hire driver of a taxicab commits a violation, the for-hire
19 driver, the taxicab owner, and the taxicab association with which that taxicab is associated are
20 all affected licensees.

22 ((~~B~~)) "Affiliated taxicab" means a taxicab licensed to operate within a particular
23 taxicab association.



1 “Application dispatch” means technology that allows consumers to directly request
2 dispatch of for-hire drivers for trips and/or to accept payments for those trips via the internet
3 using mobile interfaces such as, but not limited to smartphone and tablet applications.

4 ~~((C.))~~ "Approved mechanic" means a mechanic or technician on a list maintained by
5 the Director. The list shall contain the name of each mechanic or technician that has been
6 approved by ~~(applied to the)~~ Director for inclusion and who (1) has met all requirements of the
7 National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, (2) has been awarded a Certificate in
8 Evidence of Competence satisfactory to the Director, and (3) does not own, lease or drive a
9 taxicab or for-hire vehicle or TNC endorsed vehicle. ~~((and (4) has no financial interest,~~
10 ~~including any employment interest, in any taxicab association, taxicab or for hire vehicle or in~~
11 ~~any company that owns or leases taxicabs or for hire vehicles)).~~

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14 ~~((D.))~~ "Certificate of Safety" means a document from an approved mechanic certifying
15 that a particular vehicle meets all vehicle safety standards set forth in this chapter, including a
16 uniform vehicle safety inspection, and in regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.

17 ~~((E.))~~ "Committed a violation" means that a licensee has been issued a Notice of
18 Violation and either has not contested the violation or did contest the violation but lost.

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20 ~~((F.))~~ “Community Development Financial Institution" means a non-profit loan fund
21 certified by the Community Development Financial Institution Fund of the U.S. Department of
22 the Treasury, that serves economically distressed communities and underserved populations by
23 providing credit, capital and financial services that are normally unavailable from traditional
24 financial institutions.



1 “Compensation” means remuneration or anything of economic value that is provided,
2 promised, or donated primarily in exchange for services rendered. This includes, but is not
3 limited to voluntary donations, fee-sharing between a taxicab association or transportation
4 network company and an affiliated driver, advertisement of a taxicab association or
5 transportation network company services, and increased patronage for taxicab association or
6 transportation network company services.

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8 ~~((G-))~~ "Contract rate" means the rate specified in a written contract signed by both
9 parties before the dispatch of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle for the services identified in the
10 contract. Contracts for package delivery may be made on an oral basis.

11 ~~((H-))~~ "Department" means the Department of Finance and Administrative Services of
12 The City of Seattle, or any department that succeeds to the Department's duties under this
13 chapter.

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15 ~~((I-))~~ "Director" means the Director of Finance and Administrative Services or the
16 director of any successor department and the Director's authorized designee.

17 ~~((J-))~~ "For-hire driver" means any person in physical control of a taxicab, ~~((O-))~~ for-hire
18 vehicle, or transportation network company endorsed vehicle who is required to be licensed
19 under this chapter. The term includes a lease driver, owner/operator, or employee, who drives
20 taxicabs ~~((P-))~~, for-hire vehicles, or transportation network company endorsed vehicles.

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22 ~~((K-))~~ "For-hire vehicle" means any motor vehicle used for the transportation of
23 passengers for compensation, except:

- 24 1. Taxicabs as defined in this chapter;
- 25 2. School buses operating exclusively under a contract to a school district;
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1 3. Ride-sharing vehicles under Chapter 46.74 RCW;

2 4. Limousine carriers licensed under Chapter ~~((81.90))~~ 46.72A RCW;

3 5. Vehicles used by nonprofit transportation providers solely for elderly or
4 handicapped persons and their attendants under Chapter 81.66 RCW;

5 6. Vehicles used by auto transportation companies licensed under Chapter 81.68
6 RCW;

7 7. Vehicles used to provide courtesy transportation at no charge to and from
8 parking lots, hotels, and rental offices; and

9 8. Vehicles licensed under, and used to provide "charter party carrier" and
10 "excursion service carrier" services as defined in, and required by, Chapter 81.70 RCW;

11 9. Transportation network company endorsed vehicle as defined in this chapter.

12 "For-hire vehicle company" means a person or entity that represents or owns for-hire
13 vehicles licensed by the City that use the same color scheme, trade name, and dispatch
14 services.

15 ~~((L-))~~ "Handicapped person" means any person who, by reason of illness, injury, age,
16 congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, is unable
17 without special facilities or special planning or design to use mass transportation facilities and
18 services as efficiently as persons who are not so affected. Handicapped persons include
19 ambulatory persons whose capacities are hindered by sensory disabilities such as blindness or
20 deafness, such mental disabilities as mental retardation or emotional illness, and physical
21 disabilities that still permit the person to walk comfortably, or a combination of these
22 disabilities. It also includes a semiambulatory person who requires such special aids to travel
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1 as canes, crutches, walkers, respirators, or human assistance, and a nonambulatory person who
2 must use wheelchairs or wheelchair-like equipment to travel.

3 ~~((M.))~~ "Knowingly permit" means (1) to know of an action or condition that violates
4 this chapter or any regulation promulgated pursuant to this chapter, and (2) to fail to take
5 reasonable steps to cure the violation and to prevent future violations. There is a rebuttable
6 presumption that a person knows a fact, action or condition of which a reasonable person in the
7 same position would have knowledge.
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9 ~~((N.))~~ "Lease driver" means a for-hire driver who is an independent contractor/sole
10 proprietor who has leased a taxicab or for-hire vehicle from a taxicab or for-hire vehicle
11 licensee or taxicab association.

12 ~~((O.))~~ "Lender" means a bank, trust company, mutual savings bank, savings and loan
13 association, or credit union authorized to do business and accept deposits in this state under
14 state or federal law and includes a Community Development Financial Institution qualified and
15 approved by the Director to provide loans to licensees under Section 6.310.380
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17 ~~((P.))~~ "Lessor" means a licensee of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle who leases to a lease
18 driver.
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20 ~~((Q.))~~ "Licensee" means any person or entity licensed under this chapter, including for-
21 hire drivers, taxicab or for-hire vehicle owners, ~~((and))~~ taxicab associations, and transportation
22 network companies.

23 "Medallion" means a certificate issued by the Director as evidence that a taxicab or for-
24 hire vehicle license is an intangible property.

25 "Medallion system" means the system which deems a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license
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1 to be intangible property that may be used as collateral to secure a loan from a bank or any other
2 financial institution.

3 ((R-)) "Motor vehicle" means every motorized vehicle by or upon which any person
4 may be transported or carried upon a public street, highway or alley; provided, that vehicles
5 used exclusively upon stationary rail tracks or propelled by use of overhead electric wires are
6 not considered motor vehicles for purposes of this chapter.

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8 ((S-)) "Operating in The City of Seattle" means owning, leasing, advertising, driving,
9 occupying and/or otherwise using a taxicab, ((e-)) for-hire vehicle, or transportation network
10 company endorsed vehicle that at any time transports any passenger or item for compensation
11 from a point within the geographical confines of The City of Seattle. The vehicle is considered
12 to be operating during the administering of inspections at the City's inspection facility. The
13 term does not include being in control of a vehicle that is physically inoperable. A taxicab
14 association is "operating in The City of Seattle" if it represents or includes any taxicab that at
15 any time transports any passenger or item for compensation from a point within the
16 geographical confines of The City of Seattle. A transportation network company is "operating
17 in The City of Seattle" if it provides application dispatch services to any affiliated driver at any
18 time for the transport of any passenger for compensation from a point within the geographical
19 confines of The City of Seattle.

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22 ((T-)) "Owner" means the person whose lawful right of possession of a taxicab or for-
23 hire vehicle has most recently been recorded with the state Department of Motor Vehicles.
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1 “Personal vehicle” means a vehicle that is not a taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensed
2 under this chapter. A personal vehicle that is used to provide trips via a transportation network
3 company application dispatch system is subject to regulation under this chapter.

4 ~~((U.))~~ "Senior Citizen" means any person over the age of 60 with a valid identification
5 confirming that person's age.

6 ~~((V.))~~ "Special rate" means discounted rates for senior citizens and handicapped
7 persons.
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9 ~~((W.))~~ "Taxicab" means every motor vehicle:

10 1. That is held out to the public as providing transportation to passengers or
11 articles for hire;

12 2. Where the route traveled or destination is controlled by the customer;

13 3. That carries signs or indicia of a taxicab, including the words "taxi,"
14 "taxicab," or "cab"; and
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16 4. Where the fare is based on an amount recorded and indicated on a taximeter
17 or on an application dispatch system linked to a taximeter, or by a special contract rate
18 permitted under this chapter. Despite the foregoing, "taxicab" does not include those vehicles
19 listed in Section 6.310.110 J2-J8 or for-hire vehicles.
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21 ~~((X.))~~ "Taxicab association" means a person or ~~((organization))~~ entity licensed under
22 this chapter that represents or owns at least 15 taxicabs licensed by the City that use the same
23 color scheme, trade name, and dispatch services. An individual person may be a taxicab
24 association as long as that individual owns or represents at least 15 taxicabs and otherwise
25 meets the requirements of this chapter; provided, that for taxicab associations formed in
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1 connection with the wheelchair accessible taxicab demonstration project provided for under
2 this chapter, the Director may waive the requirement for such taxicab associations to have 15
3 licensed taxicabs and any taxicab association license fee for the duration of the demonstration
4 project.

5 ((Y)) "Taxicab association representative" means the person or persons that a taxicab
6 association has authorized to:

7
8 1. File applications and, if not using application dispatch, special contract rates
9 and charges on behalf of the taxicab association and individual owners in the taxicab
10 association; and

11 2. Receive and accept all correspondence and notices from the City pertaining
12 to the taxicab association, or to the taxicabs, taxicab owners and/or for-hire drivers operating
13 within the taxicab association; and

14 3. Forward any correspondence, notices and/or legal process received by the
15 association and intended for a taxicab owner and/or taxicab driver operating within the taxicab
16 association.
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18 ((Z)) "Taximeter" means any instrument or device by which the charge for hire of a
19 passenger carrying vehicle is measured or calculated either for the distance traveled by such
20 vehicle or for waiting time, or for both, and upon which such calculated charges shall be
21 indicated by means of figures.
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23 "Trade dress" means the unique visual element associated with a transportation
24 network company that is attached to a vehicle affiliated with a TNC so the public and
25 passengers can identify the vehicle as being associated with that particular TNC.
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1 “Transportation network company” (TNC) means an organization whether a
2 corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, or other form, licensed under this chapter and
3 operating in the City of Seattle that offers prearranged transportation services for compensation
4 using an online-enabled TNC application or platform to connect passengers with drivers using
5 their personal vehicles and that meets the licensing requirements of Section 6.310.130 and any
6 other requirements under this chapter.

7 “Transportation network company (TNC) driver” means a licensed for-hire driver
8 affiliated with and accepting dispatched trips from a licensed transportation network company.
9 For purposes of this chapter, at any time while a driver is active on the TNC dispatch system,
10 the driver is considered a TNC driver.

11 “Transportation network company (TNC) endorsed vehicle” means a personal motor
12 vehicle used for the transportation of passengers for compensation that is affiliated with a
13 licensed transportation network company and that has been endorsed to demonstrate that the
14 vehicle has met the minimum operating requirements as set forth in Sections 6.310.325 and
15 6.310.327.

16 “Transportation network company (TNC) representative” means the person or persons
17 that a transportation network company has authorized to:

- 18 1. On behalf of the TNC, file documentation with the Director;
19 2. Receive and accept all correspondence and notices from the City pertaining
20 to the TNC, or to affiliated drivers operating within the TNC; and
21 3. Forward any correspondence, notices and/or legal process received by the
22 TNC and intended for an affiliated driver operating within the TNC.



1 “Transportation network company (TNC) vehicle endorsement” means an endorsement
2 on a for-hire driver’s license for a personal vehicle that allows the for-hire driver to use the
3 endorsed vehicle to affiliate with a transportation network company in order to provide
4 transportation to passengers via an application dispatch system. The endorsement
5 demonstrates that the vehicle has met the minimum operating requirements as set forth in
6 Sections 6.310.325 and 6.310.327. A vehicle with a TNC endorsement is a “TNC endorsed
7 vehicle.”

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9 (~~AA~~) “Wheelchair accessible taxicab” or “Wheelchair accessible for-hire vehicle” or
10 a “Wheelchair accessible TNC endorsed vehicle” means a taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC
11 endorsed vehicle designed or modified to transport passengers in wheelchairs or other mobility
12 devices and conforming to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA),
13 and inspected and approved by the Director.

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15 Section 3. Section 6.310.120 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
16 118341, is amended as follows:

17 **6.310.120 Scope((-))**

18 This chapter applies to all taxicab associations, all transportation network companies, all
19 taxicabs, all for-hire vehicles, all TNC-endorsed vehicles, and all for-hire drivers operating
20 ~~((within))~~ in The City of Seattle. This chapter is not intended to be a part of the New License
21 Code, Chapter 6.202 et seq.

22
23 Section 4. Section 6.310.125 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
24 121738, is amended as follows:

25 **6.310.125 Violation classifications((-))**



1 A. Requirements contained within this chapter shall specify violation classifications in
2 parentheses for the purpose of assessing monetary penalties and penalty points. General
3 provisions for penalty enforcement are set forth in ~~((SMC))~~ Sections 6.310.600, 6.310.605,
4 6.310.610, and 6.310.635. Monetary penalties and penalty points for each violation
5 classification are specifically set forth in ~~((SMC))~~ Section 6.310.605.

6 B. Violation classifications are as follows:

- 7 1. Class A - violations of administrative or non-safety requirements.
- 8 2. Class B - violations of safety requirements.
- 9 3. Class C - other serious violations.
- 10 4. Suspensions, revocations, and denials of licenses or TNC vehicle

11 endorsements are imposed when taxicab associations, transportation network companies,
12 taxicab licensees, or for-hire drivers fail to comply with licensing or endorsement requirements
13 pursuant to this chapter, or there is an immediate safety concern with the taxicab, for-hire
14 vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle.

15 Section 5. Section 6.310.130 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
16 119872, is amended as follows:

17 **6.310.130 Licenses required((=))**

18 A. It is unlawful to own, lease, drive or otherwise operate within The City of Seattle
19 any taxicab or for-hire vehicle within the scope of this chapter, unless:

- 20 1. The for-hire driver has a valid license issued under this chapter;
- 21 2. The for-hire vehicle or taxicab has a valid license issued under this chapter.



1 3. If the vehicle is a taxicab, the taxicab is affiliated with a taxicab association
2 licensed under this chapter;

3 4. The for-hire driver that operates a taxicab is affiliated with a taxicab
4 association licensed under this chapter.

5 B. It is unlawful to operate within The City of Seattle as a transportation network
6 company (TNC) driver, unless:

7 1. The driver has a valid for-hire driver's license issued under this chapter;

8 2. The vehicle is either:

9 a. A personal vehicle with a TNC vehicle endorsement, or

10 b. A for-hire vehicle or taxicab licensed under this chapter; and

11 3. The driver is affiliated with a TNC licensed under this chapter.

12 This section 6.310.130.B shall be effective 120 days from the effective date of this
13 ordinance.

14 ~~((B.))~~C. It is unlawful to operate a taxicab association within ~~((the))~~The City of Seattle
15 without a valid license issued pursuant to this chapter.

16 D. It is unlawful to operate as a transportation network company within The City of
17 Seattle without a valid license issued under this chapter.

18 E. It is unlawful to operate an application dispatch system within The City of Seattle
19 unless:

20 1. The person or entity is a licensed transportation network company; or

21 2. The person or entity uses the application dispatch system exclusively for

22 taxicabs and/or for-hire vehicles licensed under this chapter, consistent with Section 6.310.530.



1 ~~((C))~~F. The regulatory licenses and vehicle endorsements issued to for-hire drivers,
2 for-hire vehicles, transportation network company drivers, taxicabs, ~~((and))~~ taxicab
3 associations, and transportation network companies under this chapter shall be suspended by
4 the Director if the for-hire driver, for-hire vehicle, taxicab, ~~((or))~~ taxicab association, or
5 transportation network company does not maintain a required current business license issued
6 by The City of Seattle.

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8 Section 6. A new Section 6.310.135 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

9 **6.310.135 Transition to medallion system**

10 A. Effective February 1, 2015, City taxicab and for-hire vehicle licenses shall
11 transition to a medallion system and all references to taxicab licenses and for-hire vehicle
12 licenses in this Chapter shall refer to taxicab medallions and for-hire vehicle medallions,
13 respectively. The medallion system deems a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license to be intangible
14 property. The owner of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle medallion can use the medallion as collateral
15 to secure a loan from a bank or any other financial institution. Medallion owners shall file with
16 the Director the name of any and all lienholders, on forms furnished by the Director.

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18 B. Effective February 1, 2015, existing taxicab or for-hire vehicle license holders
19 shall receive one medallion for each taxicab or for-hire vehicle license upon payment of a one-
20 time administrative fee of \$100.00. Failure to pay this administrative fee shall result in the denial
21 of the renewal of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license.

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23 C. All new taxicab or for-hire vehicle licenses issued after the effective date of this
24 ordinance shall be issued pursuant to a medallion system by lottery pursuant to subsection

25 6.310.500.D.2.



1 D. Taxicab and for-hire vehicle medallions remain subject to all regulations in this
2 Chapter. The interest of a medallion owner may be suspended or revoked for any reason
3 enumerated in this Chapter for the suspension or revocation of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle
4 license. Upon the final order of revocation, a medallion shall be involuntarily transferred
5 pursuant to subsection 6.310.137.

6 E. Medallion holders waive any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, loss, costs,
7 expense judgments, attorneys' fees, or damages of every kind and description resulting directly
8 or indirectly from any act or omission of the City, its officials, officers, employees, and agents
9 regarding the valuation or devaluation of the medallion.

10 F. The City assumes no liability for any devaluation of the medallion due to
11 regulatory action or market forces.

12 G. Any taxicab or for-hire vehicle medallion may only be voluntarily transferred,
13 sold or assigned in accordance with this section 6.310.135. For purposes of the sale of a taxicab
14 or for-hire vehicle medallion, the following requirements must be satisfied: (i) all outstanding
15 fines and penalties against the medallion holder and for-hire driver's license, if applicable, must
16 be paid or satisfied and all pending administrative matters must be resolved; and (ii) when seller
17 owns two or more taxicab or for-hire taxicab licenses, all outstanding items/proceedings as stated
18 in (i) above shall be paid, satisfied or resolved.

19 H. Medallion owners may lease an interest in the medallion as prescribed by Director's
20 rule. To assure orderly and rapid transition to the medallion system, the Director shall have such
21 rules in place 90 days from February 1, 2015.

22 Section 7. A new Section 6.310.137 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:
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6.310.137 Involuntary transfer of taxicab or for-hire vehicle medallions

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2 A. The interest of a medallion owner may be suspended or revoked for any reason
3 enumerated in this Chapter for the suspension or revocation of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle
4 license. Upon a final order of revocation where all appellate proceedings, if any, have been
5 concluded, the Director shall coordinate the sale of the medallion at public auction by a licensed
6 auctioneer to the highest and best bidder, who shall pay the amount bid by a cashier's check
7 within seven business days from the time of sale.
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9 The proceeds from the sale of such medallions, after deducting the expenses of the sale and all
10 costs incurred by the City including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, shall be paid, first, to the
11 lienholder or lienholders in the order of date of filing and the balance, if any, shall be paid to the
12 person whose interest in the medallion has been revoked, or to the City when the person cannot
13 be located.
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15 B. Any person holding a bona fide lien or security interest in a taxicab or for-hire vehicle
16 medallion shall have the right to enforcement of a lien against that medallion within thirty days
17 after any final order of revocation where all appellate proceedings, if any, have been concluded
18 and upon actual notice to any lienholder whose name is on file with the Director.
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20 C. In order to perfect a lien or security interest in a taxicab or for-hire vehicle medallion,
21 the party which holds the pledge, lien or security interest, within thirty days of the date of
22 creation of the pledge, lien or security interest, shall record the same as required by State law and
23 provide a copy of the recording to the Director. The collateral shall be described as "City of
24 Seattle taxicab medallion" or "City of Seattle for-hire vehicle medallion" and include the
25 medallion certificate number.
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1 D. Any foreclosure of a perfected lien in a taxicab or for-hire vehicle medallion shall be
2 in the King County Superior Court and the City Finance and Administrative Services
3 Department (FAS) shall be joined as an indispensable party. All holders of liens or security
4 interests senior to the pledge, lien or security interest being foreclosed shall be joined and
5 deemed necessary parties to the foreclosure.

6 E. Upon a judgment of foreclosure, the Director shall coordinate the sale of the
7 medallion at public auction by a licensed auctioneer to the highest and best bidder, who shall pay
8 the amount bid by a cashier's check within seven business days from the time of sale. The
9 proceeds from the sale of such medallions, after deducting the expenses of the sale and all costs
10 incurred by the City including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, shall be paid, first, to the
11 lienholder or lienholders in the order of date of filing and the balance, if any, shall be paid as
12 directed in the judgment of foreclosure.

13 F. The institution of foreclosure procedures or the judicial transfer of a medallion shall
14 not prevent the Director from suspending or imposing a civil penalty or taking other
15 administrative action against the medallion owner at the time of the alleged violation.

16 G. Distribution from estate to a beneficiary

17 1. When a taxicab or for-hire vehicle medallion or stock in a corporation owning
18 such a medallion is distributed from an estate to a beneficiary by a court of law, the transferee
19 shall submit to the Director the court order directing the City to transfer the medallion to the
20 beneficiary. The court order shall condition the transfer upon the transferee complying with this
21 Chapter.

22 2. An executor or administrator may continue the operation of a taxicab or for-



1 hire vehicle only with prior written approval of the Director. The executor or administrator shall
2 apply for such approval within 120 days of his or her appointment. In the event of any delay not
3 caused by the executor or the administrator, the Director may grant additional time to apply for
4 approval for good cause shown.

5 Section 8. Section 6.310.150 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
6 123472, is amended as follows:

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8 **6.310.150 Fees**~~((:))~~

9 The following nonrefundable fees shall apply:

10 A. ~~((Taxicab association:))~~ Upon the effective date of this ordinance, taxicab
11 association, taxicab and for hire vehicle license and for-hire driver fees (excluding
12 Transportation Network Company for-hire drivers) for the 2014-2015 vehicle licensing year
13 shall be:

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15 1. Taxicab Association

16 a. Annual fee \$1,000

17 b. Late renewal fee \$100

18 ~~((Fingerprinting of owners and officers Charge as determined by~~
19 ~~Director to cover costs:))~~

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21 ~~((B:))~~ 2. Taxicab or for-hire vehicle fees ~~((License:))~~

22 a. Annual license fee ~~((600))~~ \$500

23 b. Wheelchair accessible taxicab annual license fee Waived

24 c. Late fee (license renewal) \$60

25 ~~((Change of vehicle \$100))~~



d. Change of vehicle licensee:

i. July—December ~~(\$600)~~ \$500

ii. January—June (half year) ~~(\$300)~~ \$250

iii. May 16—June 30*

e. Replace taxicab plate \$25

f. Special inspection fee** \$100/hour (1/2 hour minimum)

g. Inspection rescheduling fee (non-City licensed vehicles only) . . .

. \$25

h. Taxicab change of association affiliation \$100

~~((Vehicle re-inspection fee (for Class A violations) \$50~~

~~Suspension reinstatement fee (when no penalty is assessed)~~

~~or reinspection fee (for Class B violations) \$100))~~

i. Change of licensee corporation, limited liability company, or
partnership members \$100

~~((Security camera system inspection (when not part of annual
inspection) \$50))~~

j. Taximeter test (when not part of annual inspection) \$50

k. This section 6.310.150.A.2 shall take effect and be in force

retroactively as of May 1, 2014 in order to apply to all taxicab and for-hire vehicle fees for the

2014-15 vehicle licensing year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.



1 * No change of taxicab licensee or for-hire vehicle licensee fee is due if the transfer
2 occurs between May 16—June 30. During this period, the change of taxicab or for-hire vehicle
3 licensee and the annual license renewal are accomplished together and only one ((+)) fee will
4 be assessed.

5 ** For testing of taxicab meter or taxicab inspections provided to other municipalities.

6 ((C)) 3. For-hire driver license fees:

7 a. Annual fee \$50

8 ((Add/change affiliation*** . . . \$20))

9 Late fee . . . \$15

10 ((ID photo . . . \$5))

11 ((Fingerprinting . . . Charge as determined by Director to cover costs))

12 b. Replacement license \$5

13 ((Training class fee As determined by

14 Director))

15 c. Other training and licensing fees (fingerprinting, ID photo,

16 background check) Charge as determined by Director to cover costs.

17 (***) For-hire drivers may only be affiliated with a maximum of three taxicab
18 associations at any given time. This fee is only charged when the driver is affiliated with three
19 associations and now wants to delete one association and add another.)

20 B. Transportation Network Company (TNC) License, Vehicle Endorsement and for
21 For-Hire Driver's License Fees



1 Upon the effective date of this ordinance, TNCs shall pay \$0.10 per ride for all trips
2 originating in Seattle to cover the estimated enforcement and regulatory costs of TNC
3 licensing, vehicle endorsements and driver licensing. After six months or any time thereafter,
4 the Director may adjust this per ride fee based on the number of new TNC licenses, for-hire
5 driver's licenses and vehicle endorsements issued, and total TNC trips originating in Seattle
6 provided in the previous quarter, as reported pursuant to Section 6.310.540. The purpose of any
7 adjustment is to ensure that the per ride fee covers the estimated enforcement and regulatory
8 costs of TNC licensing, vehicle endorsements and driver licensing. Total TNC industry fees
9 shall not exceed \$525,000 in year one. Unless the Director finds that a TNC has not paid its
10 proportional fees covering the cost of enforcement and regulatory costs for the prior year, at
11 the time of renewing the TNC license, the fees for the current TNC license, vehicle
12 endorsements, and for-hire driver licenses shall be renewed upon approval of completed
13 renewal applications and upon the condition that the TNC continues to submit quarterly per
14 ride fees.

17 C. The Director may adjust any of the fees in subsection A after the ordinance's
18 effective date, and any of the fees in subsection B six months after the ordinance's effective
19 date, following consideration of the following nonexclusive factors: the projected costs and
20 annual budget allotted for enforcement and regulatory costs across the for-hire transportation
21 industry, the need for increased street inspection in order to reduce illegal activity, the total
22 number of trips originating in Seattle across the for-hire transportation industry, and the
23 administrative burden of issuing additional taxicab licenses, TNC licenses, for-hire driver's
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1 licenses and TNC vehicle endorsements. The purpose of any adjustment is to ensure that the
2 fees cover the Director's enforcement and regulatory costs.

3 Section 9. A new Section 6.310.175 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

4 **6.310.175 Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund**

5 A. In addition to the fees specified in subsection 6.310.150, as part of the license
6 issuance or renewal fee, taxicab, for-hire vehicle licensees, and transportation network
7 companies shall pay a \$0.10 per ride surcharge for all rides originating in the City of Seattle for
8 each vehicle. As part of the City's taxi, for-hire, and transportation network company
9 regulation, this surcharge shall be used to offset the higher operational costs of wheelchair
10 accessible taxi ("WAT") services for owners and operators including, but not limited to:
11 vehicle costs associated with purchasing and retrofitting an accessible vehicle, extra fuel and
12 maintenance costs, and time involved in providing wheelchair accessible trips. Funds shall be
13 distributed by reimbursement for documented, itemized costs. The Director shall adopt by rule
14 the procedure for determining when and how to distribute funds to WAT owners and drivers,
15 including imposing conditions of reimbursement, imposing a maximum amount of
16 reimbursement, and considering timely distribution of reimbursement to WAT drivers and
17 owners. In determining the distribution of funds, the Director shall consider factors including,
18 but not limited to actual consumer demand for WAT services, total number of WAT rides, total
19 number of WAT rides requested through a TNC application, total paid trips per WAT, and
20 average operating hours per WAT.
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24 B. Following the first year of collecting the \$0.10 per ride surcharge, the surcharge
25 rate may be adjusted by the Director based on, but not limited to consideration of the following
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1 factors: reimbursed costs for purchasing and retrofitting accessible vehicles, the actual need for
2 purchasing and retrofitting accessible vehicles in the upcoming year, total number of WAT
3 rides, and may consider any other factors that may affect the supply, demand, and financial
4 viability for WAT service within the City limits.

5 C. Within two years of the effective date of this ordinance, the Director, with input
6 from the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities, will promulgate rules to determine
7 the need for additional wheelchair accessible taxicabs or for-hire vehicles and how to fund
8 potential new retrofits from the wheelchair accessible services fund.

9 Section 10. Section 6.310.200, which was last amended by Ordinance 118341, is
10 amended as follows:

11 **6.310.200 Taxicab association ((-)) ((L))license application((-))**

12 A. Any business or individual desiring to operate as a taxicab association within The
13 City of Seattle shall file with the Director a signed and notarized taxicab association
14 application, on forms approved by the Director. The application shall include the following
15 information:
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19 ((4. A brief description of the uniform the applicant taxicab association
20 proposes to require for drivers of affiliated taxicabs, which shall include full length pants
21 (hemmed slack material), collared shirt, and shoes. The uniform may include the option to
22 wear shorts in the summer, provided that the shorts extend no higher than two inches (2")
23 above the kneecap and are of a similar color and pattern to the uniform full length pants.
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25 Further, the uniform may be modified in individual cases as necessary to (1) avoid interfering
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1 with the for hire driver's religious beliefs, and/or (2) accommodate the for hire driver's
2 disability or disabilities;))

3 ((5))4. The name, address, phone number and date of birth of the taxicab
4 association representative;

5 ((6))5. The taxicab number (assigned by the City/County) and the name of each
6 taxicab vehicle owner that will be affiliated with the taxicab association;

7 ((7))6. The special and/or contract rates that will be charged by taxicabs
8 affiliated with the taxicab association; and

9 ((8))7. Any other information required by regulations adopted pursuant to this
10 chapter.
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12 ((9))8. The above application and information must be completed for each
13 annual license renewal.
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16 Section 11. Section 6.310.205 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
17 119872, is repealed:

18 ~~((6.310.205 Taxicab association owners, partners, and principals—Investigation.~~

19 ~~All taxicab association owners, partners, and principals must consent to be fingerprinted
20 for a criminal background check.))~~

21 Section 12. Section 6.310.230 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
22 121738, is amended as follows:
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24 **6.310.230 Taxicab association((—)) ((⊖))operating responsibilities((=))**



1 In addition to meeting the license application requirements set forth in Section 6.310.200,
2 the taxicab association must:

3 A. Maintain a business office that:

4 1. Is open and personally staffed all business days between ~~((nine a.m. (9:00 a.m.)~~
5 ~~and five p.m. (5:00 p.m.)))~~ 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Class A),

6 2. Has a local Seattle business telephone number ~~((that is listed in the white and~~
7 ~~yellow pages of the telephone book))~~ and must be answered during all hours that affiliated
8 taxicabs are operating (Class A),

9 3. Has a mailing address where the taxicab association representative will accept
10 mail (Class A),

11 4. Stores all records that this chapter requires the taxicab association to maintain
12 including, but not limited to, copies of taxicab licenses and for-hire drivers licenses, lists of all
13 affiliated taxicabs and affiliated drivers, taxicab vehicle repair and service records, passenger
14 comment cards, new driver training records, vehicle insurance policies, vehicle registrations,
15 ~~((vehicle for hire certificate, passenger complaint log))~~ taxicab sign out log or equivalent, and
16 radio/computer/application dispatch records (Class A — each requirement),

17 5. Provides secure storage for all items left in the taxicab by patrons and turned in
18 by drivers of affiliated taxicabs (Class A), and

19 6. Provides radio or computer dispatch during all hours that affiliated taxicabs are
20 operating, and every request for service must be satisfied as long as there are any operating
21 taxicabs not in use; except that associations and for-hire drivers that refuse service pursuant to



1 SMC 6.310.465 L shall not be subject to any penalties by the Director, or, in the case of for-hire
2 drivers, by the association (Class B — both requirements);

3 B. Ensure that each affiliated taxicab is insured as required in SMC Sections
4 6.310.300 D5-6 and 6.310.320 D (Class B);

5 C. Ensure that each affiliated taxicab maintains the taxicab association's color scheme
6 and identification (Class B);

7 D. Maintain on file at the taxicab association's place of business proof of insurance
8 required by SMC Sections 6.310.300 C5-6 and 6.310.320 D (Class A);

9 E. Accept on behalf of any taxicab licensee or driver of an affiliated taxicab all
10 correspondence from the Director to that taxicab licensee or driver (Class A);

11 F. Send, by first class mail, to the taxicab licensee and for-hire driver of an affiliated
12 taxicab any correspondence from the Director within five ~~((5))~~ business days after the taxicab
13 association receives such correspondence and keeps a written record of the mailings (Class A);

14 G. Collect, store, and quarterly provide reporting documents to the Director as outlined in
15 Section 6.310.540.

16 ~~((G. Weekly, collect, verify accuracy and completeness, and store for at least two (2)~~
17 ~~years trip sheet records for all affiliated taxicabs, daily taxicab sign-out logs,~~
18 ~~and association dispatch records as prescribed by the Director (Class A);~~

19 H. ~~Collect and provide service information, vehicle collision reports, service~~
20 ~~response time reports, reports of crimes against for-hire drivers, and passenger~~
21 ~~complaints, pursuant to rules adopted by the Director as follows:~~

22 ~~1. Service Information Reports. Submit quarterly, on forms approved by the~~



1 Director, the monthly total of paid trips, paid miles, and operating hours for
2 each affiliated taxicab (Class A);

3 2. Vehicle Collision Reports. Submit monthly, on forms approved by the Director,
4 a list of vehicle collisions required to be reported to the Washington State
5 Patrol pursuant to RCW 46.52.030(1) and WAC 446.85-010 including the name
6 and number of the affiliated taxicab and for hire driver, collision fault, injuries,
7 and estimated damage (Class A);
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9 3. Service Response Time Reports. Submit quarterly, on forms approved by the
10 Director, average response times for service requests in the operating areas
11 served by affiliated taxicabs (Class A);
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13 4. Crimes Against Drivers Reports. Submit quarterly, on forms approved by the
14 Director, a list of all crimes of assault or robbery against affiliated for hire
15 drivers that were reported to the Seattle Police Department, including the
16 name and number of the affiliated taxicab and for hire driver, incident
17 number, description of the crime, and injuries (Class A), and
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19 5. Passenger Complaints. Submit quarterly, on forms approved by the Director, a
20 report which contains information on complaints received directly from
21 passengers and from the passenger complaint hotline as compiled from the
22 log required pursuant to subsection I of this section regarding:

23 a. Driver conduct sorted by driving behavior, communication, personal dress
24 or hygiene,

25 b. Vehicle condition sorted by appearance, mechanical and/or safety,
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1 e. ~~Service response, and~~

2 d. ~~Lack of driver knowledge of route or requested destination (Class A).~~

3 I. ~~Maintain a log of, and forward to the Director upon request, each oral or written~~
4 ~~passenger complaint that the taxicab association receives about the taxicab~~
5 ~~association, a taxicab licensee, or lessee or driver of an affiliated taxicab. The~~
6 ~~taxicab association must include a notice of the action taken by the taxicab~~
7 ~~association to resolve the complaint and the disposition (Class A);)~~

8 H ~~((J))~~. Notify the Director within two ~~((2))~~ working days of the taxicab association
9 having knowledge of the following:

10 1. A conviction, bail forfeiture or other adverse finding received by the driver or
11 the taxicab licensee of an affiliated taxicab for any criminal offense or traffic violation that
12 occurs during or arises out of the driver's operation of the taxicab (Class A for traffic violation,
13 Class B for any criminal offense),

14 2. A conviction, bail forfeiture or other adverse finding received by the driver or
15 the taxicab licensee of an affiliated taxicab for any other criminal offense directly bearing on the
16 driver's fitness to operate a taxicab or the taxicab licensee's fitness to be licensed, including but
17 not limited to theft, fraud, robbery, burglary, assault, sex crimes, alcohol, drugs, or prostitution
18 (Class B),

19 3. A vehicle accident required to be reported to the State of Washington
20 involving any affiliated taxicab (Class B),



1 ~~((K.))~~ I. Notify the Director within five (~~((5))~~) working days of any change in the
2 affiliation status of any taxicab, including any new taxicab joining the association, any taxicab
3 leaving the association, and any suspension, termination, nonrenewal or revocation of a taxicab
4 by the taxicab association or by any jurisdiction other than The City of Seattle (Class A);

5 ~~((L.))~~ J. Continue to affiliate with at least (~~((fifteen (15)))~~) 15 taxicabs licensed under this
6 chapter. If the number of taxicabs falls below (~~((fifteen (15)))~~) 15, the taxicab association must
7 increase the number to (~~((fifteen (15)))~~) 15 within six (~~((6))~~) months from the date the number falls
8 below (~~((fifteen (15)))~~) 15, or combine with an already existing association, or lose its license
9 under this chapter (revocation or nonrenewal);

10 ~~((M.))~~ K. Comply with all regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter (see
11 applicable rules for penalties or actions);

12 ~~((N.))~~ L. Permit the Director to carry out inspections without notice of all taxicab records
13 required to be kept under this chapter, and all affiliated taxicabs (Class B);

14 ~~((O.))~~ M. Pay all penalties imposed by the Department that are either not contested or are
15 upheld after review (revocation of license);

16 ~~((P.))~~ N. Provide a supervisor at a taxicab zone whenever such zone is used by affiliated
17 taxicabs if the Director determines that it is necessary due to: (1) complaints received from
18 passengers and adjacent property owners, or (2) improper use of nearby passenger load zones,
19 truck load zones, and charter bus zones. If the taxicab association fails to provide a supervisor as
20 required by the Director, the Director may suspend all affiliated taxicabs from using the taxicab
21 zone (first offense — Class B violation and fourteen-day suspension from taxicab zone; second
22 and subsequent offenses — Class B violation and sixty-day suspension from taxicab zone); and
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1 ((Q-)) O. Determine whether an affiliated driver, who has been the victim of a crime of
2 assault or robbery, has reported the crime to 911. If not, the taxicab association shall call 911 and
3 report the crime immediately (Class B).

4 P. Prior to providing taxicab services and annually thereafter, require every affiliated
5 vehicle to undergo a uniform vehicle safety inspection, approved by the Director, that utilizes
6 approved mechanics who shall certify in writing that the vehicle is mechanically sound and fit
7 for driving. The approved mechanic is responsible for checking that the plates, decals,
8 customer notices, and other markings, as required and supplied, if applicable, by the City are
9 legible and properly displayed as specified by the Director by rule. Taxicab associations shall
10 maintain vehicle inspection records. (revocation and Class C).
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13 Section 13. A new Section 6.310.255 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:

14 **6.310.255 For-hire vehicle company operating responsibilities**

15 A for-hire vehicle company must:

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17 A. Collect, store, and quarterly provide reporting documents to the Director as outlined
18 in Section 6.310.540 (Class C);

19 B. Upon the effective date of this ordinance, submit two two-inch by two-inch sample
20 color chips of the company's proposed color scheme to the Director. All proposed color
21 schemes must be approved by the Director and must be distinct from the orange, yellow or
22 green used by taxicabs. The Director must approve any changes in color scheme. (Class C).
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24 Section 14. A new Section 6.310.260 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:

25 **6.310.260 Transportation network company license eligibility and application**



1 A. Any business or individual desiring to operate as a transportation network company
2 within The City of Seattle shall file with the Director a signed, under penalty of perjury,
3 transportation network company license application on forms provided by the Director.

4 1. To be eligible for a license, the transportation network company is limited to
5 providing application dispatch services to transportation network company drivers meeting the
6 requirements set forth in Section 6.310.452; further, no TNC licensed by the City of Seattle
7 shall own or be owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by any other TNC licensed by the
8 City of Seattle, or be owned or controlled in whole or in part by any party or entity owning or
9 controlling, in whole or in part, another TNC licensed by the City of Seattle; provided that no
10 ownership restrictions shall apply to any publicly-traded company.
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12 2. The license application shall include the following information:

13 a. The applicant transportation network company's name, business street
14 address and post office box address (if any), business facsimile number, business phone
15 number and business email address where the transportation network company representative
16 can generally be reached between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on all nonholiday weekdays;
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18 b. The form of business entity under which the TNC will operate (e.g.
19 corporation, partnership, cooperative association);
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21 i. If the applicant transportation network company is individually
22 owned, the name, business address (or home address if no business address), telephone number
23 and date of birth of the owner, or
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25 ii. If the applicant transportation network company is a
26 corporation, partnership or other business entity, the names, business addresses, telephone
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1 i. At a minimum be issued by either: a) an admitted carrier in the
2 State of Washington with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than B VII or b) a surplus line
3 insurers with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than B+ VII;

4 ii. Name The City of Seattle as an additional insured, and

5 iii. Provide that the insurer will notify the Director, in writing, of
6 any cancellation and/or non-renewal at least 30 days before that cancellation and/or non-
7 renewal takes effect.
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9 g. By the first business day immediately following the conclusion of the
10 provisional period, the registered owners of vehicles with a transportation network company
11 endorsement, or the transportation network company on behalf of the registered owner must
12 have on file with the City evidence that each vehicle has an insurance policy or binder proving
13 compliance with State insurance requirements effective at that time. The insurance policy, and
14 any related driver contracts if applicable, must be submitted to the Director. If there is no
15 change to State insurance requirements by the conclusion of the provisional period, the TNC
16 shall provide evidence that each vehicle affiliated with a transportation network company has
17 insurance in an amount no less than required by RCW 46.72.050 and underinsured motorist
18 coverage indicating a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per person, and \$300,000 per accident,
19 at any time while active on the TNC dispatch system. The insurance policy shall:
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22 i. Be issued by an admitted carrier in the State of Washington
23 with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than B+ VII or show evidence that an exemption has been
24 met allowing for the use of a surplus line insurer; provided however, that the Director may
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1 temporarily suspend any or all of these requirements if no other viable insurance options are
2 available to the industry

3 ii. Name The City of Seattle as an additional insured,

4 iii. Provide that the insurer will notify the Director, in writing, of
5 any cancellation and/or non-renewal at least 30 days before that cancellation and/or non-
6 renewal takes effect, and

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8 iv. Not include aggregate limits, or named driver requirements or
9 exclusions. Other limitations or restrictions beyond standard insurance services office (ISO)
10 business auto policy form are subject to approval by the Director.

11 i. State of Washington vehicle registration for each vehicle affiliated with
12 the transportation network company.

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14 j. Certificate of a uniform vehicle safety inspection for each vehicle
15 affiliated with the transportation network company as required in Section 6.310.270.R.

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17 k. Any other information required by regulations adopted pursuant to
18 this chapter.

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20 l. The above application and information must be completed for each
21 annual license renewal.

22 B. The TNC license fee shall be paid as set forth in Section 6.310.150.

23 C. The transportation network company applicant or licensee must inform the Director
24 in writing within seven days if any of the information provided pursuant to Section

25 6.310.260.A changes, ceases to be true or is superseded in any way by new information.



1 D. A transportation network company license is valid for no more than one year. No
2 transportation network company license may be renewed unless all outstanding penalties
3 assessed against the transportation network company and its affiliated drivers have been paid
4 to the Director. The TNC license renewal fee shall be paid as set forth in Section 6.310.150.

5 Section 15. A new Section 6.310.265 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:
6 **6.310.265 Transportation network company (TNC) standards for license application or**
7 **renewal denial**
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9 A. The operation of a TNC is a privilege, not a right. The TNC's ability to satisfy
10 stated criteria for a TNC license does not create a right to a TNC license.

11 B. The Director shall deny any TNC license application if the Director determines that:

12 1. The applicant fails to submit proof of insurance and driver contracts as
13 required by Section 6.310.260.

14 2. The applicant provides application dispatch services to anyone other than
15 TNC drivers meeting the requirements set forth in Section 6.310.452;

16 3. The applicant uses more than one application dispatch system;

17 4. The applicant leases, permits, or otherwise allows others to use its application
18 dispatch system;

19 5. The applicant affiliates with and provides application dispatch services to
20 drivers without a for-hire vehicle driver's license;

21 6. The applicant affiliates with and provides application dispatch services to
22 drivers operating vehicles without a for-hire vehicle or taxicab license, or a vehicle without a
23 TNC vehicle endorsement.

24 TNC vehicle endorsement.
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1 7. The application has a material misstatement or omission;

2 8. The application is incomplete; and/or

3 9. Within three years of the date of application, the applicant, or any person
4 employed by the applicant to manage Seattle operations, has had a bail forfeiture, conviction or
5 other final adverse finding for crimes of fraud, theft, larceny, extortion, embezzlement,
6 racketeering, Uniform Controlled Substances Act, prostitution, alcohol and/or narcotics where
7 the commission of such crime(s) involved a TNC, vehicle affiliated with a TNC, or TNC
8 driver.
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10 C. The Director may deny any TNC license application if the Director determines that,
11 within five years of the date of application, the TNC applicant, or if the TNC applicant is a
12 business entity, any person employed by the TNC to manage Seattle operations:

13 1. Within five years of the date of application, has had a bail forfeiture,
14 conviction involving crimes directly related to the applicant's ability to operate a TNC,
15 including but not limited to prostitution, gambling, fraud, larceny, extortion, income tax
16 evasion; and/or
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18 2. Has exhibited past conduct, as evidenced by a criminal conviction, bail
19 forfeiture in operating a TNC, business or vehicle that would lead the Director to reasonably
20 conclude that the applicant will not fulfill the TNC responsibilities and requirements set forth
21 in this chapter.
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23 3. Has failed to meet one or more operating responsibilities as detailed in
24 Section 6.310.270.

25 Section 16. A new Section 6.310.270 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:
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6.310.270 Transportation network company (TNC) operating responsibilities

In addition to meeting the license application requirements set forth in Section 6.310.260, the TNC must:

A. Maintain a business office that:

1. Is open and personally staffed all business days between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., accessible by email and toll-free telephone lines (Class A);

2. Has a toll-free business telephone number and toll-free passenger complaint hotline that is answered during all hours that TNC drivers are operating. (Class A);

3. Has a mailing address and email address where the TNC representative will accept mail. (Class A);

4. Stores all records that this chapter requires the TNC to maintain including, but not limited to, copies of for-hire drivers licenses and TNC vehicle endorsements (if applicable) of TNC drivers, lists of all TNC drivers and their affiliated vehicles, vehicle repair and service records, passenger comment records, new driver training records, vehicle insurance policies, and vehicle registrations, . Records may be maintained electronically. (Class A — each requirement);

5. Provides a system for passengers to retrieve lost articles. (Class A);

B. Requires that each TNC driver's vehicle is insured as required in Sections 6.310.260 and 6.310.452. (revocation and Class C);

C. Requires that each affiliated vehicle maintains the TNC's dress trade, if any, at all times while active on the TNC dispatch system. (Class B);



1 D. Requires that TNC licensed drivers driving a TNC endorsed vehicle do not pick up
2 hails, cruise or otherwise solicit trips. (revocation and Class C);

3 E. Requires that TNC drivers driving a TNC endorsed vehicle do not take trips not
4 dispatched by the TNC. (revocation and Class C);

5 F. Requires that passengers be able to view a picture of the driver and vehicle license
6 plate number on their smart phone, tablet or other mobile device used to connect with the TNC
7 dispatch application before the trip is initiated. (Class B);
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9 G. May maintain a rating platform for TNC drivers and passengers to rate each other
10 following a trip. TNCs shall ensure that such ratings are not based on unlawful discrimination,
11 and that drivers do not discriminate against passengers or potential passengers on the basis of
12 geographic endpoints of the ride, race, color, national origin, religious belief or affiliation, sex,
13 disability, age, or sexual orientation/identity. (Class B);
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15 H. Maintain insurance as required by Section 6.310.260, (Class C and summary
16 suspension) and maintain on file at the TNC's place of business proof of insurance required by
17 Sections 6.310.260 and 6.310.452. (Class A);
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19 I. Send, by first class mail and email, to a TNC driver any correspondence from the
20 Director within five business days after the TNC receives such correspondence and keeps a
21 written record of the mailings (Class A);

22 J. Collect, store, and quarterly provide reporting documents to the Director as outlined
23 in Section 6.310.540.

24 K. Notify the Director within two working days of the TNC having knowledge of the
25 following:
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1 1. A conviction, bail forfeiture or other adverse finding received by a TNC
2 driver for any criminal offense or traffic violation that occurs during or arises out of the
3 driver's operation of the vehicle while active on any TNC dispatch (Class A for traffic
4 violation, Class B for any criminal offense),

5 2. A conviction, bail forfeiture or other adverse finding received by a TNC
6 driver for any other criminal offense directly bearing on the driver's fitness to operate a vehicle
7 or the affiliated driver's fitness to be licensed, including but not limited to theft, fraud, robbery,
8 burglary, assault, sex crimes, alcohol, drugs, or prostitution (Class B),

9 3. A vehicle accident required to be reported to the State of Washington involving
10 any TNC driver (Class B),

11 4. Any restriction, suspension or revocation of a State of Washington driver's
12 license issued to a TNC driver (Class B), and/or

13 5. Any matter listed in subsections 6.310.265.B.9 or 6.310.265.C (Class B);

14 L. Notify the Director within five working days of any revocation of a TNC driver's
15 access to the TNC dispatch application, for-hire license or TNC vehicle endorsement. (Class A);

16 M. Comply with all regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter (see applicable rules
17 for penalties or actions);

18 N. Employ a zero tolerance drug and alcohol policy with respect to TNC drivers as
19 follows:

20 1. The TNC shall include a notice on its website, dispatch system application,
21 and passenger trip confirmations of its zero-tolerance policy and the methods to report a driver
22 the passenger reasonably suspects was under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the trip;



1 2. The website and application dispatch system must include a phone number,
2 website link, and email to report a zero-tolerance complaint, as well as the phone number and
3 email to report a zero-tolerance complaint to the Department of Finance and Administrative
4 Services, Consumer Protection Unit, (Class B);

5 O. Allow passengers to indicate whether they require a wheelchair-accessible vehicle
6 and connect passengers to those services via a weblink, application, or phone number.
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8 P. Review criminal background checks on every TNC driver and maintain records
9 thereof. Drivers convicted of any traffic and/or criminal offense directly bearing on the driver's
10 fitness including but not limited to theft, fraud, robbery, burglary, assault, sex crimes, alcohol,
11 drugs, or prostitution shall not be permitted to provide TNC services. (Class B)
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13 Q. Review driving records of TNC drivers and maintain records thereof. Drivers with
14 convictions within the last 7 years for any alcohol or drug related offense, reckless driving, hit
15 and run, or driving with a suspended or revoked license shall not be permitted to provide TNC
16 services. (Class B)

17 R. Prior to providing TNC services and annually thereafter, require every affiliated
18 vehicle to undergo a uniform vehicle safety inspection, approved by the Director, that utilizes
19 an approved mechanic who shall certify in writing that the vehicle is mechanically sound and
20 fit for driving. The approved mechanic shall certify in writing that the plates, decals, and
21 customer notices required and supplied by the City are legible and properly displayed as
22 specified by the Director by rule. Transportation network companies shall maintain vehicle
23 inspection records. (revocation and Class C)
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1 S. Pay all penalties imposed by the Department that are either not contested or are upheld
2 after review (revocation of license);

3 T. Determine whether a TNC driver, who has been the victim of a crime of assault or
4 robbery, has reported the crime to 911. If not, the TNC shall call 911 and report the crime
5 immediately (Class B).

6 U. Maintain a TNC license to operate in The City of Seattle as issued under this chapter
7 (revocation and Class C).

8 V. TNCs shall provide a written insurance disclosure to TNC drivers. The written
9 insurance disclosure must include the following language: “[insert full corporate name and
10 designation of TNC] confirms, in accordance with SMC 6.310.260.A.2., that while driver [insert
11 driver’s full name] is active on its TNC dispatch system as defined by SMC 6.310.110, the
12 driver’s vehicle is insured as required by RCW 46.72.050.” (Class B.)

13 W. Upon request, permit the Director to review any records as required to be kept under
14 this chapter. (Class B)

15 Section 17. A new Section 6.310.275 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:

16 **6.310.275 Transportation network company (TNC) transfers in the interest of a**
17 **transportation network company**

18 A TNC license is not transferable. However, an interest in a business entity holding a
19 TNC license may be transferred, but only after the new owner or principal has submitted an
20 application, met the standards and requirements contained in Sections 6.310.260 and 6.310.265
21 and secured written approval of the Director.
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1 Section 18. Section 6.310.300 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
2 122763, is amended as follows:

3 **6.310.300 Taxicab and for-hire vehicle license application((?))**

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6 C. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle license application shall include the following information:

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10 4. ~~((Criminal history, as requested by the Department,))~~ Consent of the vehicle
11 owner, or if the vehicle owner is a business entity, of the persons specified in subsection C1b
12 above((?)), to a criminal background check through Washington State Patrol and Federal Bureau
13 of Investigation criminal databases conducted by the Director, or have a copy of a criminal
14 background check provided directly from a Director-approved third party vendor;

15 5. Insurance policy.

16 a. During the provisional period described in subsection 6.310.335, file with
17 the City evidence that each taxicab or for-hire vehicle for which a license is sought has liability
18 insurance in an amount no less than required by RCW 46.72.050 and underinsured motorist
19 coverage indicating a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per person, and \$300,000 per accident at
20 any time while active on a TNC, application, radio, computer, taxicab or for-hire dispatch
21 system, and/or when a taxicab or for-hire vehicle is 'operating,' which includes when: 1) there is
22 a passenger in the vehicle; 2) the taxicab is parked in a taxi zone; 3) the taximeter is engaged; 4)
23 the office dispatch records show that the vehicle had been dispatched; 5) the taxicab top light is
24 illuminated; 6) the trip records shows that the vehicle has started a shift and there is no entry for
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1 ending a shift; or 7) the for-hire driver has offered transportation services to a passenger. The
2 insurance policy must be submitted to the Director. The insurance policy shall:

3 i. At a minimum be issued by either: a) an admitted carrier in the State of
4 Washington with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than B VII or b) a surplus line insurer with an
5 A.M. Best Rating of not less than B+ VII;

6 ii. Name The City of Seattle as an additional insured, and
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8 iii. Provide that the insurer will notify the Director, in writing, of any
9 cancellation and/or non-renewal at least 30 days before that cancellation and/or non-renewal
10 takes effect.

11 b. By the first business day immediately following the conclusion of the
12 provisional period, file with the City evidence that each taxicab or for-hire vehicle for which a
13 license is sought has an insurance policy proving compliance with State insurance requirements
14 effective at that time. The insurance policy must be submitted to the Director. If there is no
15 change to State insurance requirements by the conclusion of the provisional period, file with the
16 City the ((I))insurance policy ((or insurance binder)) proving compliance with Chapter 46.72
17 RCW, as now or hereafter amended, for each taxicab or for-hire vehicle for which a license is
18 sought. The insurance policy ((or insurance binder)) shall:

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21 i.((a)) Be issued by an admitted carrier in the State of Washington with an
22 A.M. Best Rating of not less than ((A-)) B+ VII or show evidence that an exemption has been
23 met allowing for the use of a surplus line insurer; provided however, that the Director may
24 temporarily suspend any or all of these requirements if no other viable insurance options are
25 available to the industry,



1 ii((b)). Name The City of Seattle as an additional insured,

2 iii((e)). Provide that the insurer will notify the Director, in writing, of any
3 cancellation at least ((~~thirty (30)~~) 30) days before that cancellation takes effect, and

4 iv((d)). Not include ((~~self-insured retention, nonstandard deductibles,~~)
5 aggregate limits, ((~~territorial restrictions,~~) or named driver requirements or exclusions. ((~~or any~~
6 ~~other provisions that limit insurance coverage.~~) Other limitations or restrictions beyond standard
7 insurance services office (ISO) business auto policy form are subject to approval by the Director.
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10 6. Certificate of underinsured motorist coverage indicating a minimum coverage of ((~~One~~
11 ~~Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)~~) \$100,000 per person, and ((~~Three Hundred Thousand~~
12 ~~Dollars (\$300,000)~~) \$300,000 per accident.

13 ((~~7. State of Washington For hire Certificate.~~))

14 ((~~8~~)7). State of Washington vehicle registration.

15 ((~~9~~)8). Certificate of vehicle safety based on a uniform vehicle safety inspection as
16 required in ((~~SMC Section~~) subsection 6.310.320 E.

17 ((~~10~~)9). Certificate of taxicab association membership (if application is for a taxicab
18 license).

19 ((~~11~~)11). Any other documents required by regulations promulgated under this chapter.

20 ((~~12~~)12). The above application and information must also be completed and supplied
21 during any annual license renewal. The City will not process a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license
22 application if any required information or documentation is missing or incomplete. Completed
23 applications and copies of required documentation shall be provided to the City by the taxicab
24 association, for-hire vehicle company or for-hire vehicle licensee.
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2 Section 19. Section 6.310.305 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by
3 Ordinance 118341, is repealed:

4 ~~((6.310.305 Taxicab and for-hire vehicle owners — Investigation.~~

5 All applicants for a taxicab or for hire vehicle license must consent to be fingerprinted
6 for a criminal background check.))

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8 Section 20. Section 6.310.320 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
9 122802, is amended as follows:

10 **6.310.320 Taxicab and for-hire vehicle((—)) ((V))vehicle operating requirements((r))**

11 No taxicab or for-hire vehicle, unless otherwise specifically provided herein, licensed by
12 the City may lawfully operate within ((€))The ((e))City of Seattle unless the following minimum
13 vehicle requirements are met:

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15 A. All applicable licenses specified in Section 6.310.130 are in force for the taxicab or
16 for-hire vehicle (Misdemeanor or Class C);

17 B. For taxicabs only, and subject to ((Section)) subsection 6.310.230.C, the vehicle
18 complies with the approved color scheme of the taxicab licensee's taxicab association
19 (suspension and Class B);

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21 C. The vehicle model year can be no more than ten ((seven (7))) years prior to the license
22 date (denial of license);

23 D. The vehicle has insurance as required by ((SMC Section)) subsections 6.310.300.C.5
24 and 6.310.300.C.6, provided, that if an insurance policy is canceled, or a vehicle is deleted from
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1 the policy, proof of a new policy including the vehicle must be filed with the Director before the
2 vehicle is canceled or deleted from the previous policy (summary suspension);

3 E. An approved mechanic has issued a valid certificate of safety based on a uniform vehicle
4 safety inspection performed ~~((for the vehicle))~~ within the last license year. The safety certificate
5 remains valid, if the vehicle is sold, until the next renewal date (denial of license), this section
6 6.310.320.E shall be effective 90 days from the effective date of this ordinance;
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9 ~~((F. The taxicab or for hire vehicle has passed a City inspection at least once in the past~~
10 ~~license year, or more often if required by the Director because of previous violations (suspension~~
11 ~~and Class B);))~~

12 ~~((G))~~E. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle meets the vehicle and safety standards set forth in
13 regulations promulgated by the Director (Class A for vehicle standards, summary suspension and
14 Class B for safety standards);

15 ~~((H))~~G. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle displays a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license with
16 a current year decal issued by the Director (suspension and Class B);

17 ~~((I))~~H. All public rates, including discounts or special rates, and all taxicab numbers and
18 letters are displayed in the manner prescribed by rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to this
19 chapter (Class A);

20 ~~((J))~~I. The vehicle contains the following current documentation: ~~((the state for hire~~
21 ~~certificate;))~~ the county and/or city taxicab or for-hire vehicle license, the vehicle registration,
22 and the proof of insurance card (Class A);

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25 ~~((K))~~J. The taxicab is equipped to accept credit cards (Class A);
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1 ~~((L))~~K. The taxicab is equipped with a properly sealed, working, and accurate receipt-
2 issuing taximeter or receipt-issuing mobile data terminal or receipt-issuing application dispatch
3 system, as prescribed by the Director (suspension and Class B).

4 ~~((M))~~L. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle is equipped with a passenger information decal,
5 the size, material, and placement of which is prescribed by the Director by rule. Such decal shall
6 include the taxicab or for-hire vehicle name and number and the taxi complaint hotline telephone
7 number. A passenger information notice in Braille and raised lettering must be installed as
8 prescribed by the Director by rule. Passenger survey and complaint cards must be available to
9 passengers in the rear passenger seating area (Class A — each);
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11 ~~((N))~~M. The taxicab contains no scanner or other type of receiver that is capable of
12 monitoring another Taxicab Association's assigned frequency, except as otherwise permitted by
13 the Director (suspension and Class B);
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15 ~~((O. The taxicab is equipped and operated so that it can be contacted by continuous two-~~
16 ~~way radio communications using a central dispatch radio base station and a noncell frequency~~
17 ~~assigned and licensed by the FCC to an association or contracted dispatch service (summary~~
18 ~~suspension and Class B);))~~
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20 ~~((P))~~N. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle meets the vehicle requirements prescribed by
21 Director's rule, including but not limited to vehicle size and standards for fuel efficiency and
22 emissions (denial of license);

23 ~~((Q. The for-hire vehicle must have any color scheme and vehicle number approved with~~
24 ~~the Director))~~
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1 1. As of the first license renewal period after the effective date of this ordinance, for-hire
2 vehicle owners or companies with a color scheme composed solely of the yellow, orange, and/or green, or
3 any combination thereof, used by taxicabs, shall repaint the hood, roof, and trunk of those vehicles a
4 color distinct from those used by taxicabs. (summary suspension and Class B)

5 2. Any for-hire vehicle owner or company who obtains a new vehicle shall paint the
6 hood, roof, and trunk of that vehicle a color distinct from the yellow, orange, or green used by taxicabs.
7 (summary suspension and Class B)

8 3. The for-hire vehicle company shall submit two two-inch by two-inch sample color
9 chips of the proposed color scheme to the Director. All proposed color schemes must be approved by the
10 Director. (Class C);

11 P. The for-hire vehicle must have a vehicle number approved with the Director (summary
12 suspension and Class B);

13 Q. The for-hire vehicle must be clearly marked as "flat rate" on its exterior (summary
14 suspension and Class B);

15 R. Signs, including notices, announcements, pictures, advertisements or other messages,
16 are allowed in or on taxicabs only as prescribed by this Chapter and by rule promulgated by the
17 Director concerning the manner in which such signs may be displayed, including, but not limited
18 to, requirements concerning the number of signs per vehicle, placement on or within vehicles,
19 size limitations, and devices or mechanisms used to display such signs (Class A);

20 ~~((S. The taxicab and for hire vehicle must be equipped with an operable digital security~~
21 ~~camera system approved by the Director pursuant to specifications provided by rule and adopted~~
22 ~~by the Director (summary suspension and Class B). All for hire vehicles must be in compliance~~
23 ~~with this provision by March 1, 2009. Access to images made by any digital security camera is~~
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1 ~~restricted to law enforcement personnel solely for the investigation and prosecution of crimes~~
2 ~~(Class C). Nothing in this subsection S shall be construed to remove a law enforcement agency's~~
3 ~~obligation to comply with the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution and article I,~~
4 ~~section 7 of the Washington Constitution in obtaining access to digital security camera images,~~
5 ~~including the requirement to obtain a search warrant if needed;))~~

6 ((F))S. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle must be equipped with a monitored silent alarm
7 system approved by the Director pursuant to specifications provided by rule and adopted by the
8 Director (summary suspension and Class B);

9 ((U))T. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle must be equipped with a monitored Global
10 Positioning System (GPS) pursuant to specifications contained in a rule promulgated by the
11 Director (summary suspension and Class B);

12 ((V))U. The taxicab must maintain a continuous connection between the taximeter and
13 the computer dispatch system or between the taximeter and the application dispatch system, if
14 such system is installed (five-day suspension and Class B); ~~((and))~~

15 V. A top light may only be used by taxicabs;

16 W. Any other requirements set forth in regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter
17 (safety regulations—Class B; nonsafety regulations—Class A).

18 Section 21. A new Section 6.310.325 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

19 **6.310.325 Vehicles affiliated with a transportation network company (TNC) vehicle**
20 **operating requirements**

21 No vehicle affiliated with a TNC shall operate within The City of Seattle to transport
22 passengers for compensation unless the following minimum vehicle requirements are met:
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1 A. The vehicle is a taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensed under this chapter, or the
2 vehicle has a TNC vehicle endorsement.

3 B. Affiliated with a licensed transportation network company;

4 C. Affiliated with a driver with a for-hire driver's license;

5 D. The vehicle has insurance coverage as required by section 6.310.260;

6 E. Passed the uniform vehicle safety inspection as required by subsection
7 6.310.270.R; and
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9 F. The vehicle model year can be no more than ten years prior to the license date.

10 Section 22. A new Section 6.310.327 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

11 **6.310.327 Transportation network company (TNC) vehicle endorsement eligibility and**
12 **application**

13 A. Within 120 days of the effective date of this ordinance, any person who wishes to
14 affiliate and operate, or continue to affiliate and operate for a TNC using a personal vehicle shall
15 submit an application for a TNC vehicle endorsement and, if not already a licensed for-hire
16 driver, a for-hire driver's license, to the City.
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18 Failure to submit an application for a TNC vehicle endorsement and for-hire driver's
19 license, shall subject a driver operating for a TNC to penalties pursuant to subsection 6.310.600.
20 At the conclusion of 120 days following the effective date of this ordinance, all persons who
21 wish to affiliate and operate for a TNC using a personal vehicle must first obtain a TNC vehicle
22 endorsement and for-hire driver's license.
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1 B. The TNC vehicle endorsement is not valid and effective until and unless the driver
2 obtains a for-hire driver's license under this chapter. The for-hire driver's application process is
3 governed by Section 6.310.400.

4 C. To apply for the TNC vehicle endorsement, the applicant shall complete, sign, swear
5 to and file with the Director a TNC vehicle endorsement application on forms provided by the
6 Director to include the following information:

- 7 1. Name, aliases, residence and business address, residence and business
8 telephone numbers;
- 9 2. Place and date of birth which shall be at least 21 years prior to the date of
10 application, height, weight, color of hair and eyes;
- 11 3. Washington State driver's license number. Providing the social security number
12 is optional. The applicant must present his/her Washington State driver's license at time of
13 application;
- 14 4. Proof that the applicant is authorized to work in the United States;
- 15 5. Evidence of vehicle insurance as required by Section 6.310.260; (denial of
16 endorsement)
- 17 6. Evidence of for-hire driver's license; (denial of endorsement)
- 18 7. Proof that applicant's vehicle has passed the uniform vehicle safety inspection
19 as required by subsection 6.310.270.R (denial of endorsement); and
- 20 8. Proof that applicant's vehicle model year is no more than ten years prior to the
21 license date. (denial of endorsement)
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1 9. Such other information as may be reasonably required by regulation
2 promulgated under this chapter.

3 10. The above application and information must also be completed and supplied
4 during any annual license renewal. The City will not process a TNC endorsement application if
5 any required information or documentation is missing or incomplete. Completed applications
6 and copies of required documentation shall be provided to the City by the TNC, taxicab
7 association, for-hire vehicle company or by the for-hire vehicle licensee.
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9 Failure to meet any of these requirements shall result in the denial of the issuance of the
10 TNC vehicle endorsement. All denials or revocations of TNC vehicle endorsement applications
11 must be set forth in writing, together with the reasons for denial or revocation. The written denial
12 shall be delivered either personally or by first class mail to the address provided by the applicant
13 on the license renewal application.
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15 D. The TNC vehicle endorsement consists of a certificate that shall include the following
16 information:

- 17 1. Vehicle identification number (VIN);
- 18 2. Registered owner's full legal name;
- 19 3. License plate number;
- 20 4. Expiration date; and
- 21 5. Unique certificate number that will correspond with the number on a TNC
22 vehicle endorsement sticker affixed to the for-hire driver's license and with the number on a
23 decal affixed to the affiliated vehicle.
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1 E. The TNC may submit the TNC vehicle endorsement application on behalf of the
2 driver.

3 Section 23. A new Section 6.310.328 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

4 **6.310.328 Transportation network company (TNC) vehicle endorsement standards for**
5 **denial**

6 A. The Director shall deny any TNC vehicle endorsement application if the Director
7 determines that:

8 1. The applicant has failed to submit a complete, satisfactory application pursuant
9 to SMC Section 6.310.327;

10 2. The applicant has failed to affiliate with a licensed TNC;

11 3. The applicant has made any material misstatement or omission in the
12 application for an endorsement;

13 4. The applicant fails to meet one or more of the applicant or vehicle
14 requirements pursuant to Sections 6.310.325 and 6.310.327; and/or

15 5. Within three years of the date of application, the applicant has had a
16 conviction, bail forfeiture or other final adverse finding of criminal fraud, larceny, theft,
17 prostitution, extortion, racketeering, robbery, or violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances
18 Act where such crime involved the use of the endorsed vehicle.

19 B. The Director may deny any TNC vehicle endorsement application if the Director
20 determines that:

21 1. Within five years of the date of application, the applicant has had a conviction,
22 bail forfeiture, or other final adverse finding involving crimes reasonably related to the
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1 applicant's ability to operate a for-hire business, including but not limited to prostitution,
2 gambling, fraud, larceny, extortion, income tax evasion;

3 2. Within two years of the date of application, the applicant has been found,
4 either through a criminal conviction, bail forfeiture or other final adverse finding (including in a
5 civil suit or administrative proceeding) to have exhibited past conduct in driving or operating a
6 for-hire vehicle for-hire business which would lead the Director to reasonably conclude that the
7 applicant will not comply with the provisions of the chapter related to vehicle requirements and
8 the safe operation of the vehicle;

9 3. Within two years of the date of application, the applicant has engaged in the
10 business of operating any taxicab or for-hire vehicle within The City of Seattle without a current
11 valid license from The City of Seattle;

12 4. Within twelve months of the date of application, the applicant has violated
13 King County or Port of Seattle ordinance or regulation pertaining to the operation of taxicabs
14 while in those jurisdictions, if such violation would constitute grounds for license revocation or
15 denial if occurring within the City; and/or
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17 5. Within twelve months of the date of application, the applicant has had its City
18 of Seattle for-hire vehicle license revoked.
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20 Section 24. A new Section 6.310.329 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:
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22 **6.310.329 TNC vehicle endorsement expiration and renewal**

23 A. All TNC vehicle endorsement shall be effective for no more than one year and shall
24 expire the same day as the for-hire driver's license it endorses.

25 B. TNC driver must renew the TNC vehicle endorsement every year. No TNC vehicle
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1 endorsement may be renewed unless all outstanding penalties assessed against the for-hire driver
2 of the endorsed vehicle are paid in full to the Director.

3 C. The Director shall grant all timely submitted and completed renewal applications of
4 qualified TNC drivers; provided, however, that the Director shall deny any renewal application if
5 grounds exist for the Director to deny an endorsement pursuant to Section 6.310.327 or Section
6 6.310.328 A. If no such grounds exist, the Director shall examine all Department records on the
7 endorsed vehicle and may deny the renewal if grounds exist that would justify denial under
8 Section 6.310.328 B.
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10 Section 25. Section 6.310.330 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
11 124256, is amended as follows:

12 **6.310.330 Taxicab licensee and for-hire vehicle licensee responsibilities((=))**

13 A. The licensee of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle must personally verify that the taxicab or
14 for-hire vehicle is being operated only by a driver who holds a valid for-hire driver's license
15 (suspension (five ~~((5))~~ days) and Class B).
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17 B. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee must maintain an ~~((a business and mailing))~~
18 address where the licensee can accept mail, and a ~~(business)~~ telephone in working order. ~~((that~~
19 ~~must be answered at least nine a.m. (9:00 a.m.) to five p.m. (5:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday,~~
20 ~~and during all hours of operation.))~~The taxicab association office or dispatch center may suffice
21 for this requirement (Class A).
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23 C. The taxicab licensee shall comply with all requirements for taxicabs under the taxicab
24 association requirements listed in ~~((SMC))~~ Sections 6.310.200—6.310.330 (same Class violation
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1 as applied to association for same violation, except that penalty for licensee will be monetary
2 penalty only).

3 D. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee must notify the Director within three (~~(3)~~)
4 working days of learning of the following occurrences:

5 1. Any conviction, bail forfeiture or other final adverse finding received by the
6 taxicab driver or for-hire vehicle driver, for any criminal offense that occurs during, or arises out
7 of, the driver's operation of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle (Class B);

8 2. Any conviction, bail forfeiture or other final adverse finding received by the
9 taxicab or for-hire vehicle driver for any criminal offense involving theft, robbery, burglary,
10 assault, sex crimes, drugs, prostitution, or any related offense (Class B);

11 3. Any vehicle accident required to be reported to the State of Washington
12 involving any taxicab operated by the taxicab driver or for-hire vehicle operated by the for-hire
13 driver (Class B); or

14 4. Any restriction, suspension or revocation of the taxicab or for-hire vehicle
15 driver's motor vehicle driver's license (Class B).

16 E. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee must maintain daily trip (~~sheet~~) records, in
17 accordance with Section 6.310.540 (~~(SMC Section 6.310.460.F, and complaint logs,)~~) as
18 prescribed by the Director by rule for all licensed vehicles. A taxicab licensee must insure that all
19 original daily trip records (~~sheets~~) are given to the taxicab association representative at least
20 weekly. The for-hire vehicle licensee must keep daily trip records in accordance with SMC
21 Section 6.310.540 (~~sheets and complaint logs~~) for a minimum of two (~~(2)~~) years. The for-hire
22 vehicle licensee must provide to the Director, through their association representative, quarterly
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1 reporting information in accordance with Section 6.310.540 ((the following information
2 compiled from the daily trip sheets:

3 1. ~~Number of service requests (trips) during the last quarter;~~

4 2. ~~Average operating hours per week per vehicle for the last quarter;~~

5 3. ~~Number of complaints received regarding:~~

6 a. ~~Driver conduct categorized by driving behavior, communication,~~
7 ~~personal dress or hygiene,~~

8 b. ~~Vehicle condition categorized by appearance, mechanical and/or safety,~~

9 c. ~~Service response, and~~

10 d. ~~Lack of driver knowledge including incorrect route or no knowledge of~~
11 ~~destination requested~~

12 4. ~~All complaints received regarding either the for hire driver or the taxicab or~~
13 ~~for hire vehicle, where such complaint involves an alleged violation of this chapter, including a~~
14 ~~note of the action taken to resolve the complaint and the disposition, if known (all violations~~
15 ~~within subsection E are Class A).))~~

16 F. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle's licensee and driver shall permit the Department
17 to inspect the vehicle without notice, upon request (suspension and Class B).

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19 I. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee shall ensure that all inspection times scheduled
20 by the Director, if applicable, are kept (suspension, ~~((fifty dollar (\$50)))~~ \$50 monetary penalty
21 and two (2) penalty points).



1 J. Prior to providing for-hire vehicle services and annually thereafter, require every
2 affiliated vehicle to undergo a uniform vehicle safety inspection, approved by the Director, that
3 utilizes approved mechanics who shall certify in writing that the vehicle is mechanically sound
4 and fit for driving. The approved mechanic is responsible for checking that the plates, decals,
5 customer notices, and other markings, as required and supplied, if applicable, by the City are
6 legible and properly displayed as specified by the Director by rule. For-hire vehicle companies
7 or for-hire vehicle licensees shall maintain vehicle inspection records (revocation and Class C).
8 The taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee shall comply with any written notice of violation issued
9 by the Director, including notices suspending or revoking a vehicle license, and notices requiring
10 repair (suspension and Class B).

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12 K. A wheelchair accessible taxicab licensee must personally drive the vehicle a minimum
13 of ~~((thirty))~~ 30 hours per week for at least forty weeks per year ~~((revocation))~~ for a period of
14 three years following the date of issuance of a new wheelchair taxicab license (wheelchair
15 taxicab license revocation). If a licensee fails to fulfill the minimum use requirement in any one
16 year period within the three year period following the date of issuance, the license shall be
17 subject to revocation. This subsection shall take effect and be in force retroactively as of the
18 effective date of this ordinance.

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21 ~~((L. A taxicab or for hire vehicle licensee shall not tamper with, disable, remove, or~~
22 ~~willfully damage the digital security camera equipment required under this chapter (Class C).~~

23 ~~M. A taxicab or for hire vehicle licensee shall not alter, edit, destroy, remove, copy,~~
24 ~~transfer, transmit, erase, delete, overwrite, obscure, damage, encode, lock, render unreadable, or~~
25 ~~otherwise tamper with any image made by a digital security camera, other than as may occur in~~



1 ~~the normal operation of the digital security camera system as mandated and authorized by the~~
2 ~~Director (Class C:))~~

3 ~~(N:))~~ L. After December 31, 2007, new taxicab licenses shall be issued to single
4 individuals only, and no corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall obtain any
5 license held by an individual until the expiration of a period of three ~~((five-5))~~ years following
6 the original date of issuance to the individual licensee currently holding the license; provided,
7 however that new taxicab licenses may be issued to and be held by the following business
8 entities:
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10 1. Corporations held by a single shareholder provided that the taxicab must be
11 personally operated by the single shareholder for a period of three ~~((five))~~ years from the date of
12 issuance of the license and the ownership of the shares of the corporation cannot be changed
13 within the three ~~((five))~~-year period. Any change of ownership of shares of the corporation shall
14 result in revocation of the license.
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16 2. Limited liability companies comprised of a single member provided that the
17 taxicab must be personally operated by the single member for a period of three ~~((five-))~~ years
18 from the date of issuance of the license and no change of membership may take place within the
19 three ~~((five-))~~-year period. Any change of membership of the limited liability company shall
20 result in revocation of the license.
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22 For a period of three ~~((five-5))~~ years following the date of issuance of a new taxicab
23 license, all new taxicab licensees must personally drive the taxicab for a minimum use
24 requirement of ~~((thirty-30))~~ 30 hours per week for a minimum of ~~((forty-40))~~ 40 weeks per
25 year (taxicab license revocation). If a licensee fails to fulfill the minimum use requirement in any
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1 one year period within the ~~three~~ (five) year period following the date of issuance, the license
2 shall be subject to revocation. Taxicab licensees shall provide to the Director, directly or through
3 their association representative, quarterly reporting information in accordance with Section
4 6.310.540. (~~submit original trip records sheets to the Director on a monthly basis, in a manner~~
5 ~~prescribed by Director's rule, to prove compliance with the minimum use requirement. For~~
6 ~~purposes of this paragraph, "licensee" or "licensees" refers to individual licensees, single sole-~~
7 ~~shareholders of a licensed corporation, or single members of a licensed limited liability~~
8 ~~company. (Class A, if trip sheets are submitted late; taxicab license revocation, if trip sheets are~~
9 ~~falsified or not in compliance)).~~

11 3. At the time of the transfer of any taxicab license occurring after August 1,
12 2008, the transferor(s) and transferee(s) of the license shall report to the Director the amount of
13 consideration, if any, paid by the transferee to the transferor in exchange for the transfer of the
14 license. The amount of consideration shall be reported in a manner determined by rule
15 promulgated by the Director. The failure to report, or the reporting of false information, shall be
16 grounds for suspension or revocation of the license. In creating and maintaining records of the
17 amount of consideration paid, the Director shall not identify the transferees and transferors, nor
18 shall the Director require the submission of any records that identify the transferees and
19 transferors.
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22 4. (~~The Director shall conduct a survey of taxicab licensees to determine the~~
23 ~~market value of taxicab license transfers that have occurred from January 1, 1991 through~~
24 ~~August 1, 2008. All licensees shall respond in good faith to the survey to provide accurate~~
25 ~~information to the extent reasonably possible (Class A). Responses to the survey shall be made in~~
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1 such manner determined by rule promulgated by the Director. In creating and maintaining records
2 of the amount of consideration paid, the Director shall not identify the transferees and
3 transferors, nor shall the Director require the submission of any records that identify the
4 transferees and transferors.)) This section 6.310.330 shall take effect and be in force retroactively
5 as of the effective date of this ordinance.

6 ((☉)) M. A taxicab licensee shall not change the totalizer readings on the taximeter
7 (Class A).

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9 Section 26. A new Section 6.310.335 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

10 **6.310.335 Provisional Insurance Requirements**

11 A. Upon the effective date of this ordinance and until the earlier of 1) the effective
12 date of changes to State insurance requirements for for-hire transportation services or 2) two
13 weeks after the end of the 2015 Washington State legislative session hereafter “provisional
14 period”, the registered owners of taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, and vehicles with a transportation
15 network company endorsement, or the taxicab association representative, for-hire vehicle
16 licensee or company, or transportation network company on behalf of the registered owner
17 shall:
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19 1. File with the City evidence that each vehicle has liability insurance in an
20 amount no less than required by RCW 46.72.050 and underinsured motorist coverage
21 indicating a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per person, and \$300,000 per accident at any time
22 while active on a TNC, application, radio, computer, taxicab or for-hire dispatch system,
23 and/or when a taxicab or for-hire vehicle is ‘operating,’ which includes when: 1) there is a
24 passenger in the vehicle; 2) the taxicab is parked in a taxi zone; 3) the taximeter is engaged; 4)
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1 the office dispatch records show that the vehicle had been dispatched; 5) the taxicab top light is
2 illuminated; 6) the trip records shows that the vehicle has started a shift and there is no entry
3 for ending a shift; or 7) the for-hire driver has offered transportation services to a passenger.

4 The insurance policy, and any related driver contracts if applicable, must be submitted to the
5 Director. The insurance policy shall:

6 i. At a minimum be issued by either: a) an admitted carrier in the
7 State of Washington with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than B VII or b) a surplus line
8 insurer with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than B+ VII;

9 ii. Name The City of Seattle as an additional insured, and

10 iii. Provide that the insurer will notify the Director, in writing, of
11 any cancellation and/or non-renewal at least 30 days before that cancellation and/or non-
12 renewal takes effect.

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14 B. By the first business day immediately following the conclusion of the
15 provisional period, the registered owners of taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, and vehicles with a
16 transportation network company endorsement, or the taxicab association representative, for-
17 hire vehicle licensee or company, or transportation network company on behalf of the
18 registered owner must have on file with the City evidence that each vehicle has an insurance
19 policy proving compliance with State insurance requirements effective at that time. The
20 insurance policy and any related driver contracts if applicable, must be submitted to the
21 Director. (Summary suspension). If there is no change to State insurance requirements by the
22 conclusion of the provisional period, the registered owners of taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, and
23 vehicles with a transportation network company endorsement, or the taxicab association
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1 representative, for-hire vehicle licensee or company, or transportation network company on
2 behalf of the registered owner shall provide evidence that each vehicle has an insurance policy
3 that complies with subsections 6.310.260g or 6.310.300 C.5.b and C.6.

4 Section 27. Section 6.310.340 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by
5 Ordinance 122763, is amended as follows:

6 **6.310.340 Taxicab and for-hire vehicle—~~((L))~~license transfer~~((S))~~**
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8 A for-hire vehicle or taxicab license may be transferred subject to the following
9 restrictions and/or conditions:

10 A. New taxicab licenses issued after December 31, 2007 are not transferable for a period
11 of ~~((five-5))~~ three years from the original date of issuance. This subsection shall take effect and
12 be in force retroactively as of the effective date of this ordinance.

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15 Section 28. Section 6.310.400 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
16 121738, is amended as follows:

17 **6.310.400 For-hire driver's license application~~((S))~~**
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19 A. For an initial for-hire driver's license and annually thereafter, a for-hire driver, or a
20 taxicab association, for-hire vehicle licensee or company, or transportation network company on
21 behalf of the for-hire driver, must complete, sign, swear to and file with the Director a for-hire
22 driver's license application on forms provided by the Director. Application materials may be
23 submitted online or through email. For-hire driver's licenses approved through applications
24 received online or through email must be picked up directly from the licensing agency,
25 whereupon the licensee applicant must show proof of photo identification. When issued to an
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1 applicant affiliated with a TNC, the for-hire license shall read “for-hire permit” on the associated
2 license, but shall remain subject to all for-hire driver licensee duties and obligations in this
3 Chapter. The application shall include the following information:

- 4 1. Name, aliases, residence and business address, residence and business
5 telephone numbers;
6 2. Place and date of birth (which shall be at least (~~twenty-one (21)~~) 21 years
7 prior to the date of application, height, weight, color of hair and eyes;
8 3. Washington State driver's license number. Providing the social security number
9 is optional. The applicant must present his/her Washington State driver's license or a copy
10 thereof at time of application;
11 4. Proof that the applicant is authorized to work in the United States;
12 5. (~~The applicant's criminal history for the last five (5) years;~~) Consent to a
13 criminal background check through Washington State Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation
14 criminal databases conducted by the Director, or have a copy of a criminal background check
15 provided directly from a Director-approved third party vendor;
16 6. Information indicating whether or not the applicant has ever had a for-hire or
17 driver's license suspended, revoked, or denied and for what cause;
18 7. A copy of the applicant’s driving abstract from the Washington State
19 Department of Licensing or ((A))a signed statement authorizing the Director to obtain a current
20 copy of the applicant's driving ((record))abstract from the Washington State Department of
21 Licensing;



1 8. Statement of applicant listing all reportable accidents and all moving violations
2 the applicant was involved in during the previous three ~~((3))~~ years; ~~((and))~~

3 9. Completion of a driver education course and associated tests. The driver
4 training program shall include:

5 a. Completion of the National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course;
6 and

7 b. Completion of at least one additional driving training program approved
8 by the Director.

9 10. On forms provided by the Director, the applicant will provide a statement
10 under penalty of perjury of their physical and mental fitness to act as a for-hire driver.

11 11. All applications for for-hire driver's licenses become void if the applicant, for
12 any reason other than delay caused by the City, fails or neglects to complete the application
13 process or obtain a license within 60 days of submitting an application.

14 12.((9)) Such other information as may be reasonably required by regulation
15 promulgated under this chapter.

16 ~~((B. The following additional information must be filed prior to sitting for the written~~
17 ~~examination:~~

18 ~~1. If the applicant will drive a taxicab, a certification signed under penalty of perjury by a taxi~~
19 ~~association representative certifying that the applicant has ridden with a trainer designated by the~~
20 ~~association in a taxicab for at least three (3) full shifts including at least one (1) night shift and~~
21 ~~successfully completed a four day training program provided by the taxicab association, in~~
22 ~~which the applicant has:~~



1 a. ~~Received classroom instruction in the region's geography, important structures and sites of~~
2 ~~interest;~~

3 b. ~~Received instruction in the proper use of the radio, taximeter, and computer (if applicable) and~~
4 ~~how to complete a trip sheet and safety checklist; and~~

5 e. ~~Received at least one (1) hour of instruction on risk factors for crimes against for-hire drivers,~~
6 ~~emergency procedures, and equipment installed in taxicabs for the driver's personal safety.~~

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8 2. ~~Proof of successful completion of a certified training program per Section 6.310.415 approved~~
9 ~~by the Director.~~

10 C. ~~A physician's certification signed not more than three (3) months prior to the date of initial~~
11 ~~application that complies with Section 6.310.410 and certifies the applicant's fitness as a for-hire~~
12 ~~driver must be filed prior to issuance of the for-hire driver's license.~~

13 D. ~~All applications for for-hire driver's licenses become void if the applicant, for any reason~~
14 ~~other than delay caused by the City, fails or neglects to complete the application process or~~
15 ~~obtain a license within sixty (60) days of submitting an application.))~~

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17 Section 29. Section 6.310.405 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by
18 Ordinance 118341, is amended as follows:

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20 **6.310.405 Criminal ~~((B))~~background ~~((C))~~check**

21 ~~((All applicants for a for-hire driver's license must consent to be fingerprinted for a~~
22 ~~criminal background check.))~~

23 A. All applicants for a for-hire driver's license, taxicab license, or for-hire vehicle license
24 must consent to a criminal background check. An applicant shall either:



1 1. Be fingerprinted for a state and national Washington State Patrol and Federal
2 Bureau of Investigation criminal background check by the Director pursuant to RCW 35.21.920
3 to regulate the issuance of licenses of those engaged in taxicab, for-hire, and TNC occupations
4 and activities. The applicants' criminal history record information shall be forwarded to the
5 licensing agency. or

6 2. Have a copy of a criminal background check provided directly from a Director-
7 approved third party vendor. The director will annually issue the list of approved third party
8 background check vendors. Approved vendors, at a minimum must:

9 a. Include local, state, and national databases;

10 b. Access at least five years of database history; and

11 c. Demonstrate competency in providing accurate information.

12 Section 30. Section 6.310.410 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
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15 118341 is amended as follows:

16 **6.310.410 For-hire driver (~~(physician's)~~) certification of fitness to drive(~~(-)~~)**

17 A. (~~(A medical examination and certification shall be required upon)~~) The for-hire driver
18 must certify upon initial application, and every (~~(three (3) years)~~) year thereafter, on the
19 anniversary date of the license; on forms provided (~~(, however,)~~) by the Director that they are
20 physically and mentally fit to be a for-hire driver.

21 B. The Director may at any time require any for-hire licensee or applicant to be
22 (~~(reexamined)~~) medically examined if it appears that the licensee is or has become physically or
23 mentally unfit to be a for-hire driver.



1 ~~((B. The))~~ 1. If so required, the medical certification and examination shall be
2 performed by a physician licensed to practice in Washington State under Chapter 18.71 RCW
3 and completed following that physician's physical examination of the applicant.

4 ~~((C))~~2. The scope of the certificate form and the examination shall be prescribed
5 by the Director by rule.

6 ~~((D))~~3. A ~~((Washington State))~~United States Department of Transportation
7 medical certification meets the requirements of this section 6.310.410 ~~((, as long as it was signed~~
8 ~~no more than three (3) months prior to the date of initial application, or in the case of the three~~
9 ~~(3) year renewal certification no more than three (3) months prior to the date of renewal))~~.

11 Section 31. Section 6.310.415 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
12 121738, is amended as follows:

13 **6.310.415 For-hire driver training program((:))**

14 A. ~~((All initial))~~ Prior to submitting an application, all for-hire driver applicants must
15 ~~((have successfully completed , prior to taking the written examination, no earlier than six (6)~~
16 ~~months before submitting the application, a))~~ complete a driver training program approved by
17 the Director ~~((that provides information about the history and geography of the Seattle and Puget~~
18 ~~Sound area,))~~

19 B. Driver training programs may be completed through the City of Seattle and/or jointly
20 with King County or through Director-approved Transportation Network Company, Taxi
21 Association, or other Third Party vendors.

22 C. Content and testing processes for all training programs must be submitted for approval
23 by the Director on an annual basis. Driver training programs at a minimum must include:
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1 1. Information about defensive driving, use of emergency procedures and
2 equipment for the driver's personal safety, risk factors for crimes against for-hire drivers,
3 enhancement of driver/passenger relations, and ~~((appearance and))~~ professional conduct and
4 communication skills. ~~((The oral examination may be taken prior to the training class to~~
5 ~~expedite the licensing process (denial of license); and))~~

6 2. Completion of the National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course.

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8 ~~((B))~~D. Currently-licensed for-hire drivers must meet the requirements of subsection A of
9 this section 6.310.415 if:

10 1. A taxicab association or transportation network company with which the for-
11 hire driver is affiliated requests that the for-hire driver receive a refresher course; or

12 2. The Director has reasonable grounds, based on documented complaints and/or
13 violations, to believe that a refresher course is necessary (suspension).

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15 ~~((C. A for hire driver must complete a separate training session and written test on for-~~
16 ~~hire driver personal safety within three (3) months from the date of issuance of the initial license.~~
17 ~~The Director shall set forth the requirements of the training program by rule (suspension).))~~

18 ~~((D))~~E. A for-hire driver who operates a wheelchair accessible taxicab must successfully
19 complete a separate training program for the special needs of passengers in wheelchairs,
20 including but not limited to, loading and tie-down procedures and door-to-door service as
21 prescribed in rule by the Director (Class C).

22 Section 32. Section 6.310.420 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
23 121738, is amended as follows:
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25 **6.310.420 For-hire driver ~~((written and oral))~~ examination~~((:))~~**



1 A. ~~((The Director shall prescribe the content of the examination, which))~~ For-hire driver
2 examinations may be administered by the City of Seattle and/or jointly with King County or by
3 an approved taxi association, transportation network company, or third party vendor.

4 B. Examination procedures and content must be approved by the Director and must test
5 the applicant's:

6 1. Knowledge of taxicab, for-hire vehicle, transportation network company
7 vehicle endorsement and for-hire driver requirements contained in applicable codes and
8 regulations;
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10 2. Ability to speak and understand oral and written English sufficient for fulfilling
11 the minimum acceptable standards for a taxicab, for-hire vehicle and/or for-hire driver;

12 3. Knowledge of vehicle safety requirements;

13 4. Knowledge of the geography of Seattle, King County and surrounding areas,
14 and knowledge of local public and tourist destinations and attractions; and
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16 5. Knowledge of risk factors for crimes against for-hire drivers, emergency
17 procedures, and taxicab equipment for driver's personal safety.

18 ~~((B. After submitting an application for an initial for hire license, the applicant must pass~~
19 ~~a written and oral examination administered by The City of Seattle and/or jointly with King~~
20 ~~County.))~~

21 C. An applicant who fails the ~~((written and/or oral examination, including the initial and~~
22 ~~periodic for hire driver written safety test,))~~ City/County examination is entitled to one ~~((+))~~
23 free opportunity to retake the examination. A second failure will result in a ~~((sixty-day))~~ 60-day
24 wait for another opportunity to take the examination, and another license application fee. All
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1 later examination tries will require the ~~((sixty-day))~~ 60-day wait, and repayment of the ~~((license))~~
2 application fee.

3 D. ~~((The written and oral))~~ An examination is not required for the renewal of a for-hire
4 driver's license unless the applicant's license has remained expired for more than one ~~((1))~~ year.
5 ~~((If the license has remained expired for more than one (1) year, and the applicant can provide
6 documentation that he/she had previously passed the oral examination, only the written
7 examination will be required.))~~

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9 Section 33. Section 6.310.425, which was last amended by Ordinance 121738, is
10 amended as follows:

11 **6.310.425 For-hire driver temporary permit((.))**

12 A. Pending final action on a for-hire driver's license application, the Director shall
13 ~~((may))~~ issue a temporary for-hire driver's license within two business days, to an applicant who
14 has filed a complete license application, meets the requirements of Section 6.310.400 (except for
15 subsection 6.310.400.A.9.a) ~~((A and B))~~ and has passed the ~~((written and oral))~~ examination per
16 Section 6.310.420. ~~((except for the driver safety session required by Section 6.310.415 C-))~~ The
17 National Safety Council Defensive Driving course specified in Section 6.310.400 A 9 a may be
18 taken during the sixty day temporary permit period. If after submitting all requirements of
19 Sections 6.310.400 and having passed the examination per Section 6.310.420, if a temporary
20 license is not issued in 72 hours, the matter will be referred to the Director. The temporary
21 license is valid for a period not to exceed ~~((one hundred twenty (120)))~~ 60 days from the date of
22 the application and shall not be extended or renewed. ~~((Only one (1) temporary license may be~~



1 issued to the same person within any two-year time period.))

2 B. The temporary license shall not be transferable or assignable. ~~((and shall be valid~~
3 ~~only for operating the taxicab(s) or for hire vehicle(s) specified by the Director~~
4 ~~on the license.))~~

5 C. The temporary license shall become void immediately upon (1) suspension,
6 revocation or expiration of the applicant's Washington State driver's license, (2)
7 issuance of the for-hire driver's license, or (3) the Director's denial of the for-hire
8 driver's license application, regardless whether the applicant appeals that denial.
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11 Section 34. Section 6.310.450 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
12 122763, is amended as follows:

13 **SMC 6.310.450 For-hire driver operating standards((=))**

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16 C. A for-hire driver, before starting each shift, shall check the ~~((security camera,))~~lights,
17 brakes, tires, steering, seat belts, taximeter seal, and other vehicle equipment listed on the vehicle
18 safety checklist as prescribed by rule to see that they are working properly (Class B).
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20 D. A for-hire driver, before starting each shift, shall ensure that ~~((the state for hire~~
21 ~~ertificate,))~~ the county and/or City taxicab or for-hire vehicle license, vehicle registration and
22 proof of insurance card are in the vehicle (Class A).
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26 ~~((K. A for hire driver shall not operate a taxicab unless the digital camera is operating at all~~
27 ~~times while picking up, transporting, or dropping off passengers (Class B).))~~
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1 ~~((L.))~~ K. A for-hire driver shall accept credit cards for payment of fare when requested by
2 passengers (Class A).

3 ~~((M.))~~ L. A for-hire driver shall not change the totalizer readings on the taximeter (Class
4 A).

5 Section 35. A new Section 6.310.452 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

6 **6.310.452 TNC driver operating, conduct, and passenger relations standards**
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8 In addition to meeting the for-hire operating standards set forth in Section 6.310.450, the
9 TNC drivers must meet the following operating, conduct, and passenger relations standards:

10 A. Drivers operating for a transportation network company shall not transport passengers
11 for compensation without: 1) first obtaining and maintaining a valid for hire driver's license;
12 (first violation, civil penalty; subsequent violation, misdemeanor; both Class C) and 2) using a
13 vehicle that is a for-hire vehicle or taxicab licensed under this chapter, or a vehicle with a TNC
14 vehicle endorsement. (Class C)
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16 B. TNC drivers shall not be in control of a for-hire vehicle for more than 12 hours spread
17 over a total of 15 hours in any 24-hour period. Thereafter, such TNC driver shall not drive any
18 for-hire vehicle until ten consecutive hours have elapsed. For the purposes of this subsection,
19 hours driven in for-hire vehicles in other platforms (taxicabs, for-hire vehicles) are aggregated.
20 (suspension and Class B);
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22 C. TNC drivers, while active on the TNC dispatch system, shall not operate a vehicle that
23 is unaffiliated with a TNC to transport passengers. (Class C and revocation)
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25 D. TNC drivers shall have evidence of vehicle insurance as required by Section
26 6.310.260 in their possession at all times when active on the TNC dispatch system. (Class B)
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1 E. TNC drivers shall maintain a personal auto insurance policy provided, that if the
2 insurance policy lapses or is canceled, or a vehicle is deleted from the policy, proof of a new
3 policy including the vehicle must be filed with the Director before the vehicle is canceled or
4 deleted from the previous policy (summary suspension);

5 F. TNC drivers shall immediately notify the transportation network company and the
6 Seattle Police Department when the TNC driver has been the victim of a crime (Class B).

7 G. TNC drivers shall not accept payment of cash fare. Payment shall only be made
8 electronically via the TNC application dispatch system. (Class B).

9 H. TNC endorsed drivers driving with a TNC endorsed vehicle shall not pick up, cruise
10 or otherwise solicit trips (Class C and revocation)

11 I. TNC drivers shall, at the end of each trip, check the vehicle for any article(s) that are
12 left behind by passenger(s). Such articles are to be reported to the TNC as found property (Class
13 A);

14 J. TNC drivers shall have in the driver's possession a valid Washington State driver's
15 license, a valid for-hire driver's license, and documentation that they are affiliated with a
16 licensed TNC at any time the TNC driver is active on the TNC dispatch system. (suspension and
17 Class B);

18 K. The for-hire driver of a TNC endorsed vehicle shall permit the Department to inspect
19 the TNC endorsed vehicle upon request. (suspension and Class B).

20 Section 36. Section 6.310.455 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
21 122763, is amended as follows:

22 **6.310.455 For-hire driver conduct standards((+))**



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2 Q. A for-hire driver shall not operate a taxicab unless the ~~((radio, required in SMC~~
3 ~~Section 6.310.320-O)), radio/computer/phone/application dispatch system is on and operating,~~
4 and drivers must notify the taxicab association dispatch that they are available after completing
5 each trip (Class B—both);

6 R. A for-hire driver shall not use a ~~((cell))~~ mobile phone ~~((while a passenger is in the~~
7 ~~taxicab))~~ unless in hands-free mode, consistent with RCW 46.61.667. (Class B);
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10 ~~((U. A for hire driver shall not tamper with, disable, remove, or willfully damage the~~
11 ~~digital security camera equipment required under this chapter to be in taxicab (Class C);~~

12 ~~V. A for hire driver shall not alter, edit, destroy, remove, copy, transfer, transmit, erase,~~
13 ~~delete, overwrite, obscure, damage, encode, lock, render unreadable, or otherwise tamper with~~
14 ~~any image made by a digital security camera, other than as may occur in the normal operation of~~
15 ~~the digital security camera system as mandated and authorized by the Director (Class C); and.~~

16 ~~W. A for hire driver must notify the Director within three (3) working days of receiving,~~
17 ~~while operating a taxicab, a traffic infraction for a violation of SMC Section 11.50.140 based on~~
18 ~~evidence detected through the use of an automated traffic safety camera (Class B-).)~~
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21 Section 37. Section 6.310.460, which was last amended by Ordinance 122763, is
22 amended as follows:

23 **6.310.460 For-hire driver taxicab meter/rates standards.**
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1 F. A for-hire driver shall ensure daily trip records are accurate and complete ~~((complete~~
2 ~~daily tripsheets))~~, as prescribed by ~~((the Director))~~ Section 6.310.540 (Class B).~~((and shall show~~
3 ~~all trips in an accurate and legible manner as each trip occurs.~~

4 ~~The driver's name, vehicle name and number, beginning odometer, and~~
5 ~~beginning time of the shift worked must be written on the trip sheet at the start~~
6 ~~of each shift before carrying passengers (Class A). Daily tripsheets shall also~~
7 ~~include the following information:~~

- 9 1. ~~Taxicab licensee's name and vehicle name and number;~~
- 10 2. ~~Vehicle for hire license number;~~
- 11 3. ~~Ending odometer reading;~~
- 12 4. ~~Ending time of each shift worked;~~
- 13 5. ~~Date, time, place or origin, and dismissal of each trip;~~
- 14 6. ~~Fare collected;~~
- 15 7. ~~Number of passengers;~~
- 16 8. ~~No shows; and)~~
- 17 9. ~~Contract rates or special rates (all Class A).~~

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20 G. A for hire driver shall ~~allow the Director to inspect the daily trip sheet at any~~
21 ~~time, without notice (Class B).~~

22 H. A taxicab driver shall turn in completed trip sheets to the taxicab association at
23 least weekly (Class A.-))

24 Section 38. Section 6.310.465 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
25 amended by Ordinance 122763, is amended as follows:
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1 **6.310.465 For-hire driver(~~(—)~~)(~~(P)~~)passenger relations standards(~~(-)~~)**

2 ((~~A. A taxicab driver shall wear only the uniform adopted by the association and~~
3 ~~approved by the Director or a costume meeting all requirements of SMC 6.310.225 and SMC~~
4 ~~6.310.480. (Class A).)~~)

5 ((~~B~~) A. When wearing a costume a driver shall display a photograph of the driver
6 dressed in the costume along with the driver's for-hire license. (Class A).

7 ((~~C. A for hire driver's clothes shall be neat and clean at all times that the driver is on the~~
8 ~~driver's shift. The term "neat and clean" as it relates to clothes shall mean that all clothing is~~
9 ~~clean, free from soil, grease and dirt and without unrepaired rips or tears. Drivers shall not wear~~
10 ~~as an outer garment any of the following: undershirt or underwear, tank tops, body shirts (see-~~
11 ~~through mesh), swimwear, jogging or warm-up suits or sweatshirts or similar attire, shorts or~~
12 ~~trunks (jogging or bathing), sandals, or any similar clothing. Summer uniforms can include~~
13 ~~Bermuda shorts (hemmed slack material) that extend down to within two (2) inches of the top of~~
14 ~~the knee cap. (Class A).)~~)

15 ((~~D. A for hire driver shall be clean and well groomed at all times while on duty. "Clean"~~
16 ~~means that state of personal hygiene, body and hair cleanliness and absence of offensive body~~
17 ~~odor normally associated with frequent clothes laundering and bathing or showering. "Well~~
18 ~~groomed" means beards and mustaches are groomed and neatly trimmed, and scalp and facial~~
19 ~~hair is neatly trimmed, and combed or brushed (Class A).)~~)

20 ((~~E~~) B. A for- hire driver shall provide customers with professional and courteous
21 service at all times (Class A).
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1 ((F)) C. A for-hire driver shall not refuse a request for service because of the driver's
2 position in line at a taxicab zone; a passenger may select any taxicab in line (Class B).

3 ((G)) D. A for-hire driver shall at all times assist a passenger by placing luggage or
4 packages (under ~~((fifty (50)))~~ 50 pounds) in and out of the taxicab or for-hire vehicle (Class A).

5 ((H)) E. A for-hire driver shall not refuse to transport in the taxicab or for-hire vehicle
6 any passenger's wheelchair which can be folded and placed in either the passenger, driver, or
7 trunk compartment of the taxicab or for-hire vehicle, an assist dog or guide dog to assist the
8 disabled or handicapped, groceries, packages or luggage when accompanied by a passenger
9 (Class B).

10 ((I)) F. A for-hire driver shall provide each passenger ((a)) an electronic or paper
11 ~~((taximeter))~~ receipt upon payment of the fare (Class A).

12 ((J)) G. A for-hire driver shall use the most direct available route on all trips unless the
13 passenger specifically requests to change the route (Class B).

14 ~~((K. A for hire driver shall not permit any person or pet to ride in the taxicab or for hire
15 vehicle unless that person or pet accompanies, or is in the vehicle at the request of, a fare-paying
16 individual. This requirement shall not apply to uniformed driver trainees (Class A).))~~

17 ((L)) H A for-hire driver shall not refuse to transport any person except when:
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19 1. The for-hire driver has already been dispatched on another call;
20 2. The for-hire driver arrives at the place of pick-up and upon arrival the
21 passenger is acting in a disorderly or threatening manner, or otherwise is acting in a manner that
22 would cause a reasonable person to believe that the for-hire driver's health or safety, or that of
23 others, may be endangered;



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

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

~~((M))~~ I. A for-hire driver shall not smoke in the taxicab or for-hire vehicle (Class A).

~~((N))~~ J. A for-hire driver shall be able to provide a reasonable amount of change, and if correct change is not available, no additional charge will be made to the passenger in attempting to secure the change (Class A).

~~((O))~~ K. A for-hire driver shall not make any discriminatory charges to any person, or make any rebate or in any manner reduce the charge to any person unless such is in conformity with the discounts or surcharges contained in the filed rates (Class B).

~~((P))~~ L. A for-hire driver shall not operate a wheelchair accessible taxicab unless the for-hire driver has successfully completed the special training requirements set forth in ~~((SMC))~~ subsection 6.310.415.E (Class C and five-day suspension).

M. A for-hire driver must be clean and neat in dress and person and present a professional appearance to the public.

Section 39. Section 6.310.470 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last amended by Ordinance 122763, is amended as follows:

6.310.470 For-hire driver soliciting and cruising standards~~((:))~~

A. Taxicabs~~((:))~~

1. A for-hire driver may solicit passengers only from the driver's seat or standing immediately adjacent to the taxicab (within ~~((twelve-(12)))~~ 12 feet), and only when the vehicle is safely and legally parked (Class A).



1 2. A for-hire driver shall not use any other person to solicit passengers (Class A).

2 3. A for-hire driver shall not hold out the taxicab for designated destinations
3 (Class A).

4 4. A for-hire driver shall not park a taxicab and wait for walk up passengers in a
5 marked passenger load zone, truck load zone, or charter bus zone. A for-hire driver may drop off
6 passengers or pick up hailed trips in a passenger load zone except as provided by ((SMC
7 6.310.475 D and E)) subsections 6.310.475.D and 6.310.475.E (Class A).

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9 B. For-hire ~~((V))~~ vehicles ~~((.)~~

10 ~~((1. — A for hire driver in a for hire vehicle is prohibited from soliciting
11 passengers, from cruising for passengers, or from picking up passengers in a taxi zone (Class
12 B).))~~

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14 1. A for-hire driver in a for hire vehicle licensed under this chapter may solicit
15 passengers only from the driver's seat or standing immediately adjacent to vehicle (within 12
16 feet), and only when the vehicle is safely and legally parked (Class A).

17 2. A for-hire driver shall not use any other person to solicit passengers (Class A).

18 ~~((3. — All trips must be pre-arranged as defined by the Director by rule (Class
19 B).))~~

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21 3. A for-hire driver in a for hire vehicle licensed by this chapter is prohibited
22 from picking up passengers in a designated taxi zone, including any taxi zone located in front of
23 a hotel (Class B).

24 C. Transportation network company (TNC) endorsed vehicles



1. TNC endorsed vehicles are prohibited from soliciting passengers, from cruising for passengers, or from picking up passengers in a taxi zone (Class C).

D. Unlicensed vehicles

1. Vehicles providing for-hire transportation services in the City of Seattle without a City for-hire vehicle license, taxicab license, or TNC endorsement are prohibited from soliciting passengers, cruising for passengers, or from picking up passengers in a taxi zone. (First violation, civil infraction, second violation, misdemeanor)

Section 40. Section 6.310.475 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last amended by Ordinance 121738, is amended as follows:

6.310.475 For-hire driver taxi zone standards and number of taxi zones(.)

A. A for-hire driver shall not leave the taxicab unattended in a taxicab zone for more than ~~((fifteen (15)))~~ 15 minutes. Such vehicles will be impounded by order of the Director (Class A).

B. A for-hire driver shall occupy a taxicab zone only when available for hire (Class A).

C. A for-hire driver shall not perform engine maintenance or repairs on the taxicab while in a taxicab zone (Class A).

D. A for-hire driver cannot use a passenger load zone located within ~~((one hundred fifty (150)))~~ 150 feet from a taxicab zone designated by the Director, except for wheelchair accessible taxicabs. Notification of such zone designation will be sent to all taxicab associations ten ~~((10))~~ days prior to the effective date of the designation (Class B and suspended from using the taxicab zone for ~~((fourteen (14)))~~ 14 days).

E. For hire-drivers cannot use a taxicab zone while under suspension from that taxicab zone (Class B and suspended from using the taxicab zone for ~~((sixty (60)))~~ 60 days).



1 F. Within one year of the effective date of this ordinance, the City shall work with
2 industry stakeholders to determine appropriate locations of 10 additional taxi zones and shall
3 establish 10 additional taxi zones.

4 Section 41. Section 6.310.500 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
5 amended by Ordinance 122763, is amended as follows:

6 **6.310.500 Taxicabs~~((—))~~~~((M))~~maximum number~~((r))~~**

7 A. The total number of taxicab licenses in effect at any one ~~((4))~~ time shall not exceed
8 ~~((eight hundred and fifty (850)))~~ 1050. The number of taxicab licenses shall be set by the
9 Director at such times and in such manner as necessary to meet the demand for efficient and
10 economical taxicab service within the city limits and to support a competitive, safe, fair and
11 viable business environment for the taxicab industry; however, no more than ~~((35))~~ 100 licenses
12 can be issued within a calendar year. The Director shall adopt by rule the procedure for
13 determining when and how many new taxicab licenses will be issued. In determining the total
14 number of licenses issued, the Director shall consider factors ~~((such as))~~ including, but not
15 limited to consumer demand for transportation services, average service response times, total
16 number of taxi rides, total paid trips per taxicab, and average operating hours per taxicab, and
17 may consider any other factors that may affect the supply and demand for taxi service within the
18 city limits. The Director shall adopt by rule any vehicle and safety standards required for the
19 issuance of new licenses, including but not limited to vehicle size, fuel efficiency, and emissions
20 standards.
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22 B. The number of for-hire vehicle licenses in effect at any one ~~((4))~~ time shall not
23 exceed ~~((two hundred (200)))~~ 200. Except that if the State Legislature authorizes cities to
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1 regulate executive sedans and executive vans, as defined in RCW 46.04.274, then executive
2 sedans and executive vans licensed by the Department of Licensing on the authorization date
3 which meet City vehicle standards would be allowed to obtain for-hire vehicle licenses, and such
4 for-hire vehicle licenses shall not be included in the calculation of total number of for-hire
5 vehicle licenses pursuant to this subsection. TNC vehicle endorsements issued per Section
6 6.310.327 shall not be included in the calculation of total number of for-hire vehicles licenses
7 pursuant to this subsection.

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9 C. The Director may, at the Director's discretion, issue wheelchair accessible taxicab
10 licenses to special service vehicles used to provide transportation to disabled persons defined in
11 KCC 6.64.010 or to handicapped persons as defined in ((SMC)) Section 6.310.110. These
12 licenses shall be non-transferable for a period of ((five-5)) three years from the date of issuance
13 and shall not be included in calculating the maximum number of taxicab licenses allowable
14 pursuant to subsection A. The Director may issue temporary and nontransferable wheelchair
15 accessible taxicab licenses to individual for-hire drivers selected by King County for a
16 demonstration project to determine the economic feasibility of the long term issuance of such
17 licenses. This subsection shall take effect and be in force retroactively as of the effective date of
18 this ordinance.

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21 D. If the Director determines that issuance of additional taxicab licenses is warranted, not
22 to exceed the maximum allowable taxicab licenses issued pursuant to subsection A of this ((s))
23 Section 6.310.500, such licenses shall be issued pursuant to:

24 1. A competitive request for proposal and award process under which licenses
25 will be issued to applicants whose proposals demonstrate that they are most able to meet the
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1 needs of the public in providing taxicab service by meeting qualifications prepared by the
2 Director that are not in conflict with the general provisions of this chapter; or

3 2. Pursuant to a lottery of qualified applicants; or

4 3. Pursuant to a combination of both procedures as prescribed by rule adopted by
5 the Director. The rule shall include minimum qualifications for taxicab license applicants,
6 including but not limited to the driving and conduct records of prospective applicants.
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8 E. The Director shall issue 35 additional taxicab licenses in 2015. The Director shall issue
9 55 additional taxicab licenses each year in 2016, 2017, and 2018. Each of these issuances shall
10 be done by lottery pursuant to the methods described in subsection 6.310.500.D.2 To be eligible
11 for the issuance of these new taxicab licenses, an applicant must either: 1) have no more than a
12 50% ownership interest in a licensed for-hire vehicle or licensed taxicab, or 2) relinquish any
13 ownership interest beyond 50% in a licensed for-hire vehicle or licensed taxicab prior to and as a
14 condition of the issuance of the new license. For purposes of this subsection, relinquish means to
15 surrender the for-hire vehicle or taxicab license to the original licensing agency or transfer the
16 interest to another licensed for-hire driver whose ownership interest in a licensed for-hire vehicle
17 or licensed taxicab may not exceed 50%. ((E. At the earlier of September 1, 2010 or after a total
18 of 50 licenses have been issued under this section, the Director shall provide a written report to
19 the City Council concerning the economic impact that the 50 additional licenses have had on
20 taxicab service and on the business of providing taxicab transportation services in Seattle. The
21 report shall provide updated data to the extent reasonably available relating to the factors that
22 serve as the basis for the issuance of licenses as set forth in Subsection A. This report shall also
23 describe the economic effects, if any, of the provisions of SMC 6.310.330N on the market value
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1 of all taxicab license transfers occurring after August 1, 2008. No additional licenses may be
2 issued until the submission of the report.))

3 Section 42. Section 6.310.520, which was last amended by Ordinance 118341, is
4 amended as follows:

5 **6.310.520 Director's reports((:))**

6 When requested by the Seattle City Council, the Director shall file a report with the
7 Seattle City Council based upon data collected on ((tripsheet)) daily trip records or through
8 taximeter readings. The report may include but not be limited to the following:
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10 A. Number of taxicabs, for-hire, and TNC endorsed vehicles licensed or endorsed in
11 Seattle/King County during the reporting period and during the preceding year;

12 B. Number of drivers licensed in Seattle/King County during the reporting period
13 and during the preceding year;

14 C. Numbers and nature of complaints;

15 D. Results of any survey of taxicab response times and any changes in response
16 times from previous reporting periods;

17 E. Results of meter readings;

18 F. Any other information deemed appropriate by the Director.

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21 Section 43. Section 6.310.530 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
22 amended by Ordinance 123939, is amended as follows:

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24 **6.310.530 Rates((:))**

25 A. Taxicab rates



1 1. The rates for taxicabs licensed to operate in Seattle shall be established by the
2 ~~((Seattle City Council))~~ Director by rule for times while not operating on an application dispatch
3 system.

4 ~~((B))~~ a. In reviewing rates the ~~((Council))~~ Director may take into account,
5 among other things, and with the objective of prescribing a just and reasonable rate, the
6 following factors:

7 ~~((1.))~~ i. The information in a report prepared by the Director
8 pursuant to SMC Section 6.310.520;

9 ~~((2.))~~ ii. The public's need for adequate taxi service at the lowest
10 level of charges consistent with the provision, maintenance and continuation of such service;

11 ~~((3.))~~ iii. The rates of other licensees operating in similar areas;

12 ~~((4.))~~ iv The effect of such rates upon transportation of passengers
13 by other modes of transportation;

14 ~~((5.))~~ v. The owners' need for revenue of a level that, under honest,
15 efficient and economical management, is sufficient to cover all costs (including all operating
16 expenses and license fees of providing adequate taxi service, plus a reasonable profit to the
17 owner;

18 ~~((6.))~~ vi. Consistency of rates with those charged by King County;
19 and

20 ~~((7.))~~ vii. The lease drivers' need for revenue, based on a
21 reasonable number of driving hours per shift, sufficient to provide a living income after payment
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1 of taxicab lease rent (including drivers' contributions to both retail sales tax on the lease amount
2 and to Workers' Compensation industrial insurance premiums), fuel costs and any cashier's fees.

3 ~~((C.))~~ b. No taxicab shall have more than one rate on its meter, except that
4 a taxicab licensed by both Seattle and King County shall not have more than two rates on its
5 meter, one fixed rate for Seattle and one rate as filed with King County.

6 2. Pending a Director's rule establishing new taximeter rates, and while not
7 operating on an application dispatch system, the following taximeter rates govern. Except for
8 special or contract rates as provided for in this chapter, or any per trip fee established by the Port
9 of Seattle and set forth in any operating agreement or tariff, or an airport flat rate defined in this
10 section 6.310.520, or a temporary fuel surcharge authorized by the Director pursuant to
11 subsection I of this section 6.310.520, or any toll or charge established for roads, bridges, tunnels
12 or ferries, it shall be unlawful for anyone operating a taxicab licensed by The City of Seattle to
13 advertise, charge, demand or receive any greater or lesser rate than the following:
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16 Meter rate:

17 ~~((1.))~~ a Drop charge: for passengers for first 1/9 mile: \$2.50

18 ~~((2.))~~ b Per mile: For each 1/9 mile or fraction thereof after the first 1/9 mile:

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20 \$0.30

21 ~~((3.))~~ c. For every one minute of waiting time: \$0.50*

22 (charged at \$0.30 per 36 seconds)

23 ~~((4.))~~ d. Additional per passenger charge for more than two persons, excluding
24 children under twelve years of age: 0\$.50



1 * Waiting time rates are charged when taxicab speed is less than 11 miles per hour or when a
2 taxicab driver is asked to wait for the customer.

3 ~~((E.))~~ 3. Application Dispatch, Special Rates, Contract Rates, "Downtown to
4 Airport" Flat Rate, and Coupons.

5 ~~((4))~~ a. If using an application dispatch system, written documentation
6 explaining and/or a physical demonstration on an application showing that the rate structure is
7 transparent to the rider prior to confirming the ride shall be provided to the Director. Rates do not
8 need to be filed with the Director. The Director shall determine that the rate structure is
9 transparent if:

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11 i. The total fare or fare range is clearly displayed on the
12 application upon requesting a ride, but before confirming the ride. Any variables that may result
13 in additional or higher charges such as tips, waiting time, demand pricing, or any other
14 surcharges shall be clearly articulated on the application before confirming a ride.

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16 ii. The rate by distance and/or time is clearly displayed on
17 the application upon requesting a ride but before confirming the ride. Any variables that may
18 result in additional or higher charges such as tips, waiting time, demand pricing, or any other
19 surcharges shall be clearly articulated on the application before confirming a ride.

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21 iii. The cost of the ride is made clear to the passenger prior
22 to confirming the ride through an alternative method deemed acceptable by the Director.

23 b. Special rates as defined in this chapter shall be calculated as a
24 fraction or percentage of the meter rate or a fixed dollar amount per trip.



1 ~~((2 The))~~ c. Unless using application dispatch, the special rates must be filed
2 with the Director on forms furnished by the Director.

3 ~~((3-))~~ d. All special rates and/or contract rates shall be filed once a year at
4 the time of application by the taxicab association representative, or by the owner of a for-hire
5 vehicle which is not a taxicab.

6 ~~((4))~~ e. Licensees may change the special rates filed no more than once a
7 year.
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9 ~~((5))~~ f. Unless using application dispatch, ((€)) contract rates set during the
10 license year shall be filed within two weeks of securing such contract and before implementing
11 the contract rate. Contracts must be between taxicab associations and businesses or non-profit
12 organizations. Passengers transported under contracts must pay the fares to drivers using
13 vouchers issued by the contracting business or non-profit organizations (Class B - each incident).
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15 ~~((6))~~ g. All taxicabs shall charge a flat rate ~~((of \$40))~~ from the downtown
16 hotel district to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport except when contract rates are in effect for
17 the trip ~~((, or when the Director has temporarily suspended the flat rate in accordance with~~
18 ~~subsection J of this section))~~. The downtown hotel district is the area defined by Broad Street to
19 Mercer Street to I-5 on the north, Elliot Bay on the west, South Dearborn Street on the south, and
20 Boren Ave, to the I-5 Freeway and then the Freeway on the east Unless using application
21 dispatch, the flat rate shall be filed with the Director at the time of application on forms furnished
22 by the Director. The flat rate shall be conspicuously displayed in the vehicle for the passenger to
23 see. Changes made to the flat rates may be adjusted to remain competitive with fee structures
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1 used by for-hire vehicles and transportation network companies and shall be filed with the
2 Director.

3 ((7)) h. Unless using application dispatch , the use of coupons or discounts to
4 establish a lower rate, or a rate not provided within this section 6.310.530, is prohibited (Class A
5 - each incident).

6 ((F-)) B. For-hire ((V))vehicle ((R))rates((-))

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8 1. If using an application dispatch system, written documentation explaining
9 and/or a physical demonstration on an application showing that the rate structure is transparent to
10 the rider prior to confirming the ride shall be provided to the Director. Rates do not need to be
11 filed with the Director. The Director shall determine that the rate structure is transparent if:

12 a. The total fare or fare range is clearly displayed on the application
13 upon requesting a ride, but before confirming the ride. Any variables that may result in
14 additional or higher charges such as tips, waiting time, demand pricing, or any other surcharges
15 shall be clearly articulated on the application before confirming a ride.

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17 b. The rate by distance and/or time is clearly displayed on the
18 application upon requesting a ride but before confirming the ride. Any variables that may result
19 in additional or higher charges such as tips, waiting time, demand pricing, or any other
20 surcharges shall be clearly articulated on the application before confirming a ride.

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22 c. The cost of the ride is made clear to the passenger prior to
23 confirming the ride through an alternative method deemed acceptable by the Director.

24 ((+))2. Every for-hire vehicle licensee shall also file all non-application dispatch
25 system rates and charges, including rate structures that vary by time of day with the Director. All
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1 rates and charges, including any adopted senior citizen discount rate, shall be conspicuously
2 displayed in the interior of the for-hire vehicle so as to be readily discernible to the passenger.

3 The Director will prescribe the manner of such posting.

4 ~~((2))~~3. For-hire vehicles must charge for service based on: a written contract~~((5))~~;
5 flat ~~((charge))~~rate per trip, by zone~~((5))~~; or by an hourly rate with minimum increments of ~~((one~~
6 ~~half (1/2)))~~ ½ hour. Flat charges by zone or hourly rate may vary by time of day. Zone boundaries
7 shall be set by Director by rule and shall be consistent across all for-hire vehicle operators.

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9 4. Unless using application dispatch , the use of coupons or discounts to establish
10 a lower rate, or a rate not provided within this section 6.310.530, is prohibited (Class A - each
11 incident).

12 C. Transportation network company rates

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14 1. Written documentation explaining or demonstrating that the application
15 dispatch rate structure is transparent to the rider prior to confirming the ride shall be provided to
16 the Director. The Director shall determine that the rate structure is transparent if:

17 a. The total fare or fare range is clearly displayed on the application
18 upon requesting a ride, but before confirming the ride. Any variables that may result in
19 additional or higher charges such as tips, waiting time, demand pricing, or any other surcharges
20 shall be clearly articulated on the application before confirming a ride.

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22 b. The rate by distance and/or time is clearly displayed on the
23 application upon requesting a ride but before confirming the ride. Any variables that may result
24 in additional or higher charges such as tips, waiting time, demand pricing, or any other
25 surcharges shall be clearly articulated on the application before confirming a ride.



1 ~~beyond the control of the drivers. Examples of such conditions would be vehicle security checks~~
2 ~~at the airport or major construction projects on Interstate 5 or State Route 99 that delay traffic.))~~

3 ((K)) G. The Director shall specify by rule how tolls or charges established for roads,
4 bridges, tunnels or ferries shall be charged to taxicab or for-hire vehicle passengers and shall
5 prescribe required signage for the vehicles for such purposes.

6 Section 44. A new Section 6.310.540 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:
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8 **6.310.540 Reporting responsibilities**

9 A. Transportation Network Companies, Taxi Associations, and For-Hire vehicle
10 companies shall maintain accurate and complete operational records as provided by for-hire
11 drivers, taxicab and for-hire vehicle licensees, and TNC endorsement holders in subsection
12 6.310.540E for two years, including, but not limited to:

- 13 1. Total number of rides provided by each taxi or for-hire vehicle license holder
14 or individual Transportation Network Company;
- 15 2. Type of dispatch for each ride (hail, phone, app, etc.)
- 16 3. Percentage or number of rides picked up in each zip code;
- 17 4. Pick up and drop off zip codes of each ride;
- 18 5. Percentage by zip code of rides that are requested but unfulfilled;(phone or app
19 only)
- 20 6. Number of collisions; including the name and number of the affiliated TNC,
21 taxicab, and for-hire driver, collision fault, injuries, and estimated damage;
- 22 7. Number of requested rides for an accessible vehicle;
- 23 8. Crimes against driver reports;
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1 9. Passenger complaints; and

2 10. Any other data identified by the Director to ensure compliance.

3 B. Records may be maintained electronically.

4 C. On a quarterly basis, Transportation Network Companies, Taxi Associations, and For-
5 Hire Vehicle Companies must submit complete data to the Director via electronic reporting
6 forms made available by the Director. (Class C)

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8 D. If a public records request is made of the City for documents that have been
9 designated by the providing party as confidential or proprietary, the City shall provide third party
10 notice to the providing party prior to disclosure.

11 E. For-hire drivers, taxicab and for-hire vehicle licensees, and TNC endorsement holders
12 must provide full and accurate information per Section 6.310.540.A to transportation network
13 companies, taxi associations, and for-hire vehicle companies on a weekly basis. (Class A - each
14 requirement)

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17 Section 45. Section 6.310.600 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
18 amended by Ordinance 121857, is amended as follows:

19 **6.310.600 Penalties((=))**

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21 ~~((A. Violations of SMC Section 6.310.130 shall be a misdemeanor and upon conviction
22 shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment
23 for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.))~~

24 A. Each violation of subsections 6.310.130.A, 6.310.130.B or 6.310.452.A shall be a
25 civil infraction as contemplated by RCW Chapter 7.80 and deemed to be a Class 1 civil



1 infraction under RCW 7.80.120(a), and shall subject the violator to a maximum penalty and
2 default amount of \$1,000, inclusive of statutory assessments.

3 B. The first violation of subsection 6.310.470.D shall be a civil infraction as
4 contemplated by RCW Chapter 7.80 and deemed to be a Class 1 civil infraction under RCW
5 7.80.120(a), and shall subject the violator to a maximum penalty and default amount of \$500,
6 inclusive of statutory assessments.

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8 1. As contemplated by RCW 7.80.160, a person who, after receiving a notice of
9 civil infraction that includes a statement of the options provided in RCW Chapter 7.80 for
10 responding to the notice and the procedures necessary for exercising these options, knowingly
11 fails to exercise one of the options within 15 days of the date of the notice is guilty of a
12 misdemeanor subject to the provisions of Chapters 12A.02 and 12A.04, except that absolute
13 liability shall be imposed for such a violation and none of the mental states described in Section
14 12A.04.030 need be proved, regardless of the disposition of the notice of civil infraction. A
15 person who willfully fails to pay a monetary penalty or perform community service as ordered
16 by a court may be found in contempt of court as provided in RCW Chapter 7.21.

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18 2. An action for a civil infraction shall be initiated and processed in the manner
19 contemplated by RCW Chapter 7.80 and the Infraction Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.
20 For purposes of RCW 7.80.040, the "enforcement officer" authorized to enforce the provisions of
21 subsections 6.310.130.A and 6.310.130.B and 6.310.452.A are: (1) the Director of the Seattle
22 Department of Finance and Administrative Services and authorized representatives or assistants
23 of him or her; and (2) a commissioned officer of the Seattle Police Department and a person
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1 issued a Special Police Officer Commission by the Chief of Police with authority to enforce this
2 title.

3 C. Each subsequent violation of subsections 6.310.130.A, 6.310.130.B, 6.310.452.A, or
4 6.310.470.D within five years of the prior violation is a misdemeanor subject to the provisions of
5 Chapters 12A.02 and 12A.04, except that absolute liability shall be imposed for such a violation
6 and none of the mental states described in Section 12A.04.030 need be proved. The Director may
7 request that the City Attorney prosecute such violations criminally as an alternative to the civil
8 infraction procedure outlined in this chapter.

10 D. Each violation of subsections 6.310.130.C – 6.310.130.E shall be a civil infraction as
11 contemplated by RCW Chapter 7.80 and deemed to be a Class 1 civil infraction under RCW
12 7.80.120(a), and shall subject the violator to a maximum penalty and default amount of \$10,000,
13 inclusive of statutory assessments.

15 1. As contemplated by RCW 7.80.160, a person who, after receiving a notice of
16 civil infraction that includes a statement of the options provided in RCW Chapter 7.80 for
17 responding to the notice and the procedures necessary for exercising these options, knowingly
18 fails to exercise one of the options within 15 days of the date of the notice is guilty of a
19 misdemeanor subject to the provisions of Chapters 12A.02 and 12A.04, except that absolute
20 liability shall be imposed for such a violation and none of the mental states described in Section
21 12A.04.030 need be proved, regardless of the disposition of the notice of civil infraction. A
22 person who willfully fails to pay a monetary penalty or perform community service as ordered
23 by a court may be found in contempt of court as provided in RCW Chapter 7.21.



1 2. An action for a civil infraction shall be initiated and processed in the manner
2 contemplated by RCW Chapter 7.80 and the Infraction Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.
3 For purposes of RCW 7.80.040, the "enforcement officer" authorized to enforce the provisions of
4 subsections 6.310.130.C and 6.310.130.D and 6.310.130.E are: (1) the Director of the Seattle
5 Department of Finance and Administrative Services and authorized representatives or assistants
6 of him or her; and (2) a commissioned officer of the Seattle Police Department and a person
7 issued a Special Police Officer Commission by the Chief of Police with authority to enforce this
8 title.

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10 E. Each subsequent violation of subsections 6.310.130.C, 6.310.130.D or 6.310.130.E
11 within five years of the prior violation is a misdemeanor subject to the provisions of Chapters
12 12A.02 and 12A.04, except that absolute liability shall be imposed for such a violation and none
13 of the mental states described in Section 12A.04.030 need be proved. The Director may request
14 that the City Attorney prosecute such violations criminally as an alternative to the civil infraction
15 procedure outlined in this chapter.

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17 ~~((B-))~~ F. For each violation of a provision in this chapter that has a class referenced in
18 parenthesis after the provision, a civil penalty and penalty points shall be imposed by and paid to
19 the Department according to the provisions of ~~((SMC))~~ Section 6.310.605.

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21 ~~((C. Any person who alters, edits, destroys, removes, copies, transfers, transmits, erases,~~
22 ~~deletes, overwrites, obscures, damages, encodes, locks, renders unreadable, or otherwise tampers~~
23 ~~with any image made by a digital security camera, other than as may occur in the normal~~
24 ~~operation of the digital security camera system as mandated and authorized by the Director, shall~~
25 ~~be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One~~
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1 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days, or
 2 by both such fine and imprisonment.))

3 Section 46. Section 6.310.605 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
 4 amended by Ordinance 121738, is amended as follows:

5 **6.310.605 Monetary ((P))penalties and penalty points((-))**

6 A. For-hire ((D))driver, transportation network company driver for-hire vehicle company,
 7 or ((F))taxicab/((F))for-hire ((V))vehicle ((V))violations((-))

Violation	Penalties Against a For-hire Driver, <u>TNC Driver ((or a) Taxicab Licensee, For-Hire Vehicle Company, or For-hire Vehicle For Each Violation</u>	Penalty Points Attributed to Taxicab Association, <u>For-Hire Vehicle Company, or Transportation Network Company For Each Violation</u>
1. Violations ((F))found ((D))during a ((E))calendar ((Y))year ((A))away from <u>The City((s)) of Seattle's ((F))inspection ((F))facility((-))</u>		
First Class A in one year	\$35((-00))	2
Second Class A in one year	\$70((-00))	3
Third or more Class A violation in one year	\$120((-00))	4
First Class B violation in one year	\$70((-00))	4
Second Class B violation in one year	\$175((-00))	7
Third or more Class B violation in one year	\$300((-00))	10



All Class C violations	\$1,000 ((-00))	20
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2. Violations ~~((F))~~found ~~((D))~~during ~~((I))~~inspections at The City~~((s))~~ of Seattle's ~~((I))~~inspection ~~((F))~~facility~~((-))~~

Failure to appear for inspection scheduled by the Director (see Section 6.310.330 I and paragraph below)	\$50	2 penalty points
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Class A violation found during inspection at City's inspection facility	Vehicle reinspection fee. See fee schedule in Section 6.310.150	2 each violation
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Class B violation found during inspection at City's inspection facility	Vehicle reinspection fee. See fee schedule in Section 6.310.150	4 each violation
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"Failure to appear for inspection scheduled by the Director" includes a late arrival for the inspection. If notification that the vehicle ~~((can not))~~ cannot appear is made prior to the close of business on the business day before the scheduled inspection, and the taxicab plates are delivered to the inspection facility prior to the original inspection time, then no penalty will be due.

3. Penalties and penalty points are attributed to the taxicab association or transportation network company with which the taxicab and/or for-hire driver is affiliated at the time the violation occurs.

B. Taxicab ~~((A))~~association, for-hire vehicle company, or transportation network company ~~((V))~~violations ~~((D))~~during a ~~((E))~~calendar ~~((Y))~~year~~((-))~~

Violation	Penalty Points Against Taxicab Association, <u>for-hire vehicle company, or Transportation Network Company</u>
First Class A violation in one year	5



1	Second Class A violation in one year	6
2	Third or more Class A violation in one	7
3	year	
4	First Class B violation in one year	10
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6	Second Class B violation in one year	12
7	Third or more Class B violation in one	15
8	year	
9	Any Class C violation	Revocation

11 As soon as an association, for-hire vehicle company, or TNC accumulates more than five
 12 ~~((5))~~ penalty points per affiliated taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle on
 13 average, it must pay a penalty to the Director of ~~((One Hundred Dollars (\$100)))~~ \$100 per
 14 affiliated taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle. As soon as an association, for-hire
 15 vehicle company, or TNC accumulates more than seven ~~((7))~~ penalty points per affiliated
 16 taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle on average, it must pay an additional penalty
 17 to the Director of ~~((One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150)))~~ \$150 per affiliated taxicab, for-hire
 18 vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle. As soon as an association, for-hire vehicle company, or TNC
 19 accumulates more than ten ~~((10))~~ points per affiliated taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC
 20 endorsed vehicle on average, it must pay an additional penalty to the Director of ~~((Two Hundred~~
 21 ~~Fifty Dollars (\$250)))~~ \$250 per affiliated taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle. For
 22 purposes of this subsection, average number of penalty points per affiliated taxicab, for-hire
 23 vehicle or TNC endorsed vehicle means total ~~((association))~~ penalty points divided by number of
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1 taxicabs, for-hire vehicles or TNC endorsed vehicles within the association, for-hire vehicle
2 company, or TNC. (The Director will compute the number of taxicabs, for-hire vehicles or TNC
3 endorsed vehicles within the association, for-hire vehicle company, or TNC by averaging the
4 number of TNC endorsed vehicles, taxicabs or for-hire vehicles in the association, for-hire
5 vehicle company or TNC (rounded up) at the beginning of the year and the number of cabs, for-
6 hire vehicles or TNC endorsed vehicles at the end of each completed quarter, (i.e., March 31st,
7 June 30th, etc.). If an association, for-hire vehicle company, or TNC has exceeded the average
8 amount of penalty points as outlined above, the penalty will be due as of the end of the current
9 quarter. The association, for-hire vehicle company or TNC may ask for a hearing with the
10 Director concerning the assessment of such penalty. At such hearing the association, for-hire
11 vehicle company or TNC will present any evidence to refute or mitigate ~~((the))~~ its
12 performance~~((of the association))~~. After the hearing, the Director may impose the penalty, reduce
13 the penalty, or with just cause waive the penalty and put the association or TNC on probation
14 with specific performance guidelines. If the association, for-hire vehicle company or TNC does
15 not meet the guidelines imposed, the Director will impose the penalty. In any case, the Director's
16 decision is final.

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20 Upon renewal of the taxicab association or TNC license, the association or TNC will start
21 the new year with zero ~~((0))~~ penalty points. For-hire vehicle companies will start each new
22 calendar year with zero penalty points.

23 A Class C violation by a TNC shall result in revocation of the TNC license.

24 C. Taxicab or ~~((F))~~ for-hire ~~((V))~~ vehicle ~~((O))~~ owner's ~~((R))~~ responsibility for
25 ~~((P))~~ penalties ~~((I))~~ incurred by ~~((F))~~ for-hire ~~((D))~~ drivers. A taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner is
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1 jointly and severally liable for each monetary penalty assessed against any for-hire driver who
2 commits a violation while operating a taxicab or for-hire vehicle belonging to that owner. The
3 City is not required to pursue collection of the penalty from the driver as a prerequisite to
4 pursuing collection of the penalty from the owner.

5 D. Taxicab ~~((A))~~association's or transportation network company's ~~((R))~~responsibility for
6 ~~((P))~~penalties ~~((H))~~incurred ~~((B))~~by ~~((F))~~for-hire ~~((D))~~drivers and ~~((T))~~taxicab ~~((O))~~owners. In
7 addition to incurring penalty points, the taxicab association or TNC is jointly and severally liable
8 for each monetary penalty assessed against any for-hire driver, TNC endorsed vehicle or taxicab
9 affiliated with the taxicab association. The City is not required to pursue collection of the penalty
10 from the for-hire driver or the taxicab owner as a prerequisite to pursuing collection of the
11 penalty from the taxicab association or TNC.
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14 Section 47. Section 6.310.610 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
15 amended by Ordinance 122763, is amended as follows:

16 **6.310.610 Suspension or revocation~~((:))~~**

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18 C. Revocation ~~((S))~~standards

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20 1. Any License. The Director shall revoke a license issued under this chapter if the
21 Director determines that:

22 a. The licensee has violated any of the provisions of this chapter that
23 indicate a revocation as a penalty in parentheses after the provision;

24 b. The license application contained a material misstatement or omission;
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1 c. The licensee fails to pay a monetary penalty imposed under this chapter
2 within 90 (~~thirty (30)~~) days after an unappealed notice of violation or final decision or order
3 imposing such monetary penalty is issued.

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5 3. Transportation network companies (TNC)

6 a. The Director shall revoke a TNC license if during the license period:

7 i. The TNC, or any person employed to manage Seattle operations,
8 receives a bail forfeiture, conviction or other final adverse finding for crimes of fraud, theft,
9 larceny, extortion, embezzlement, racketeering, Uniform Controlled Substances Act, prostitution,
10 alcohol and/or narcotics where the commission of such crimes involved or used a TNC or for-
11 hire vehicle. If the employee is (a) removed immediately from all operational or management
12 duties or authority and (b) is divested of all ownership in the TNC as soon as possible, the
13 license may be reinstated;

14 ii. The TNC, or any person employed to manage Seattle
15 operations, receives a bail forfeiture, conviction or other final adverse finding involving crimes
16 directly related to the applicant's ability to operate a TNC, including but not limited to
17 prostitution, gambling, fraud, larceny, extortion, income tax evasion. If the employee of the TNC
18 found in violation of this subsection is (a) removed immediately from all operational or
19 management duties or authority and (b) is divested of all ownership in the TNC as soon as
20 possible, the license may be reinstated;
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1 iii. Knowingly permits an affiliated vehicle to be active on the
2 TNC dispatch system that has not undergone a uniform vehicle safety inspection as required by
3 6.310.270;

4 iv. Has failed to meet the insurance requirements outlined in
5 Section 6.310.260;

6 v. An affiliated driver is active on the TNC dispatch system
7 without effective and proper vehicle insurance as required in this chapter;

8 vi. Fails to pay all penalties imposed by the Department that are
9 either not contested or are upheld after review; or

10 vii. The TNC has committed one Class C violations in any one
11 year period.

12 b. The Director may revoke a TNC license if during the license period the
13 TNC:

14 i. Dispatches to an unlicensed or unaffiliated driver;

15 ii. Dispatches to an unaffiliated vehicle;

16 iii. Dispatches to a vehicle that is neither a for-hire vehicle or
17 taxicab, nor a vehicle with a TNC vehicle endorsement;

18 iv. Knowingly permits a third party to use the TNC dispatch
19 system;

20 v. Knowingly permits a TNC endorsed driver driving a TNC
21 endorsed vehicle to pick up hails, cruise, or otherwise solicit trips;



1 vi. Knowingly allows a TNC driver driving a TNC endorsed
2 vehicle to take trips not dispatched by the TNC;

3 vii. Fails to review driving records of TNC drivers and maintain
4 records thereof;

5 viii. Knowingly permits TNC drivers with any conviction listed in
6 subsection 6.310.270 to continue affiliating with a TNC and/or operating as a TNC driver.

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8 ~~((3))~~4. Taxicab and ~~((F))~~for-hire ~~((V))~~vehicle ~~((E))~~licenses~~((:))~~

9 a. The Director shall revoke a taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner license if:

10 i. The licensee, or any officer, director, general partner, managing
11 partner or principal of the licensee, has had a conviction, bail forfeiture or final adverse finding
12 of criminal fraud, larceny, theft, prostitution, extortion, racketeering, robbery or violation of the
13 Uniform Controlled Substances Act, where the crime is associated with operating a taxicab or
14 for-hire vehicle;

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16 ii. The licensee has had the license suspended twice within a one
17 ~~((+))~~ year period for lack of a current, valid insurance policy;

18 ~~((iii. The licensee's State of Washington for-hire certificate has~~
19 ~~been revoked;))~~

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21 ~~((iv))~~iii. The licensee is not affiliated with a taxicab association
22 licensed under this chapter; or

23 ~~((v))~~iv. The licensee is subject to revocation because of a loan
24 default pursuant to ~~((SMC))~~ Section 6.310.380.

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26 b. The Director may revoke a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license if:



1 i. The licensee, or any officer, director, general partner, managing
2 partner or principal of the licensee, receives a bail forfeiture or conviction involving crimes
3 reasonably related to the applicant's ability to operate a taxicab or for-hire business, including but
4 not limited to prostitution, gambling, fraud, larceny, extortion, income tax evasion; or

5 ~~((ii. The licensee commits three (3) or more Class B violations~~
6 ~~within one (1) year.))~~

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8 ~~((4))~~ 5. For-hire ~~((D))~~ driver's ~~((L))~~ licenses~~((r))~~

9 a. The Director shall revoke a for-hire driver's license if:

10 i. The for-hire driver receives a bail forfeiture, conviction, or other
11 final adverse finding for crimes pertaining to hit-and-run, or for crimes pertaining to driving
12 under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances while operating a taxicab or for-hire
13 vehicle; or

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15 ii. The for-hire driver's Washington State driver's license expires or
16 is revoked; or

17 iii. The for-hire driver has committed one ~~((1))~~ Class C violations
18 in any one ~~((1))~~ year period.

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20 b. The Director may revoke a for-hire driver's license if:

21 i. The for-hire driver is found to be in possession of illegal drugs or
22 an open container of alcohol while in control of or while operating any taxicab or for-hire
23 vehicle; or

24 ii. The for-hire driver has received a conviction, bail forfeiture, or
25 other final adverse finding involving crimes pertaining to prostitution, gambling, physical
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1 violence, Uniform Controlled Substances Act, fraud, theft, robbery, larceny, burglary, extortion
2 and/or crimes directly related to the driver's ability to operate a taxicab.

3 6. Transportation network company (TNC) drivers

4 a. The Director shall revoke the for-hire license of a transportation
5 network company driver, if, while active on the TNC dispatch system:

6 i. The TNC driver receives a bail forfeiture, conviction, or other
7 final adverse finding for crimes pertaining to hit-and-run, or for crimes pertaining to driving
8 under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances while operating a TNC endorsed vehicle;

9 ii. The TNC driver's Washington State driver's license expires or is
10 revoked provided that if the TNC driver's Washington State driver's license expires, the driver
11 may obtain reinstatement upon proof of renewal within 30 days;

12 iii. The TNC driver has committed one Class C violations in any
13 one year period;

14 iv. The TNC endorsed driver driving a TNC endorsed vehicle
15 picks up a street hail, cruises, or otherwise solicits trips whether active on the TNC dispatch
16 system or not;

17 v. The TNC driver driving a TNC endorsed vehicle provides a ride
18 that is not booked through the TNC application dispatch system;

19 vi. Drives a vehicle while on the TNC application that is not
20 affiliated with the TNC;



1 until the end of the annual license or endorsement period or until any administrative or judicial
2 appeal is finally concluded in the licensee's or TNC driver's favor, whichever occurs first.

3 2. Suspension or (~~R~~)revocation. If the licensee or TNC driver does not file a
4 timely appeal pursuant to Section 6.310.635, the notice of suspension or revocation shall be final.
5 Suspensions or revocations become effective upon the date any notice of suspension or
6 revocation or order on appeal affirming such notice becomes final. Unless a time period is
7 specified in a particular section of the ordinance codified in this chapter, suspensions shall
8 extend until the license or endorsement expires or until evidence satisfactory to the Director is
9 produced showing that the violation is cured, whichever occurs first. Revocations shall extend
10 until the end of the annual license or endorsement period.

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12 3. Except in the case of a summary suspension or revocation as provided in
13 subsection (~~D1~~) 6.310.610.D.1 above, whenever a timely appeal is filed pursuant to Section
14 6.310.635, a licensee or TNC driver may continue to engage in the activity for which the license
15 or endorsement is required pending a final decision on appeal.

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17 Section 48. Section 6.310.635 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
18 amended by Ordinance 121738, is amended as follows:

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20 **6.310.635 Notice and hearing for denials, violations, suspensions and revocations(~~7~~)**

21 A. For each violation, and for each denial, suspension or revocation, the Director shall
22 give written notice to the affected licensee, for-hire vehicle company, or TNC endorsement
23 holder. If the affected licensee is a taxicab driver, the Director shall at the same time give written
24 notice of violations to the taxicab licensee and the taxicab association. If the affected licensee or
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1 TNC endorsement holder is a transportation network company driver, the Director shall at the
2 same time give written notice to the transportation network company. If the affected licensee is a
3 taxicab licensee, the Director shall at the same time give written notice of violations to the
4 taxicab association. All notices directed to a taxicab driver or taxicab licensee may be served by
5 personal delivery to, or by first-class mail addressed to, the taxicab association.
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7 B. Any notice of denial, violation, suspension or revocation, other than a summary
8 suspension or revocation pursuant to ~~((Section))~~ subsection 6.310.610.A, shall state that the
9 driver, taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee, TNC endorsement holder, transportation network
10 company, for-hire vehicle company, and/or taxicab association is entitled to a hearing to respond
11 to the notice and introduce any evidence to refute or mitigate the violation. Upon written request,
12 submitted by the person named on the violation, filed within ten ~~((10))~~ calendar days after the
13 date of the notice of denial, violation, suspension or revocation, the Director shall set a hearing
14 date and time to be held as soon as possible and not more than ~~((thirty-30))~~ 30 calendar days
15 from the date of the request or the next business day after that if the thirtieth day falls on a
16 weekend or holiday.
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19 C. Any notice of summary suspension or revocation pursuant to ~~((Section))~~ subsection
20 6.310.610.A and 6.310.610.D.1, shall state that the driver, taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee,
21 TNC endorsement holder, transportation network company and/or taxicab association is entitled
22 to a hearing to respond to the notice and introduce any evidence to refute or mitigate the
23 violation. Upon written request, submitted by the person named on the violation, filed within ten
24 ~~((10))~~ calendar days after the date of the notice of the summary suspension or revocation, the
25 Director shall set a hearing date and time to be held as soon as possible and not more than seven
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1 ((7)) calendar days from the date of the request or the next business day after that if the seventh
2 day falls on a weekend or holiday. The Director shall render a decision affirming or reversing the
3 summary suspension or revocation within three ((3)) business days after the conclusion of the
4 hearing.

5 D. The decision of the Director is final only if a monetary penalty is imposed or if a
6 timely appeal is not filed pursuant to subsection G. A taxicab license, TNC endorsement, or for-
7 hire driver license may be reinstated without a hearing if the violation was for failure to pay a
8 monetary penalty within ((thirty(30))) 30 days, if the licensee or TNC endorsement holder pays
9 the monetary penalty in full within ten ((40)) days of the date of license revocation and pays a
10 license reinstatement fee. This authority to reinstate licenses without a hearing only applies if it
11 is the first instance of failure to pay a monetary penalty in the calendar year.

12 E. The hearing shall be held by the Director or the Director's designee, provided that the
13 designee may not be a person who directly supervises the inspector who issued the notice of
14 denial, violation, suspension or revocation.

15 F. The hearing shall be informal, but shall be recorded by electronic means provided by
16 the Director. Within ((twenty(20))) 20 days of the hearing, the Director shall issue a written
17 ruling including factual findings and the Director's conclusion, with supporting reasons,
18 affirming, modifying or reversing the notice. The decision shall be mailed by first class mail to
19 each affected licensee, for-hire vehicle company, or TNC endorsement holder at the address
20 listed on the application; or in any supplemental materials. ((However, if the licensee is a taxicab
21 licensee or taxicab driver, the decision)) Licensee decisions for taxicabs and taxicab drivers shall
22 be mailed by first class mail to the licensee at the address of the taxicab association. Licensee
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1 and endorsement decisions for transportation network company drivers shall be mailed by first
2 class mail to the licensee at the address listed on the licensee's for-hire driver's license
3 application as well as the transportation network company.

4 G. If the Director's decision imposes or affirms a denial, suspension or revocation,
5 including summary suspension or revocation, any affected licensee or TNC endorsement holder
6 may appeal the entire decision to the Hearing Examiner by filing a notice of appeal with the
7 Hearing Examiner within ten (~~(10)~~) days after the date of mailing of the decision. Decisions of
8 the Director imposing a monetary penalty only, pursuant to subsection D, shall not be appealable
9 to the Hearing Examiner.

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12 Section 49. A new Section 6.310.745 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:

13 **6.310.745 Other laws**

14 Nothing in this chapter relieves a for-hire driver, for-hire vehicle or taxicab licensee,
15 taxicab association, transportation network company (TNC), TNC vehicle endorsement holder or
16 applicant thereof from complying with any other law, nor does the City issuance of a license or
17 endorsement under this chapter imply that the applicant has met the obligations of all such other
18 laws.
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21 The Department of Finance and Administrative Services shall issue a report to City
22 Council regarding the operational outcomes of this ordinance per section 6.310.100 B.

23 Section 50. A new Section 6.310.750 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:

24 **6.310.750 Additional remedies**



1 Notwithstanding the existence or use of any other remedy, the City Attorney may seek
2 legal or equitable relief to enjoin an act or practice that constitutes or will constitute a violation
3 of this chapter or an applicable rule adopted under this chapter.

4 Section 51. To pay for necessary costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred in 2014,
5 but for which insufficient appropriations were made due to causes that could not reasonably have
6 been foreseen at the time the 2014 Budget was adopted, appropriations for the following items in
7 the 2014 Budget are increased from the funds shown as follows:
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Fund	Department	Budget Control Level	Amount
10 Finance and 11 Administrative 12 Services Fund 13 (50300)	Department of Finance and Administrative Services	Revenue and Consumer Protection (A4530)	\$150,000
14 General Subfund 15 (00100)	Finance General	Appropriation to General Fund Subfunds and Special Funds (2QA00)	\$150,000
17 Total			\$300,000

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19 Section 52. The following sections shall take effect and be in force 90 days following the
20 effective date of this ordinance: Section 9 (creating 6.310.175); Section 27 (amending
21 6.310.400); Section 28 (amending 6.310.405); Section 29 (amending 6.310.410); Section 30
22 (amending 6.310.415); Section 31 (amending 6.310.420); Section 32 (amending 6.310.425); and
23 Section 43 (creating 6.310.540).
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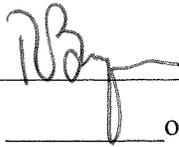


1 Section 53. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.
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22 Passed by the City Council the 14th day of July, 2014, and
23 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 14th day of
24 July, 2014.
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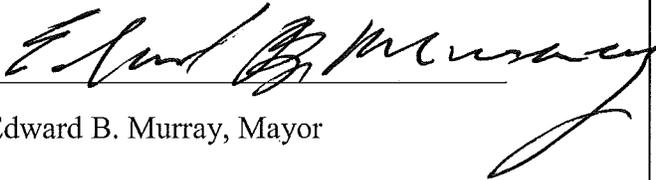


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President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 15 day of July, 2014.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 15th day of July, 2014.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)



FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	CBO Analyst/Phone:
OPI	Andrew Glass Hastings/4-4384	Jennifer Devore/5-1328

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to transportation network companies, taxi, and for-hire services and affiliated drivers and vehicles: establishing minimum operating requirements for transportation network companies and affiliated drivers; imposing industry-wide vehicle inspection and driver training processes; imposing insurance requirements for transportation network companies and affiliated vehicles; altering insurance requirements for taxi and for-hire vehicles; requiring rate transparency across industries; establishing and altering licensing fees; establishing an accessible service charge; raising the maximum number of taxicab licenses issued by the City; allowing hailing rights for for-hire vehicles; establishing a property right for taxi and for-hire vehicle license holders; revising terminology; adding new sections, amending various Sections of Chapter 6.310 of the Seattle Municipal Code, repealing Ordinance 124441, and amending Ordinance 124349, which adopted the 2014 Budget.

Summary of the Legislation:

This legislation provides for the regulation of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) and modification of regulations relating to for-hire vehicles, taxis, and for-hire drivers.

Background:

Transportation Network Companies like Uber, Lyft, and Sidecar, represent a new type of for-hire transportation service that until recently had not been subject to regulation by the City. In March 2013, Council passed and the Mayor signed legislation bringing the TNCs into the City's regularity framework as granted by Article 11, Section 11 of the Washington State Constitution and RCW 46.72.160. Ordinance 124441 established, vehicle and driver safety standards, insurance requirements, and capped the number of TNC drivers permitted to operate at one time. The TNC industry responded by submitting signatures to place a referendum on the ballot, therefore rendering the regulatory framework established in Ordinance 124441 inactive pending a November vote. The legislation associated with this ordinance includes terms agreed upon during a facilitated mediation between the Taxi, For-Hire, and TNC industries. This ordinance repeals Ordinance 124441 and proposes a substantially different regulatory framework for the TNCs, as well as the incumbent industry based on these mediation terms.

Because the TNC business model involves dispatching traditional for-hire drivers and vehicles as well as non-professional casual drivers operating their personal vehicles entirely by a mobile application, regulating this industry raises a number of policy questions. However, there is value in the transportation services these companies provide and so addressing the regulatory challenges will ultimately benefit Seattle. The TNCs also have the potential of disrupting the existing for-hire industry, which have been operating legally under the City's existing regulatory framework for many years. To both bring the TNCs into the City's regulatory framework and to address the need to establish parity between the new entrants and the incumbent industry, this legislation includes the following terms:



- Requires that anyone driving for a TNC be a licensed for-hire driver, driving a TNC endorsed vehicle;
- Establishes comparable driver training and vehicle inspection processes across the TNC, taxi, and for-hire vehicle industries;
- Establishes comparable requirements for liability insurance across the TNC, taxi, and for-hire vehicle industries;
- Requires that TNCs, taxi, and for-hire vehicle industries provide operational information necessary to allow enforcement of regulations;
- Allows flat-rate (for-hire) vehicles access to street hails;
- Establishes an accessible service fund to ensure the continuation of wheelchair accessible taxi (WAT) service in Seattle;
- Establishes comparable regulations for TNCs, taxi, and for-hire vehicles when utilizing an app for dispatch or payment; and
- Increases the number of new taxi licenses by 200 over four years.

Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.

(Please skip to "Other Implications" section at the end of the document and answer questions a-h. Earlier sections that are left blank should be deleted. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each question.)

This legislation has financial implications.

(If the legislation has direct fiscal impacts (e.g., appropriations, revenue, positions), fill out the relevant sections below. If the financial implications are indirect or longer-term, describe them in narrative in the "Other Implications" Section. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each title and question.)

Appropriations:

(This table should reflect appropriations that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the project/programs associated with this ordinance had, or will have, appropriations in other legislation please provide details in the Appropriation Notes section below. If the appropriation is not supported by revenue/reimbursements, please confirm that there is available fund balance to cover this appropriation in the note section.)

Fund Name and Number	Department	Budget Control Level*	2014 Appropriation	2015 Anticipated Appropriation
Finance and Administrative Services Fund (50300)	Finance and Administrative Services	Revenue and Consumer Protection	\$150,000	FAS has included a related request as part of its proposed 2015-2016 budget.
TOTAL			\$150,000	

*See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.

Appropriations Notes:

Through its proposed 2015-2016 budget, FAS will request resources for permanent positions to implement the new regulations associated with this legislation. In the short term, FAS is seeking \$150,000 in one-time General Fund dollars for immediate help on the following primary tasks, among others:

- Establish the accessibility fund for WATs;
- Establish a methodology for the City to calculate and collect from TNCs the fees for their share of City enforcement costs;
- Transition current and develop new technology systems and databases for new data reporting requirements;



- Transition current City taxicab and for-hire vehicle licenses into property rights; and
- Develop new and modify existing Director's Rules concerning vehicle inspections, driver training curriculum, fees and fares, etc.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

(This table should reflect revenues/reimbursements that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the issues/projects associated with this ordinance/resolution have revenues or reimbursements that were, or will be, received because of previous or future legislation or budget actions, please provide details in the Notes section below the table.)

Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2014 Revenue	2015 Revenue
Finance and Administrative Services Fund (50300)	Finance and Administrative Services	TNC fees (company license, for-hire driver's licenses, and vehicle endorsements)		\$525,000 (estimated)
Finance and Administrative Services Fund (50300)	Finance and Administrative Services	New taxicab licenses		\$17,500 (estimated)
Finance and Administrative Services Fund (50300)	Finance and Administrative Services	Reduced taxicab and for-hire vehicle licensing fees		-\$88,600 (estimated)
Finance and Administrative Services Fund (50300)	Finance and Administrative Services	Conversion of existing and new licenses to property rights		\$92,100 (estimated)
Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund (# TBD)	Finance and Administrative Services	Surcharge of \$0.10 per ride		\$850,000 (estimated)
TOTAL				\$1,396,000

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

All revenue estimates assume that 2015 is the first full year of implementation.

1. TNC fees: a quarterly fee assessed by the City; fee covers company licenses, for-hire driver's licenses, and vehicle endorsements, and will not exceed \$525,000 (total) in the first year
2. New taxicab licenses: 35 new taxicab licenses at \$500 per license
3. Reduced taxicab and for-hire vehicle licensing fees: 886 licensed vehicles at -\$100 per license; annual vehicle licensing fee reduced from \$600 to \$500
4. Conversion of existing licenses to property rights: 921 (886 existing + 35 new) licensed vehicles at \$100 per license; license (medallion) price will not exceed the City's costs to administer the conversion
5. Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund: based on current estimate of annual revenue trips for City licensed taxicabs (5,150,000) and estimates provided by flat-rate (for-hire) vehicle and TNC industries during mediation (3,335,000)

Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through this Legislation,



Including FTE Impact:

(This table should only reflect the actual number of positions affected by this legislation. In the event that positions have been, or will be, created as a result of other legislation, please provide details in the Notes section below the table.)

Position Title and Department	Position # for Existing Positions	Fund Name & #	PT/FT	2014 Positions	2014 FTE	2015 Positions*	2015 FTE*
Licenses & Standards Inspector (FAS)	New	FAS Fund (50300)	FT			1	1.0
Licenses & Standards Inspector (FAS)	New	FAS Fund (50300)	FT			1	1.0
Licenses & Standards Inspector (FAS)	New	FAS Fund (50300)	FT			1	1.0
Licenses & Standards Inspector (FAS)	New	FAS Fund (50300)	FT			1	1.0
Management Systems Analyst, Sr.	New	FAS Fund (50300)	FT			1	1.0
TOTAL						5	5.0

* 2015 positions and FTE are total 2015 position changes resulting from this legislation, not incremental changes. Therefore, under 2015, please be sure to include any continuing positions from 2014.

Position Notes:

The positions shown in the table above are part of the request that FAS has included as part of its proposed 2015-2016 budget and are only shown for planning purposes. These positions will not be created as a result of adopting this legislation.

Do positions sunset in the future?

No.

Spending/Cash Flow:

(This table should be completed only in those cases where part or all of the funds authorized by this legislation will be spent in a different year than when they were appropriated (e.g., as in the case of certain grants and capital projects). Details surrounding spending that will occur in future years should be provided in the Notes section below the table.)

Fund Name & #	Department	Budget Control Level*	2014 Expenditures	2015 Anticipated Expenditures
Finance and Administrative Services Fund (50300)	Finance and Administrative Services	Revenue and Consumer Protection	\$50,000	\$100,000
TOTAL			\$50,000	\$100,000

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Spending/Cash Flow Notes:



Given uncertainty around a passage date for this legislation, FAS expects to spend a third of the General Fund appropriation this year and encumber the balance to spend in 2015.

Other Implications:

a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?

This legislation fundamentally alters how the City regulates taxicabs, flat-rate (for-hire vehicles), and vehicles affiliated with TNCs by shifting responsibility for activities like vehicle inspections and training to taxicab associations, flat-rate (for-hire) companies and licensees, and TNCs. A new accessibility fund and the transition of taxicab and for-hire vehicle licenses to a property interest that can be collateralized provide new financial benefits to licensees.

b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?

Not implementing this legislation will continue the City's current system of regulations and fees, which do not affect vehicles affiliated with TNCs. In addition, WATs will not benefit from the accessibility fund proposed and taxicab and for-hire licensees will not have the financial benefit of a property interest in their licenses.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No.

d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?

None. Legislative action is needed to implement the changes desired.

e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No. However, the Director's Rules needed to implement certain parts of this legislation will require public hearings.

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

h) Other Issues:

None.

List attachments to the fiscal note below:



City of Seattle
Edward B. Murray
Mayor

June 26, 2014

Honorable Tim Burgess
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Burgess:

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This legislation reflects an agreement of the industry stakeholders that provides a framework to enable all parties in the for-hire industry to compete fairly to serve the needs of the public. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Andrew Glass Hastings at 206-684-4384.

Sincerely,



Edward B. Murray
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council



CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL 118140

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WHEREAS, that technology that allows consumers to directly dispatch drivers for trips via the internet using mobile interfaces such as smartphone applications, (“application dispatch”) did not exist in Seattle when for-hire driver and vehicle regulations were last amended by Ordinance 122763 in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Council caused a taxi, for-hire, and limousine services demand study (“demand study”) to be undertaken to evaluate passenger demand and assess the quality of service and the final study was completed by consultants on September 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the demand study supports that the public is receptive to application dispatch technology and such technology is capturing a growing share of the traditional taxicab and for-hire vehicle market, especially during periods of peak demand¹; and

WHEREAS, the demand study supports, that some companies using application dispatch technology to offer transportation services in Seattle are unlicensed and affiliated with unlicensed for-hire drivers (unlicensed drivers) and vehicles²; and

WHEREAS, the use of application dispatch technology by unlicensed companies, vehicles, and drivers raises significant public safety and consumer protection concerns; and

¹ 2013 City of Seattle and King County Taxi, For Hire Vehicle and Limousine Services Demand Study, Final Report, page 22

² Id.

THIS VERSION IS NOT ADOPTED



1 WHEREAS, the use of application dispatch technology by unlicensed companies and drivers are
2 competing with existing licensed taxicab and for-hire drivers in the transportation market;
and

3 WHEREAS, establishing minimum operating requirements for unlicensed drivers and unlicensed
4 companies using application dispatch technology is appropriate and necessary to protect
the safety of the public; and

5 WHEREAS, to ensure fair market competition, there must be regulatory parity between taxi
6 operators, for-hire vehicle operators, and presently unlicensed transportation network
7 companies and affiliated drivers; and

8 WHEREAS, industry regulations for these services must strike a balance between safety and
9 innovation, so that regulation provides a safety net that the public can rely on for its
10 protection while new businesses innovate and use technology to better the lives of
Washingtonians; and

11 WHEREAS, establishing transparency of rates prior to a passenger initiating a ride via an
12 application is appropriate and necessary for consumer protection and there exists a need
13 to maintain existing dispatch and fare calculation systems to ensure transportation access
for people who do not have access to application dispatch technology; and

14 WHEREAS, there exists a need to create an industry-supported accessible service fund to ensure
the continued financial viability of operating Wheelchair Accessible Taxis (WATs); and

15 WHEREAS, the issuance of an additional 35 taxi licenses for the first year, and an additional 55
16 per year for the next three years as authorized by SMC 6.310.500(D) would promote fair
17 competition and meet current and future demand for efficient and economical for-hire
transportation services; and

18 WHEREAS, allowing for-hire vehicles to pick up street hails promotes increased immediate
19 access to services and eliminates confusion for the public; and

20 WHEREAS, converting existing and future taxi and for-hire vehicle licenses to a property right
21 would allow the vehicle license to be used as collateral and would promote fair
22 competition within the industry, and drivers with a direct financial stake in the medallion
will promote safe vehicles, courteous service, and safe driving; and

23 WHEREAS, there is authority to regulate for-hire vehicles as granted by Article 11, Section 11
24 of the Washington State Constitution and RCW 46.72.160.

25 NOW, THEREFORE,
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THIS VERSION IS NOT ADOPTED



1 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

2 Section 1. Section 6.310.100 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
3 118341, is amended as follows:

4 **6.310.100 Purpose((;))**

5 A. Transportation network companies (TNC) provide application dispatch services
6 (technology that allows consumers to directly request dispatch of for-hire drivers for trips via the
7 internet using mobile interfaces such as smartphone applications,) to connect drivers with
8 passengers for transportation services. The ordinance codified in this chapter is an exercise of
9 The City of Seattle's power to license for-hire vehicles, taxicabs, for-hire drivers ((and))-taxicab
10 associations, and transportation network companies, and issue TNC vehicle endorsements, for
11 regulations and revenue. Some of its regulatory purposes are to increase the safety, reliability,
12 cost-effectiveness, and the economic viability and stability of privately-operated for-hire vehicle
13 and taxicab services within The City of Seattle. This chapter is not intended to regulate
14 limousines and is consistent and compliant with RCW Chapter 46.72A.

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17 B. Within one year of the effective date of this ordinance, and every year thereafter
18 through December 30, 2016, the Director shall issue a report to chair of the Taxi, For-hire, and
19 Limousine Regulations Committee of the Seattle City Council. The report shall include a
20 summary of the industry data reported pursuant Section 6.310.540, a summary of on-street and
21 other enforcement activities performed between the effective date of this ordinance and the
22 deadline, a discussion of the conversion from licenses to medallions, a discussion of the funding
23 level and use of the Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund, the number and type of passenger
24 complaints received between the effective date of this ordinance and the reporting deadline, and
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1 a comparison of the City's regulatory revenue under the former and proposed regulatory
2 structure.

3 Section 2. Section 6.310.110 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by
4 Ordinance 123361, is amended as follows:

5 **6.310.110 Definitions((:))**

6 For the purposes of this chapter and unless the context plainly requires otherwise, the
7 following definitions apply:
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9 "Active on the TNC dispatch system" includes but is not limited to: when the driver is
10 logged onto the transportation network company (TNC) application showing that the driver is
11 available to pick up passengers; when a passenger is in the vehicle; when TNC records show
12 the vehicle has been connected with a passenger; or when the driver has been connected with a
13 passenger and is enroute to provide transportation services to the passenger.

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15 ((A:)) "Affected licensee" means any licensee that may incur some penalty as a result of
16 a violation. For example, if a for-hire driver of a taxicab commits a violation, the for-hire
17 driver, the taxicab owner, and the taxicab association with which that taxicab is associated are
18 all affected licensees.

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20 ((B:)) "Affiliated taxicab" means a taxicab licensed to operate within a particular
21 taxicab association.

22 "Application dispatch" means technology that allows consumers to directly request
23 dispatch of for-hire drivers for trips and/or to accept payments for those trips via the internet
24 using mobile interfaces such as, but not limited to smartphone and tablet applications.

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1 ~~((C.))~~ "Approved mechanic" means a mechanic or technician on a list maintained by
2 the Director. The list shall contain the name of each mechanic or technician that has been
3 approved by ~~(applied to the)~~ Director for inclusion and who (1) has met all requirements of the
4 National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, (2) has been awarded a Certificate in
5 Evidence of Competence satisfactory to the Director, and (3) does not own, lease or drive a
6 taxicab or for-hire vehicle or TNC endorsed vehicle ~~((and (4) has no financial interest,~~
7 ~~including any employment interest, in any taxicab association, taxicab or for-hire vehicle or in~~
8 ~~any company that owns or leases taxicabs or for-hire vehicles))~~.

10 ~~((D.))~~ "Certificate of Safety" means a document from an approved mechanic certifying
11 that a particular vehicle meets all vehicle safety standards set forth in this chapter, including a
12 uniform vehicle safety inspection, and in regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.

14 ~~((E.))~~ "Committed a violation" means that a licensee has been issued a Notice of
15 Violation and either has not contested the violation or did contest the violation but lost.

16 ~~((F.))~~ "Community Development Financial Institution" means a non-profit loan fund
17 certified by the Community Development Financial Institution Fund of the U.S. Department of
18 the Treasury, that serves economically distressed communities and underserved populations by
19 providing credit, capital and financial services that are normally unavailable from traditional
20 financial institutions.

22 "Compensation" means remuneration or anything of economic value that is provided,
23 promised, or donated primarily in exchange for services rendered. This includes, but is not
24 limited to voluntary donations, fee-sharing between a taxicab association or transportation
25 network company and an affiliated driver, advertisement of a taxicab association or

1 transportation network company services, and increased patronage for taxicab association or
2 transportation network company services.

3 ((G.)) "Contract rate" means the rate specified in a written contract signed by both
4 parties before the dispatch of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle for the services identified in the
5 contract. Contracts for package delivery may be made on an oral basis.

6 ((H.)) "Department" means the Department of Finance and Administrative Services of
7 The City of Seattle, or any department that succeeds to the Department's duties under this
8 chapter.

9 ((I.)) "Director" means the Director of Finance and Administrative Services or the
10 director of any successor department and the Director's authorized designee.

11 ((J.)) "For-hire driver" means any person in physical control of a taxicab, ((Ø)) for-hire
12 vehicle, or transportation network company endorsed vehicle who is required to be licensed
13 under this chapter. The term includes a lease driver, owner/operator, or employee, who drives
14 taxicabs ((Ø)), for-hire vehicles, or transportation network company endorsed vehicles.

15 ((K.)) "For-hire vehicle" means any motor vehicle used for the transportation of
16 passengers for compensation, except:

- 17 1. Taxicabs as defined in this chapter;
- 18 2. School buses operating exclusively under a contract to a school district;
- 19 3. Ride-sharing vehicles under Chapter 46.74 RCW;
- 20 4. Limousine carriers licensed under Chapter ((81.90)) 46.72A RCW;
- 21 5. Vehicles used by nonprofit transportation providers solely for elderly or

22 handicapped persons and their attendants under Chapter 81.66 RCW;

6. Vehicles used by auto transportation companies licensed under Chapter 81.68

RCW;

7. Vehicles used to provide courtesy transportation at no charge to and from parking lots, hotels, and rental offices; and

8. Vehicles licensed under, and used to provide "charter party carrier" and "excursion service carrier" services as defined in, and required by, Chapter 81.70 RCW;

9. Transportation network company endorsed vehicle as defined in this chapter.

~~(L)~~ "Handicapped person" means any person who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, is unable without special facilities or special planning or design to use mass transportation facilities and services as efficiently as persons who are not so affected. Handicapped persons include ambulatory persons whose capacities are hindered by sensory disabilities such as blindness or deafness, such mental disabilities as mental retardation or emotional illness, and physical disabilities that still permit the person to walk comfortably, or a combination of these disabilities. It also includes a semiambulatory person who requires such special aids to travel as canes, crutches, walkers, respirators, or human assistance, and a nonambulatory person who must use wheelchairs or wheelchair-like equipment to travel.

~~(M)~~ "Knowingly permit" means (1) to know of an action or condition that violates this chapter or any regulation promulgated pursuant to this chapter, and (2) to fail to take reasonable steps to cure the violation and to prevent future violations. There is a rebuttable presumption that a person knows a fact, action or condition of which a reasonable person in the same position would have knowledge.

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1 (~~(N-)~~) "Lease driver" means a for-hire driver who is an independent contractor/sole
2 proprietor who has leased a taxicab or for-hire vehicle from a taxicab or for-hire vehicle
3 licensee or taxicab association.

4 (~~(O-)~~) "Lender" means a bank, trust company, mutual savings bank, savings and loan
5 association, or credit union authorized to do business and accept deposits in this state under
6 state or federal law and includes a Community Development Financial Institution qualified and
7 approved by the Director to provide loans to licensees under Section 6.310.380
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9 (~~(P-)~~) "Lessor" means a licensee of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle who leases to a lease
10 driver.

11 (~~(Q-)~~) "Licensee" means any person or entity licensed under this chapter, including for-
12 hire drivers, taxicab or for-hire vehicle owners, (~~(and)~~) taxicab associations, and transportation
13 network companies.

14 "Medallion" means a certificate issued by the Director as evidence that a taxicab or for-
15 hire vehicle license is an intangible property.

16 "Medallion system" means the system which deems a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license
17 to be intangible property that may be used as collateral to secure a loan from a bank or any other
18 financial institution.

19 (~~(R-)~~) "Motor vehicle" means every motorized vehicle by or upon which any person
20 may be transported or carried upon a public street, highway or alley; provided, that vehicles
21 used exclusively upon stationary rail tracks or propelled by use of overhead electric wires are
22 not considered motor vehicles for purposes of this chapter.
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1 ((S.)) "Operating in The City of Seattle" means owning, leasing, advertising, driving,
2 occupying and/or otherwise using a taxicab, ((Ø.)) for-hire vehicle, or transportation network
3 company endorsed vehicle that at any time transports any passenger or item for compensation
4 from a point within the geographical confines of The City of Seattle. The vehicle is considered
5 to be operating during the administering of inspections at the City's inspection facility. The
6 term does not include being in control of a vehicle that is physically inoperable. A taxicab
7 association is "operating in The City of Seattle" if it represents or includes any taxicab that at
8 any time transports any passenger or item for compensation from a point within the
9 geographical confines of The City of Seattle. A transportation network company is "operating
10 in The City of Seattle" if it provides application dispatch services to any affiliated driver at any
11 time for the transport of any passenger for compensation from a point within the geographical
12 confines of The City of Seattle.

15 ((T.)) "Owner" means the person whose lawful right of possession of a taxicab or for-
16 hire vehicle has most recently been recorded with the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

17 "Personal vehicle" means a vehicle that is not a taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensed
18 under this chapter. A personal vehicle that is used to provide trips via a transportation network
19 company application dispatch system is subject to regulation under this chapter.

21 ((U.)) "Senior Citizen" means any person over the age of 60 with a valid identification
22 confirming that person's age.

23 ((V.)) "Special rate" means discounted rates for senior citizens and handicapped
24 persons.

25 ((W.)) "Taxicab" means every motor vehicle:
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- 1 1. That is held out to the public as providing transportation to passengers or
2 articles for hire;
- 3 2. Where the route traveled or destination is controlled by the customer;
- 4 3. That carries signs or indicia of a taxicab, including the words "taxi,"
5 "taxicab," or "cab"; and
- 6 4. Where the fare is based on an amount recorded and indicated on a taximeter
7 or on an application dispatch system linked to a taximeter, or by a special contract rate
8 permitted under this chapter. Despite the foregoing, "taxicab" does not include those vehicles
9 listed in Section 6.310.110 J2-J8 or for-hire vehicles.

11 ~~((X-))~~ "Taxicab association" means a person or ~~((organization))~~ entity licensed under
12 this chapter that represents or owns at least 15 taxicabs licensed by the City that use the same
13 color scheme, trade name, and dispatch services. An individual person may be a taxicab
14 association as long as that individual owns or represents at least 15 taxicabs and otherwise
15 meets the requirements of this chapter; provided, that for taxicab associations formed in
16 connection with the wheelchair accessible taxicab demonstration project provided for under
17 this chapter, the Director may waive the requirement for such taxicab associations to have 15
18 licensed taxicabs and any taxicab association license fee for the duration of the demonstration
19 project.
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22 ~~((Y-))~~ "Taxicab association representative" means the person or persons that a taxicab
23 association has authorized to:
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1 1. File applications and, if not using application dispatch, special contract rates
2 and charges on behalf of the taxicab association and individual owners in the taxicab
3 association; and

4 2. Receive and accept all correspondence and notices from the City pertaining
5 to the taxicab association, or to the taxicabs, taxicab owners and/or for-hire drivers operating
6 within the taxicab association; and

7 3. Forward any correspondence, notices and/or legal process received by the
8 association and intended for a taxicab owner and/or taxicab driver operating within the taxicab
9 association.
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11 ((Z)) "Taximeter" means any instrument or device by which the charge for hire of a
12 passenger carrying vehicle is measured or calculated either for the distance traveled by such
13 vehicle or for waiting time, or for both, and upon which such calculated charges shall be
14 indicated by means of figures.
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16 "Trade dress" means the unique visual element associated with a transportation
17 network company that is attached to a vehicle affiliated with a TNC so the public and
18 passengers can identify the vehicle as being associated with that particular TNC.

19 "Transportation network company" (TNC) means an organization whether a
20 corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, or other form, licensed under this chapter and
21 operating in the City of Seattle that offers prearranged transportation services for compensation
22 using an online-enabled TNC application or platform to connect passengers with drivers using
23 their personal vehicles and that meets the licensing requirements of Section 6.310.130 and any
24 other requirements under this chapter.
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1 “Transportation network company (TNC) driver” means a licensed for-hire driver
2 affiliated with and accepting dispatched trips from a licensed transportation network company.
3 For purposes of this chapter, at any time while a driver is active on the TNC dispatch system,
4 the driver is considered a TNC driver.

5 “Transportation network company (TNC) endorsed vehicle” means a personal motor
6 vehicle used for the transportation of passengers for compensation that is affiliated with a
7 licensed transportation network company and that has been endorsed to demonstrate that the
8 vehicle has met the minimum operating requirements as set forth in Sections 6.310.325 and
9 6.310.327.

10 “Transportation network company (TNC) representative” means the person or persons
11 that a transportation network company has authorized to:

- 12 1. On behalf of the TNC, file documentation with the Director;
- 13 2. Receive and accept all correspondence and notices from the City pertaining
14 to the TNC, or to affiliated drivers operating within the TNC; and
- 15 3. Forward any correspondence, notices and/or legal process received by the
16 TNC and intended for an affiliated driver operating within the TNC.

17 “Transportation network company (TNC) vehicle endorsement” means an endorsement
18 on a for-hire driver’s license for a personal vehicle that allows the for-hire driver to use the
19 endorsed vehicle to affiliate with a transportation network company in order to provide
20 transportation to passengers via an application dispatch system. The endorsement
21 demonstrates that the vehicle has met the minimum operating requirements as set forth in

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1 Sections 6.310.325 and 6.310.327. A vehicle with a TNC endorsement is a “TNC endorsed
2 vehicle.”

3 ((AA-)) "Wheelchair accessible taxicab" or "Wheelchair accessible for-hire vehicle" or
4 a "Wheelchair accessible TNC endorsed vehicle" means a taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC
5 endorsed vehicle designed or modified to transport passengers in wheelchairs or other mobility
6 devices and conforming to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA),
7 and inspected and approved by the Director.

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9 Section 3. Section 6.310.120 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
10 118341, is amended as follows:

11 **6.310.120 Scope((-))**

12 This chapter applies to all taxicab associations, all transportation network companies, all
13 taxicabs, all for-hire vehicles, all TNC-endorsed vehicles, and all for-hire drivers operating
14 ((within)) in The City of Seattle. This chapter is not intended to be a part of the New License
15 Code, Chapter 6.202 et seq.

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17 Section 4. Section 6.310.125 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
18 121738, is amended as follows:

19 **6.310.125 Violation classifications((-))**

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21 A. Requirements contained within this chapter shall specify violation classifications in
22 parentheses for the purpose of assessing monetary penalties and penalty points. General
23 provisions for penalty enforcement are set forth in ((SMC)) Sections 6.310.600, 6.310.605,
24 6.310.610, and 6.310.635. Monetary penalties and penalty points for each violation
25 classification are specifically set forth in ((SMC)) Section 6.310.605.

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B. Violation classifications are as follows:

1. Class A - violations of administrative or non-safety requirements.
2. Class B - violations of safety requirements.
3. Class C - other serious violations.
4. Suspensions, revocations, and denials of licenses or TNC vehicle

endorsements are imposed when taxicab associations, transportation network companies, taxicab licensees, or for-hire drivers fail to comply with licensing or endorsement requirements pursuant to this chapter, or there is an immediate safety concern with the taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle.

Section 5. Section 6.310.130 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 119872, is amended as follows:

6.310.130 Licenses required((=))

A. It is unlawful to own, lease, drive or otherwise operate within The City of Seattle any taxicab or for-hire vehicle within the scope of this chapter, unless:

1. The for-hire driver has a valid license issued under this chapter;
2. The for-hire vehicle or taxicab has a valid license issued under this chapter.
3. If the vehicle is a taxicab, the taxicab is affiliated with a taxicab association

licensed under this chapter;

4. The for-hire driver that operates a taxicab is affiliated with a taxicab association licensed under this chapter.

B. It is unlawful to operate within The City of Seattle as a transportation network company (TNC) driver, unless:

1 1. The driver has a valid for-hire driver's license issued under this chapter;

2 2. The vehicle is either:

3 a. A personal vehicle with a TNC vehicle endorsement, or

4 b. A for-hire vehicle or taxicab licensed under this chapter; and

5 3. The driver is affiliated with a TNC licensed under this chapter.

6 ~~((B))~~C. It is unlawful to operate a taxicab association within ~~((t))~~The City of Seattle
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8 without a valid license issued pursuant to this chapter.

9 D. It is unlawful to operate as a transportation network company within The City of
10 Seattle without a valid license issued under this chapter.

11 E. It is unlawful to operate an application dispatch system within The City of Seattle
12 unless:

13 1. The person or entity is a licensed transportation network company; or

14 2. The person or entity uses the application dispatch system exclusively for
15 taxicabs and/or for-hire vehicles licensed under this chapter, consistent with Section 6.310.530.

16 ~~((C))~~F. The regulatory licenses and vehicle endorsements issued to for-hire drivers,
17 for-hire vehicles, transportation network company drivers, taxicabs, ~~((and))~~ taxicab
18 associations, and transportation network companies under this chapter shall be suspended by
19 the Director if the for-hire driver, for-hire vehicle, taxicab, ~~((or))~~ taxicab association, or
20 transportation network company does not maintain a required current business license issued
21 by The City of Seattle.

22 Section 6. A new Section 6.310.135 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

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25 **6.310.135 Transition to medallion system**

1 A. Upon the effective date of this ordinance, City taxicab and for-hire vehicle
2 licenses shall transition to a medallion system and all references to taxicab licenses and for-hire
3 vehicle licenses in this Chapter shall refer to taxicab medallions and for-hire vehicle medallions,
4 respectively. The medallion system deems a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license to be intangible
5 property. The owner of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle medallion can use the medallion as collateral
6 to secure a loan from a bank or any other financial institution. Medallion owners shall file with
7 the Director the name of any and all lienholders, on forms furnished by the Director.
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9 B. Existing taxicab or for-hire vehicle license holders on the effective date of this
10 ordinance shall receive one medallion for each taxicab or for-hire vehicle license upon payment
11 of a one-time administrative fee of \$100.00. Failure to pay this administrative fee shall result in
12 the denial of the renewal of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license.
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14 C. All new taxicab or for-hire vehicle licenses issued after the effective date of this
15 ordinance shall be issued pursuant to a medallion system by lottery pursuant to subsection
16 6.310.500.D.2.

17 D. Taxicab and for-hire vehicle medallions remain subject to all regulations in this
18 Chapter. The interest of a medallion owner may be suspended or revoked for any reason
19 enumerated in this Chapter for the suspension or revocation of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle
20 license. Upon the final order of revocation, a medallion shall be involuntarily transferred
21 pursuant to subsection 6.310.137.
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23 E. Upon the effective date of this ordinance, medallion holders waive any and all
24 liability, claims, actions, suits, loss, costs, expense judgments, attorneys' fees, or damages of
25 every kind and description resulting directly or indirectly from any act or omission of the City,
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1 its officials, officers, employees, and agents regarding the valuation or devaluation of the
2 medallion.

3 F. The City assumes no liability for any devaluation of the medallion due to
4 regulatory action or market forces.

5 G. Any taxicab or for-hire vehicle medallion may only be voluntarily transferred,
6 sold or assigned in accordance with this section 6.310.135. For purposes of the sale of a taxicab
7 or for-hire vehicle medallion, the following requirements must be satisfied: (i) all outstanding
8 fines and penalties against the medallion holder and for-hire driver's license, if applicable, must
9 be paid or satisfied and all pending administrative matters must be resolved; and (ii) when seller
10 owns two or more taxicab or for-hire taxicab licenses, all outstanding items/proceedings as stated
11 in (i) above shall be paid, satisfied or resolved.
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13 H. Medallion owners may lease an interest in the medallion as prescribed by Director's
14 rule. To assure orderly and rapid transition to the medallion system, the Director shall have such
15 rules in place 90 days from the effective date of this ordinance.
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17 Section 7. A new Section 6.310.137 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

18 **6.310.137 Involuntary transfer of taxicab or for-hire vehicle medallions**

19 A. The interest of a medallion owner may be suspended or revoked for any reason
20 enumerated in this Chapter for the suspension or revocation of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle
21 license. Upon a final order of revocation where all appellate proceedings, if any, have been
22 concluded, the Director shall coordinate the sale of the medallion at public auction by a licensed
23 auctioneer to the highest and best bidder, who shall pay the amount bid by a cashier's check
24 within seven business days from the time of sale.
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1 The proceeds from the sale of such medallions, after deducting the expenses of the sale and all
2 costs incurred by the City including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, shall be paid, first, to the
3 lienholder or lienholders in the order of date of filing and the balance, if any, shall be paid to the
4 person whose interest in the medallion has been revoked, or to the City when the person cannot
5 be located.

6 B. Any person holding a bona fide lien or security interest in a taxicab or for-hire vehicle
7 medallion shall have the right to enforcement of a lien against that medallion within thirty days
8 after any final order of revocation where all appellate proceedings, if any, have been concluded
9 and upon actual notice to any lienholder whose name is on file with the Director.

10 C. In order to perfect a lien or security interest in a taxicab or for-hire vehicle medallion,
11 the party which holds the pledge, lien or security interest, within thirty days of the date of
12 creation of the pledge, lien or security interest, shall record the same with the Director and the
13 Washington State Department of Licensing and must describe the collateral as "City of Seattle
14 taxicab medallion" or "City of Seattle for-hire vehicle medallion" and include the medallion
15 certificate number.

16 D. Any foreclosure of a perfected lien in a taxicab or for-hire vehicle medallion shall be
17 in the King County Superior Court and the City Finance and Administrative Services
18 Department (FAS) shall be joined as an indispensable party. All holders of liens or security
19 interests senior to the pledge, lien or security interest being foreclosed shall be joined and
20 deemed necessary parties to the foreclosure.

21 E. Upon a judgment of foreclosure, the Director shall coordinate the sale of the
22 medallion at public auction by a licensed auctioneer to the highest and best bidder, who shall pay
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1 the amount bid by a cashier's check within seven business days from the time of sale. The
2 proceeds from the sale of such medallions, after deducting the expenses of the sale and all costs
3 incurred by the City including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, shall be paid, first, to the
4 lienholder or lienholders in the order of date of filing and the balance, if any, shall be paid as
5 directed in the judgment of foreclosure.

6 F. The institution of foreclosure procedures or the judicial transfer of a medallion shall
7 not prevent the Director from suspending or imposing a civil penalty or taking other
8 administrative action against the medallion owner at the time of the alleged violation.

9 G. Distribution from estate to a beneficiary

10 1. When a taxicab or for-hire vehicle medallion or stock in a corporation owning
11 such a medallion is distributed from an estate to a beneficiary by a court of law, the transferee
12 shall submit to the Director the court order directing the City to transfer the medallion to the
13 beneficiary. The court order shall condition the transfer upon the transferee complying with this
14 Chapter.

15 2. An executor or administrator may continue the operation of a taxicab or for-
16 hire vehicle only with prior written approval of the Director. The executor or administrator shall
17 apply for such approval within 120 days of his or her appointment. In the event of any delay not
18 caused by the executor or the administrator, the Director may grant additional time to apply for
19 approval for good cause shown.

20 Section 8. Section 6.310.150 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
21 123472, is amended as follows:

22 **6.310.150 Fees((:))**



The following nonrefundable fees shall apply:

A. ~~((Taxicab association:))~~ Upon the effective date of this ordinance, taxicab association, taxicab and for hire vehicle license and for-hire driver fees (excluding Transportation Network Company for-hire drivers) for the 2014-2015 vehicle licensing year shall be:

1. Taxicab Association

a. Annual fee \$1,000

b. Late renewal fee \$100

~~((Fingerprinting of owners and officers Charge as determined by Director to cover costs.))~~

~~((B.))~~ 2. Taxicab or for-hire vehicle fees ((license:))

a. Annual license fee ~~((600))~~ \$500

b. Wheelchair accessible taxicab annual license fee Waived

c. Late fee (license renewal) \$60

~~((Change of vehicle \$100))~~

d. Change of vehicle licensee:

i. July—December ~~((600))~~ \$500

ii. January—June (half year) ~~((300))~~ \$250

iii. May 16—June 30*

e. Replace taxicab plate \$25

f. Special inspection fee** \$100/hour (1/2 hour minimum)

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g. Inspection rescheduling fee (non-City licensed vehicles only) . . .

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h. Taxicab change of association affiliation . . . \$100

~~((Vehicle re-inspection fee (for Class A violations) . . . \$50~~

~~Suspension reinstatement fee (when no penalty is assessed)~~

~~or reinspection fee (for Class B violations) . . . \$100))~~

i. Change of licensee corporation, limited liability company, or

partnership members . . . \$100

~~((Security camera system inspection (when not part of annual~~

~~inspection) . . . \$50))~~

j. Taximeter test (when not part of annual inspection) . . . \$50

* No change of taxicab licensee or for-hire vehicle licensee fee is due if the transfer occurs between May 16—June 30. During this period, the change of taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee and the annual license renewal are accomplished together and only one ~~((+))~~ fee will be assessed.

** For testing of taxicab meter or taxicab inspections provided to other municipalities.

~~((C.))~~ 3. For-hire driver license fees:

a. Annual fee . . . \$50

~~((Add/change affiliation*** . . . \$20))~~

Late fee . . . \$15

~~((ID photo . . . \$5))~~

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1 ((Fingerprinting....Charge as determined by Director to cover costs))

2 b. Replacement license \$5

3 ((Training class fee As determined by
4 Director))

5 c. Other training and licensing fees (fingerprinting, ID photo,
6 background check) Charge as determined by Director to cover costs.

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8 (**For-hire drivers may only be affiliated with a maximum of three taxicab
9 associations at any given time. This fee is only charged when the driver is affiliated with three
10 associations and now wants to delete one association and add another.)

11 B. Transportation Network Company (TNC) License, Vehicle Endorsement and for
12 For-Hire Driver's License Fees

13 Upon the effective date of this ordinance, TNCs shall pay \$0.10 per ride for all trips
14 originating in Seattle to cover the estimated enforcement and regulatory costs of TNC
15 licensing, vehicle endorsements and driver licensing. After six months or any time thereafter,
16 the Director may adjust this per ride fee based on the number of new TNC licenses, for-hire
17 driver's licenses and vehicle endorsements issued, and total TNC trips originating in Seattle
18 provided in the previous quarter, as reported pursuant to Section 6.310.540. The purpose of any
19 adjustment is to ensure that the per ride fee covers the estimated enforcement and regulatory
20 costs of TNC licensing, vehicle endorsements and driver licensing. Total TNC industry fees
21 shall not exceed \$525,000 in year one. Unless the Director finds that a TNC has not paid its
22 proportional fees covering the cost of enforcement and regulatory costs for the prior year, at
23 the time of renewing the TNC license, the fees for the current TNC license, vehicle
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1 endorsements, and for-hire driver licenses shall be renewed upon approval of completed
2 renewal applications and upon the condition that the TNC continues to submit quarterly per
3 ride fees.

4 C. The Director may adjust any of the fees in subsection A after the ordinance's
5 effective date, and any of the fees in subsection B six months after the ordinance's effective
6 date, following consideration of the following nonexclusive factors: the projected costs and
7 annual budget allotted for enforcement and regulatory costs across the for-hire transportation
8 industry, the need for increased street inspection in order to reduce illegal activity, the total
9 number of trips originating in Seattle across the for-hire transportation industry, and the
10 administrative burden of issuing additional taxicab licenses, TNC licenses, for-hire driver's
11 licenses and TNC vehicle endorsements. The purpose of any adjustment is to ensure that the
12 fees cover the Director's enforcement and regulatory costs.

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15 Section 9. A new Section 6.310.175 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

16 **6.310.175 Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund**

17 A. In addition to the fees specified in subsection 6.310.150, as part of the license
18 issuance or renewal fee, taxicab, for-hire vehicle licensees, and transportation network
19 companies shall pay a \$0.10 per ride surcharge for all rides originating in the City of Seattle for
20 each vehicle not meeting the criteria of a 'wheelchair accessible taxicab' as defined by
21 subsection 6.310.110. As part of the City's taxi, for-hire, and transportation network company
22 regulation, this surcharge shall be used to offset the higher operational costs of wheelchair
23 accessible taxi ("WAT") services for owners and operators including, but not limited to:
24 vehicle costs associated with purchasing and retrofitting an accessible vehicle, extra fuel and
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1 maintenance costs, and time involved in providing wheelchair accessible trips. Funds shall be
2 distributed by reimbursement for documented, itemized costs. The Director shall adopt by rule
3 the procedure for determining when and how to distribute funds to WAT owners and drivers,
4 including imposing conditions of reimbursement, imposing a maximum amount of
5 reimbursement, and considering timely distribution of reimbursement to WAT drivers and
6 owners. In determining the distribution of funds, the Director shall consider factors including,
7 but not limited to actual consumer demand for WAT services, total number of WAT rides, total
8 number of WAT rides requested through a TNC application, total paid trips per WAT, and
9 average operating hours per WAT.
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11 B. Following the first year of collecting the \$0.10 per ride surcharge, the surcharge
12 rate may be adjusted by the Director based on, but not limited to consideration of the following
13 factors: reimbursed costs for purchasing and retrofitting accessible vehicles, the actual need for
14 purchasing and retrofitting accessible vehicles in the upcoming year, total number of WAT
15 rides, and may consider any other factors that may affect the supply, demand, and financial
16 viability for WAT service within the City limits.
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18 C. Within two years of the effective date of this ordinance, the Director, with input
19 from the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities, will promulgate rules to determine
20 the need for additional wheelchair accessible taxicabs or for-hire vehicles and how to fund
21 potential new retrofits from the wheelchair accessible services fund.
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23 Section 10. Section 6.310.200, which was last amended by Ordinance 118341, is
24 amended as follows:

25 **6.310.200 Taxicab association ((-)) ((L))license application((-))**
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1 A. Any business or individual desiring to operate as a taxicab association within The
2 City of Seattle shall file with the Director a signed and notarized taxicab association
3 application, on forms approved by the Director. The application shall include the following
4 information:

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6 ~~((4. A brief description of the uniform the applicant taxicab association~~
7 ~~proposes to require for drivers of affiliated taxicabs, which shall include full length pants~~
8 ~~(hemmed slack material), collared shirt, and shoes. The uniform may include the option to~~
9 ~~wear shorts in the summer, provided that the shorts extend no higher than two inches (2")~~
10 ~~above the kneecap and are of a similar color and pattern to the uniform full length pants.~~

11 Further, the uniform may be modified in individual cases as necessary to (1) avoid interfering
12 with the for hire driver's religious beliefs, and/or (2) accommodate the for hire driver's
13 disability or disabilities;-)).

14 ~~((5))~~4. The name, address, phone number and date of birth of the taxicab
15 association representative;

16 ~~((6))~~5. The taxicab number (assigned by the City/County) and the name of each
17 taxicab vehicle owner that will be affiliated with the taxicab association;

18 ~~((7))~~6. The special and/or contract rates that will be charged by taxicabs
19 affiliated with the taxicab association; and

20 ~~((8))~~7. Any other information required by regulations adopted pursuant to this
21 chapter.



1 ((9))8. The above application and information must be completed for each
2 annual license renewal.

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4 Section 11. Section 6.310.205 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
5 119872, is repealed:

6 ~~((6.310.205 Taxicab association owners, partners, and principals—Investigation.~~

7 ~~All taxicab association owners, partners, and principals must consent to be fingerprinted
8 for a criminal background check.))~~

9 Section 12. Section 6.310.230 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
10 121738, is amended as follows:

11 **6.310.230 Taxicab association((—)) ((Θ))operating responsibilities((=))**

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15 In addition to meeting the license application requirements set forth in Section 6.310.200,
16 the taxicab association must:

17 A. Maintain a business office that:

18 1. Is open and personally staffed all business days between ~~((nine a.m. (9:00 a.m.)~~
19 ~~and five p.m. (5:00 p.m.))~~ 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Class A),

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21 2. Has a local Seattle business telephone number ~~((that is listed in the white and~~
22 ~~yellow pages of the telephone book))~~ and must be answered during all hours that affiliated
23 taxicabs are operating (Class A),

24 3. Has a mailing address where the taxicab association representative will accept
25 mail (Class A),

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2 4. Stores all records that this chapter requires the taxicab association to maintain
3 including, but not limited to, copies of taxicab licenses and for-hire drivers licenses, lists of all
4 affiliated taxicabs and affiliated drivers, taxicab vehicle repair and service records, passenger
5 comment cards, new driver training records, vehicle insurance policies, vehicle registrations,
6 ~~((vehicle for hire certificate, passenger complaint log))~~ taxicab sign out log or equivalent, and
7 radio/computer/application dispatch records (Class A — each requirement),
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9 5. Provides secure storage for all items left in the taxicab by patrons and turned in
10 by drivers of affiliated taxicabs (Class A), and

11 6. Provides radio or computer dispatch during all hours that affiliated taxicabs are
12 operating, and every request for service must be satisfied as long as there are any operating
13 taxicabs not in use; except that associations and for-hire drivers that refuse service pursuant to
14 SMC 6.310.465 L shall not be subject to any penalties by the Director, or, in the case of for-hire
15 drivers, by the association (Class B — both requirements);

16 B. Ensure that each affiliated taxicab is insured as required in SMC Sections
17 6.310.300 D5-6 and 6.310.320 D (Class B);

18 C. Ensure that each affiliated taxicab maintains the taxicab association's color scheme
19 and identification (Class B);

20 D. Maintain on file at the taxicab association's place of business proof of insurance
21 required by SMC Sections 6.310.300 C5-6 and 6.310.320 D (Class A);

22 E. Accept on behalf of any taxicab licensee or driver of an affiliated taxicab all
23 correspondence from the Director to that taxicab licensee or driver (Class A);
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1 F. Send, by first class mail, to the taxicab licensee and for-hire driver of an affiliated
2 taxicab any correspondence from the Director within five (~~((5))~~) business days after the taxicab
3 association receives such correspondence and keeps a written record of the mailings (Class A);

4 G. Collect, store, and quarterly provide reporting documents to the Director as outlined in
5 Section 6.310.540.

6 (~~G. Weekly, collect, verify accuracy and completeness, and store for at least two (2)~~
7 ~~years trip sheet records for all affiliated taxicabs, daily taxicab sign-out logs,~~
8 ~~and association dispatch records as prescribed by the Director (Class A);~~

9 H. Collect and provide service information, vehicle collision reports, service
10 response time reports, reports of crimes against for-hire drivers, and passenger
11 complaints, pursuant to rules adopted by the Director as follows:

12 1. ~~Service Information Reports. Submit quarterly, on forms approved by the~~
13 ~~Director, the monthly total of paid trips, paid miles, and operating hours for~~
14 ~~each affiliated taxicab (Class A);~~

15 2. ~~Vehicle Collision Reports. Submit monthly, on forms approved by the Director,~~
16 ~~a list of vehicle collisions required to be reported to the Washington State~~
17 ~~Patrol pursuant to RCW 46.52.030(1) and WAC 446.85-010 including the name~~
18 ~~and number of the affiliated taxicab and for-hire driver, collision fault, injuries,~~
19 ~~and estimated damage (Class A);~~

20 3. ~~Service Response Time Reports. Submit quarterly, on forms approved by the~~
21 ~~Director, average response times for service requests in the operating areas~~
22 ~~served by affiliated taxicabs (Class A);~~

1 4. ~~Crimes Against Drivers Reports. Submit quarterly, on forms approved by the~~
2 ~~Director, a list of all crimes of assault or robbery against affiliated for hire~~
3 ~~drivers that were reported to the Seattle Police Department, including the~~
4 ~~name and number of the affiliated taxicab and for hire driver, incident~~
5 ~~number, description of the crime, and injuries (Class A), and~~

6 5. ~~Passenger Complaints. Submit quarterly, on forms approved by the Director, a~~
7 ~~report which contains information on complaints received directly from~~
8 ~~passengers and from the passenger complaint hotline as compiled from the~~
9 ~~log required pursuant to subsection I of this section regarding:~~

10 a. ~~Driver conduct sorted by driving behavior, communication, personal dress~~
11 ~~or hygiene,~~

12 b. ~~Vehicle condition sorted by appearance, mechanical and/or safety,~~

13 c. ~~Service response, and~~

14 d. ~~Lack of driver knowledge of route or requested destination (Class A).~~

15 I. ~~Maintain a log of, and forward to the Director upon request, each oral or written~~
16 ~~passenger complaint that the taxicab association receives about the taxicab~~
17 ~~association, a taxicab licensee, or lessee or driver of an affiliated taxicab. The~~
18 ~~taxicab association must include a notice of the action taken by the taxicab~~
19 ~~association to resolve the complaint and the disposition (Class A);)~~

20 H ~~((J))~~. Notify the Director within two ~~((2))~~ working days of the taxicab association
21 having knowledge of the following:

22 1. A conviction, bail forfeiture or other adverse finding received by the driver or



1 the taxicab licensee of an affiliated taxicab for any criminal offense or traffic violation that
2 occurs during or arises out of the driver's operation of the taxicab (Class A for traffic violation,
3 Class B for any criminal offense),

4 2. A conviction, bail forfeiture or other adverse finding received by the driver or
5 the taxicab licensee of an affiliated taxicab for any other criminal offense directly bearing on the
6 driver's fitness to operate a taxicab or the taxicab licensee's fitness to be licensed, including but
7 not limited to theft, fraud, robbery, burglary, assault, sex crimes, alcohol, drugs, or prostitution
8 (Class B),
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10 3. A vehicle accident required to be reported to the State of Washington
11 involving any affiliated taxicab (Class B),
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13 ~~((K.))~~ I. Notify the Director within five ~~((5))~~ working days of any change in the
14 affiliation status of any taxicab, including any new taxicab joining the association, any taxicab
15 leaving the association, and any suspension, termination, nonrenewal or revocation of a taxicab
16 by the taxicab association or by any jurisdiction other than The City of Seattle (Class A);
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18 ~~((L.))~~ J. Continue to affiliate with at least ~~((fifteen (15)))~~ 15 taxicabs licensed under this
19 chapter. If the number of taxicabs falls below ~~((fifteen (15)))~~ 15, the taxicab association must
20 increase the number to ~~((fifteen (15)))~~ 15 within six ~~((6))~~ months from the date the number falls
21 below ~~((fifteen (15)))~~ 15, or combine with an already existing association, or lose its license
22 under this chapter (revocation or nonrenewal);
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24 ~~((M.))~~ K. Comply with all regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter (see
25 applicable rules for penalties or actions);
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1 ~~((N-))~~ L. Permit the Director to carry out inspections without notice of all taxicab records
2 required to be kept under this chapter, and all affiliated taxicabs (Class B);

3 ~~((O-))~~ M. Pay all penalties imposed by the Department that are either not contested or are
4 upheld after review (revocation of license);

5 ~~((P-))~~ N. Provide a supervisor at a taxicab zone whenever such zone is used by affiliated
6 taxicabs if the Director determines that it is necessary due to: (1) complaints received from
7 passengers and adjacent property owners, or (2) improper use of nearby passenger load zones,
8 truck load zones, and charter bus zones. If the taxicab association fails to provide a supervisor as
9 required by the Director, the Director may suspend all affiliated taxicabs from using the taxicab
10 zone (first offense — Class B violation and fourteen-day suspension from taxicab zone; second
11 and subsequent offenses — Class B violation and sixty-day suspension from taxicab zone); and
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13 ~~((Q-))~~ O. Determine whether an affiliated driver, who has been the victim of a crime of
14 assault or robbery, has reported the crime to 911. If not, the taxicab association shall call 911 and
15 report the crime immediately (Class B).
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17 P. Prior to providing taxicab services and annually thereafter, require every affiliated
18 vehicle to undergo a uniform vehicle safety inspection, approved by the Director, that utilizes
19 approved mechanics who shall certify in writing that the vehicle is mechanically sound and fit
20 for driving. The approved mechanic is responsible for checking that the plates, decals,
21 customer notices, and other markings, as required and supplied, if applicable, by the City are
22 legible and properly displayed as specified by the Director by rule. Taxicab associations shall
23 maintain vehicle inspection records. (revocation and Class C).
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Section 13. A new Section 6.310.260 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:

6.310.260 Transportation network company license eligibility and application

A. Any business or individual desiring to operate as a transportation network company within The City of Seattle shall file with the Director a signed, under penalty of perjury, transportation network company license application on forms provided by the Director.

1. To be eligible for a license, the transportation network company is limited to providing application dispatch services to transportation network company drivers meeting the requirements set forth in Section 6.310.452; further, no TNC licensed by the City of Seattle shall own or be owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by any other TNC licensed by the City of Seattle, or be owned or controlled in whole or in part by any party or entity owning or controlling, in whole or in part, another TNC licensed by the City of Seattle; provided that no ownership restrictions shall apply to any publicly-traded company.

2. The license application shall include the following information:

a. The applicant transportation network company's name, business street address and post office box address (if any), business facsimile number, business phone number and business email address where the transportation network company representative can generally be reached between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on all nonholiday weekdays;

b. The form of business entity under which the TNC will operate (e.g. corporation, partnership, cooperative association);

i. If the applicant transportation network company is individually owned, the name, business address (or home address if no business address), telephone number and date of birth of the owner, or

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1 ii. If the applicant transportation network company is a
2 corporation, partnership or other business entity, the names, business addresses, telephone
3 numbers, and date of birth of the person or persons vested with authority to manage or direct
4 the affairs of the legal entity in Seattle or to bind the legal entity in dealings with third parties,
5 and the entity's true legal name, state of incorporation or registration with the Secretary of
6 State of the State of Washington (if any) and State of Washington business license number, and
7 any other information that the Director may reasonably require;
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9 c. Verification that applicant uses only one application dispatch system,
10 as approved by the Director;

11 d. The trade dress the applicant transportation network company
12 proposes to use, if any, for each affiliated driver's vehicle, with a photo of the trade dress
13 submitted with the application. The trade dress may be placed on the vehicle body, but not on
14 the roof or covering any windows, vehicle lights, or obscuring the view of any mirrors, and
15 cannot exceed four square feet;
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17 e. The name, address, phone number and date of birth of the
18 transportation network company representative;

19 f. During the provisional period described in subsection 6.310.335, file
20 evidence with the City that each vehicle affiliated with a transportation network company has
21 liability insurance in an amount no less than required by RCW 46.72.050 at any time while
22 active on a TNC dispatch system and underinsured motorist coverage indicating a minimum
23 coverage of \$100,000 per person, and \$300,000 per accident, at any time while active on the
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1 TNC dispatch system. The insurance policy, and any related driver contracts if applicable,
2 must be submitted to the Director. The insurance policy shall:

3 i. At a minimum be issued by either: a) an admitted carrier in the
4 State of Washington with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than B VII or b) a surplus line
5 insurers with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than B+ VII;

6 ii. Name The City of Seattle as an additional insured, and

7 iii. Provide that the insurer will notify the Director, in writing, of
8 any cancellation and/or non-renewal at least 30 days before that cancellation and/or non-
9 renewal takes effect.
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11 g. By the first business day immediately following the conclusion of the
12 provisional period, the registered owners of vehicles with a transportation network company
13 endorsement, or the transportation network company on behalf of the registered owner must
14 have on file with the City evidence that each vehicle has an insurance policy or binder proving
15 compliance with State insurance requirements effective at that time. The insurance policy, and
16 any related driver contracts if applicable, must be submitted to the Director. If there is no
17 change to State insurance requirements by the conclusion of the provisional period, the TNC
18 shall provide evidence that each vehicle affiliated with a transportation network company has
19 insurance in an amount no less than required by RCW 46.72.050 and underinsured motorist
20 coverage indicating a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per person, and \$300,000 per accident,
21 at any time while active on the TNC dispatch system. The insurance policy shall:

22 i. Be issued by an admitted carrier in the State of Washington
23 with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than B+ VII or show evidence that an exemption has been
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1 met allowing for the use of a surplus line insurer; provided however, that the Director may
2 temporarily suspend any or all of these requirements if no other viable insurance options are
3 available to the industry

4 ii. Name The City of Seattle as an additional insured,

5 iii. Provide that the insurer will notify the Director, in writing, of
6 any cancellation and/or non-renewal at least 30 days before that cancellation and/or non-
7 renewal takes effect, and
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9 iv. Not include aggregate limits, or named driver requirements or
10 exclusions. Other limitations or restrictions beyond standard insurance services office (ISO)
11 business auto policy form are subject to approval by the Director.

12 i. State of Washington vehicle registration for each vehicle affiliated with
13 the transportation network company.

14 j. Certificate of a uniform vehicle safety inspection for each vehicle
15 affiliated with the transportation network company as required in Section 6.310.270(X).
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18 k. Any other information required by regulations adopted pursuant to
19 this chapter.

20 l. The above application and information must be completed for each
21 annual license renewal.
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23 B. The TNC license fee shall be paid as set forth in Section 6.310.150.
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1 C. The transportation network company applicant or licensee must inform the Director
2 in writing within seven days if any of the information provided pursuant to Section
3 6.310.260.A changes, ceases to be true or is superseded in any way by new information.

4 D. A transportation network company license is valid for no more than one year. No
5 transportation network company license may be renewed unless all outstanding penalties
6 assessed against the transportation network company and its affiliated drivers have been paid
7 to the Director. The TNC license renewal fee shall be paid as set forth in Section 6.310.150.
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9 Section 14. A new Section 6.310.265 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:

10 **6.310.265 Transportation network company (TNC) standards for license application or**
11 **renewal denial**

12 A. The operation of a TNC is a privilege, not a right. The TNC's ability to satisfy
13 stated criteria for a TNC license does not create a right to a TNC license.
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15 B. The Director shall deny any TNC license application if the Director determines that:

- 16 1. The applicant fails to submit proof of insurance and driver contracts as
17 required by Section 6.310.260.
- 18 2. The applicant provides application dispatch services to anyone other than
19 TNC drivers meeting the requirements set forth in Section 6.310.452;
- 20 3. The applicant uses more than one application dispatch system;
- 21 4. The applicant leases, permits, or otherwise allows others to use its application
22 dispatch system;
- 23 5. The applicant affiliates with and provides application dispatch services to
24 drivers without a for-hire vehicle driver's license;
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1 6. The applicant affiliates with and provides application dispatch services to
2 drivers operating vehicles without a for-hire vehicle or taxicab license, or a vehicle without a
3 TNC vehicle endorsement.

4 7. The application has a material misstatement or omission;

5 8. The application is incomplete; and/or

6 9. Within three years of the date of application, the applicant, or any person
7 employed by the applicant to manage Seattle operations, has had a bail forfeiture, conviction or
8 other final adverse finding for crimes of fraud, theft, larceny, extortion, embezzlement,
9 racketeering, Uniform Controlled Substances Act, prostitution, alcohol and/or narcotics where
10 the commission of such crime(s) involved a TNC, vehicle affiliated with a TNC, or TNC
11 driver.
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13 C. The Director may deny any TNC license application if the Director determines that,
14 within five years of the date of application, the TNC applicant, or if the TNC applicant is a
15 business entity, any person employed by the TNC to manage Seattle operations:
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17 1. Within five years of the date of application, has had a bail forfeiture,
18 conviction involving crimes directly related to the applicant's ability to operate a TNC,
19 including but not limited to prostitution, gambling, fraud, larceny, extortion, income tax
20 evasion; and/or
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22 2. Has exhibited past conduct, as evidenced by a criminal conviction, bail
23 forfeiture in operating a TNC, business or vehicle that would lead the Director to reasonably
24 conclude that the applicant will not fulfill the TNC responsibilities and requirements set forth
25 in this chapter.
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1 3. Has failed to meet one or more operating responsibilities as detailed in
2 Section 6.310.270.

3 Section 15. A new Section 6.310.270 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:

4 **6.310.270 Transportation network company (TNC) operating responsibilities**

5 In addition to meeting the license application requirements set forth in Section
6 6.310.260, the TNC must:

7 A. Maintain a business office that:

8 1. Is open and personally staffed all business days between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.,
9 accessible by email and toll-free telephone lines (Class A);

10 2. Has a toll-free business telephone number and toll-free passenger complaint
11 hotline that is answered during all hours that TNC drivers are operating. (Class A);

12 3. Has a mailing address and email address where the TNC representative will
13 accept mail. (Class A);

14 4. Stores all records that this chapter requires the TNC to maintain including,
15 but not limited to, copies of for-hire drivers licenses and TNC vehicle endorsements (if
16 applicable) of TNC drivers, lists of all TNC drivers and their affiliated vehicles, vehicle repair
17 and service records, passenger comment records, new driver training records, vehicle insurance
18 policies, and vehicle registrations, . Records may be maintained electronically. (Class A —
19 each requirement);

20 5. Provides a system for passengers to retrieve lost articles. (Class A);

21 B. Requires that each TNC driver's vehicle is insured as required in Sections 6.310.260
22 and 6.310.452. (revocation and Class C);



1 C. Requires that each affiliated vehicle maintains the TNC's dress trade, if any, at all
2 times while active on the TNC dispatch system. (Class B);

3 D. Requires that TNC licensed drivers driving a TNC endorsed vehicle do not pick up
4 hails, cruise or otherwise solicit trips. (revocation and Class C);

5 E. Requires that TNC drivers driving a TNC endorsed vehicle do not take trips not
6 dispatched by the TNC. (revocation and Class C);

7 F. Requires that passengers be able to view a picture of the driver and vehicle license
8 plate number on their smart phone, tablet or other mobile device used to connect with the TNC
9 dispatch application before the trip is initiated. (Class B);

10 G. May maintain a rating platform for TNC drivers and passengers to rate each other
11 following a trip. TNCs shall ensure that such ratings are not based on unlawful discrimination,
12 and that drivers do not discriminate against passengers or potential passengers on the basis of
13 geographic endpoints of the ride, race, color, national origin, religious belief or affiliation, sex,
14 disability, age, or sexual orientation/identity. (Class B);

15 H. Maintain insurance as required by Section 6.310.260, (Class C and summary
16 suspension) and maintain on file at the TNC's place of business proof of insurance required by
17 Sections 6.310.260 and 6.310.452. (Class A);

18 I. Send, by first class mail and email, to a TNC driver any correspondence from the
19 Director within five business days after the TNC receives such correspondence and keeps a
20 written record of the mailings (Class A);

21 J. Collect, store, and quarterly provide reporting documents to the Director as outlined
22 in Section 6.310.540.
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1 K. Notify the Director within two working days of the TNC having knowledge of the
2 following:

3 1. A conviction, bail forfeiture or other adverse finding received by a TNC
4 driver for any criminal offense or traffic violation that occurs during or arises out of the
5 driver's operation of the vehicle while active on any TNC dispatch (Class A for traffic
6 violation, Class B for any criminal offense),
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8 2. A conviction, bail forfeiture or other adverse finding received by a TNC
9 driver for any other criminal offense directly bearing on the driver's fitness to operate a vehicle
10 or the affiliated driver's fitness to be licensed, including but not limited to theft, fraud, robbery,
11 burglary, assault, sex crimes, alcohol, drugs, or prostitution (Class B),
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13 3. A vehicle accident required to be reported to the State of Washington involving
14 any TNC driver (Class B),

15 4. Any restriction, suspension or revocation of a State of Washington driver's
16 license issued to a TNC driver (Class B), and/or

17 5. Any matter listed in subsections 6.310.265.B.9 or 6.310.265.C (Class B);
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19 L. Notify the Director within five working days of any revocation of a TNC driver's
20 access to the TNC dispatch application, for-hire license or TNC vehicle endorsement. (Class A);

21 M. Comply with all regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter (see applicable rules
22 for penalties or actions);

23 N. Employ a zero tolerance drug and alcohol policy with respect to TNC drivers as
24 follows:
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1 1. The TNC shall include a notice on its website, dispatch system application,
2 and passenger trip confirmations of its zero-tolerance policy and the methods to report a driver
3 the passenger reasonably suspects was under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the trip;

4 2. The website and application dispatch system must include a phone number,
5 website link, and email to report a zero-tolerance complaint, as well as the phone number and
6 email to report a zero-tolerance complaint to the Department of Finance and Administrative
7 Services, Consumer Protection Unit, (Class B);
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9 O. Allow passengers to indicate whether they require a wheelchair-accessible vehicle
10 and connect passengers to those services via a weblink, application, or phone number.

11 P. Review criminal background checks on every TNC driver and maintain records
12 thereof. Drivers convicted of any traffic and/or criminal offense directly bearing on the driver's
13 fitness including but not limited to theft, fraud, robbery, burglary, assault, sex crimes, alcohol,
14 drugs, or prostitution shall not be permitted to provide TNC services. (Class B)

15 Q. Review driving records of TNC drivers and maintain records thereof. Drivers with
16 convictions within the last 7 years for any alcohol or drug related offense, reckless driving, hit
17 and run, or driving with a suspended or revoked license shall not be permitted to provide TNC
18 services. (Class B)
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20 R. Prior to providing TNC services and annually thereafter, require every affiliated
21 vehicle to undergo a uniform vehicle safety inspection, approved by the Director, that utilizes
22 an approved mechanic who shall certify in writing that the vehicle is mechanically sound and
23 fit for driving. The approved mechanic shall certify in writing that the plates, decals, and
24 customer notices required and supplied by the City are legible and properly displayed as
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1 specified by the Director by rule. Transportation network companies shall maintain vehicle
2 inspection records. (revocation and Class C)

3 S. Pay all penalties imposed by the Department that are either not contested or are upheld
4 after review (revocation of license);

5 T. Determine whether a TNC driver, who has been the victim of a crime of assault or
6 robbery, has reported the crime to 911. If not, the TNC shall call 911 and report the crime
7 immediately (Class B).
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9 U. Maintain a TNC license to operate in The City of Seattle as issued under this chapter
10 (revocation and Class C).

11 V. TNCs shall provide a written insurance disclosure to TNC drivers. The written
12 insurance disclosure must include the following language: “[insert full corporate name and
13 designation of TNC] confirms, in accordance with SMC 6.310.260.A.2., that while driver [insert
14 driver’s full name] is active on its TNC dispatch system as defined by SMC 6.310.110, the
15 driver’s vehicle is insured as required by RCW 46.72.050.” (Class B.)
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17 Section 16. A new Section 6.310.275 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:

18 **6.310.275 Transportation network company (TNC) transfers in the interest of a**
19 **transportation network company**
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21 A TNC license is not transferable. However, an interest in a business entity holding a
22 TNC license may be transferred, but only after the new owner or principal has submitted an
23 application, met the standards and requirements contained in Sections 6.310.260 and 6.310.265
24 and secured written approval of the Director.



1 Section 17. Section 6.310.300 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
2 122763, is amended as follows:

3 **6.310.300 Taxicab and for-hire vehicle license application((-)**

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6 C. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle license application shall include the following information:

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11 5. Insurance policy.

12 a. During the provisional period described in subsection 6.310.335, file with
13 the City evidence that each taxicab or for-hire vehicle for which a license is sought has liability
14 insurance in an amount no less than required by RCW 46.72.050 at any time while active on a
15 TNC, application, radio, computer, taxicab or for-hire dispatch system, and/or when a taxicab or
16 for-hire vehicle is 'operating,' which includes when: 1) there is a passenger in the vehicle; 2) the
17 taxicab is parked in a taxi zone; 3) the taximeter is engaged; 4) the office dispatch records show
18 that the vehicle had been dispatched; 5) the taxicab top light is illuminated; 6) the trip records
19 shows that the vehicle has started a shift and there is no entry for ending a shift; or 7) the for-hire
20 driver has offered transportation services to a passenger. The insurance policy must be submitted
21 to the Director. The insurance policy shall:

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23 i. At a minimum be issued by either: a) an admitted carrier in the State of
24 Washington with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than B VII or b) a surplus line insurer with an
25 A.M. Best Rating of not less than B+ VII;
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1 ii. Name The City of Seattle as an additional insured, and

2 iii. Provide that the insurer will notify the Director, in writing, of any
3 cancellation and/or non-renewal at least 30 days before that cancellation and/or non-renewal
4 takes effect.

5 b. By the first business day immediately following the conclusion of the
6 provisional period, file with the City evidence that each taxicab or for-hire vehicle for which a
7 license is sought has an insurance policy proving compliance with State insurance requirements
8 effective at that time. The insurance policy must be submitted to the Director. If there is no
9 change to State insurance requirements by the conclusion of the provisional period, file with the
10 City the ((I))insurance policy ((or insurance binder)) proving compliance with Chapter 46.72
11 RCW, as now or hereafter amended, for each taxicab or for-hire vehicle for which a license is
12 sought. The insurance policy ((or insurance binder)) shall:

13 i.((a)) Be issued by an admitted carrier in the State of Washington with an
14 A.M. Best Rating of not less than ((A-)) B+ VII or show evidence that an exemption has been
15 met allowing for the use of a surplus line insurer; provided however, that the Director may
16 temporarily suspend any or all of these requirements if no other viable insurance options are
17 available to the industry,

18 ii((b)). Name The City of Seattle as an additional insured,

19 iii((e)). Provide that the insurer will notify the Director, in writing, of any
20 cancellation at least ((thirty (30))) 30 days before that cancellation takes effect, and

21 iv((d)). Not include ((self insured retention, nonstandard deductibles,))
22 aggregate limits, ((territorial restrictions,)) or named driver requirements or exclusions. ((or any
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1 ~~other provisions that limit insurance coverage.))~~ Other limitations or restrictions beyond standard
2 insurance services office (ISO) business auto policy form are subject to approval by the Director.

3 6. Certificate of underinsured motorist coverage indicating a minimum coverage of ~~((One~~
4 ~~Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)))~~ \$100,000 per person, and ~~((Three Hundred Thousand~~
5 ~~Dollars (\$300,000)))~~ \$300,000 per accident.

6 ~~((7. State of Washington For-hire Certificate.))~~

7 ~~((8))~~7. State of Washington vehicle registration.

8 ~~((9))~~8. Certificate of vehicle safety based on a uniform vehicle safety inspection as
9 required in ~~((SMC Section))~~ subsection 6.310.320 E.

10 ~~((10))~~9. Certificate of taxicab association membership (if application is for a taxicab
11 license).

12 ~~((11))~~11. Any other documents required by regulations promulgated under this chapter.

13 ~~((12))~~12. The above application and information must also be completed and supplied
14 during any annual license renewal. The City will not process a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license
15 application if any required information or documentation is missing or incomplete. Completed
16 applications and copies of required documentation shall be provided to the City by the taxicab
17 association, for-hire vehicle company or for-hire vehicle licensee.

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19 Section 18. Section 6.310.305 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by
20 Ordinance 118341, is repealed:

21 ~~((6.310.305 Taxicab and for-hire vehicle owners — Investigation.~~

1 ~~All applicants for a taxicab or for hire vehicle license must consent to be fingerprinted~~
2 ~~for a criminal background check.))~~

3 Section 19. Section 6.310.320 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
4 122802, is amended as follows:

5 **6.310.320 Taxicab and for-hire vehicle(~~(—)~~) (()vehicle operating requirements(~~(:)~~))**

6 No taxicab or for-hire vehicle, unless otherwise specifically provided herein, licensed by
7 the City may lawfully operate within ~~(()~~The ~~(()~~City of Seattle unless the following minimum
8 vehicle requirements are met:
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10 A. All applicable licenses specified in Section 6.310.130 are in force for the taxicab or
11 for-hire vehicle (Misdemeanor or Class C);

12 B. For taxicabs only, and subject to ~~((Section))~~ subsection 6.310.230.C, the vehicle
13 complies with the approved color scheme of the taxicab licensee's taxicab association
14 ~~(suspension and Class B);~~

15 C. The vehicle model year can be no more than ten ~~((seven-7))~~ years prior to the license
16 date (denial of license);

17 D. The vehicle has insurance as required by ~~((SMC Section))~~ subsections 6.310.300.C.5
18 and 6.310.300.C.6, provided, that if an insurance policy is canceled, or a vehicle is deleted from
19 the policy, proof of a new policy including the vehicle must be filed with the Director before the
20 vehicle is canceled or deleted from the previous policy (summary suspension);

21 E. An approved mechanic has issued a valid certificate of safety based on a uniform
22 vehicle safety inspection performed ~~((for the vehicle))~~ within the last license year. The safety
23 certificate remains valid, if the vehicle is sold, until the next renewal date (denial of license);
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1 ~~((F. The taxicab or for hire vehicle has passed a City inspection at least once in the past~~
2 ~~license year, or more often if required by the Director because of previous violations (suspension~~
3 ~~and Class B);))~~

4 ~~((G))~~F. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle meets the vehicle and safety standards set forth in
5 regulations promulgated by the Director (Class A for vehicle standards, summary suspension and
6 Class B for safety standards);

7 ~~((H))~~G. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle displays a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license with
8 a current year decal issued by the Director (suspension and Class B);

9 ~~((I))~~H. All public rates, including discounts or special rates, and all taxicab numbers and
10 letters are displayed in the manner prescribed by rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to this
11 chapter (Class A);

12 ~~((J))~~I. The vehicle contains the following current documentation: ~~((the state for hire~~
13 ~~certificate,))~~ the county and/or city taxicab or for-hire vehicle license, the vehicle registration,
14 and the proof of insurance card (Class A);

15 ~~((K))~~J. The taxicab is equipped to accept credit cards (Class A);

16 ~~((L))~~K. The taxicab is equipped with a properly sealed, working, and accurate receipt-
17 issuing taximeter or receipt-issuing mobile data terminal or receipt-issuing application dispatch
18 system, as prescribed by the Director (suspension and Class B).

19 ~~((M))~~L. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle is equipped with a passenger information decal,
20 the size, material, and placement of which is prescribed by the Director by rule. Such decal shall
21 include the taxicab or for-hire vehicle name and number and the taxi complaint hotline telephone
22 number. A passenger information notice in Braille and raised lettering must be installed as
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1 prescribed by the Director by rule. Passenger survey and complaint cards must be available to
2 passengers in the rear passenger seating area (Class A — each);

3 ~~((N))~~M. The taxicab contains no scanner or other type of receiver that is capable of
4 monitoring another Taxicab Association's assigned frequency, except as otherwise permitted by
5 the Director (suspension and Class B);

6 ~~((O. The taxicab is equipped and operated so that it can be contacted by continuous two-
7 way radio communications using a central dispatch radio base station and a noncell frequency
8 assigned and licensed by the FCC to an association or contracted dispatch service (summary
9 suspension and Class B);))~~

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

14 ~~((Q. The for-hire vehicle must have any color scheme and vehicle number approved with
15 the Director))~~ O. The hood, roof, or trunk of a for-hire vehicle licensed after the effective date of

16 this ordinance shall not have the same color scheme as one used by a taxicab association
17 licensed and filed with the director on the effective date of this ordinance. The for-hire vehicle
18 licensee shall submit two two-inch by two-inch sample color chips of the proposed color scheme
19 to the Director. All proposed color schemes must be approved by the Director and must be
20 distinct from the orange, yellow or green used by taxicabs (summary suspension and Class B);

21 P. The for-hire vehicle must have a vehicle number approved with the Director (summary
22 suspension and Class B);

1 Q. The for-hire vehicle must be clearly marked as “flat rate” on its exterior (summary
2 suspension and Class B);

3 R. Signs, including notices, announcements, pictures, advertisements or other messages,
4 are allowed in or on taxicabs only as prescribed by this Chapter and by rule promulgated by the
5 Director concerning the manner in which such signs may be displayed, including, but not limited
6 to, requirements concerning the number of signs per vehicle, placement on or within vehicles,
7 size limitations, and devices or mechanisms used to display such signs (Class A);

8 ~~((S. The taxicab and for hire vehicle must be equipped with an operable digital security
9 camera system approved by the Director pursuant to specifications provided by rule and adopted
10 by the Director (summary suspension and Class B). All for hire vehicles must be in compliance
11 with this provision by March 1, 2009. Access to images made by any digital security camera is
12 restricted to law enforcement personnel solely for the investigation and prosecution of crimes
13 (Class C). Nothing in this subsection S shall be construed to remove a law enforcement agency's
14 obligation to comply with the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution and article I,
15 section 7 of the Washington Constitution in obtaining access to digital security camera images,
16 including the requirement to obtain a search warrant if needed;))~~

17 ~~((F))~~S. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle must be equipped with a monitored silent alarm
18 system approved by the Director pursuant to specifications provided by rule and adopted by the
19 Director (summary suspension and Class B);

20 ~~((U))~~T. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle must be equipped with a monitored Global
21 Positioning System (GPS) pursuant to specifications contained in a rule promulgated by the
22 Director (summary suspension and Class B);

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1 ((V))U. The taxicab must maintain a continuous connection between the taximeter and
2 the computer dispatch system or between the taximeter and the application dispatch system, if
3 such system is installed (five-day suspension and Class B); ((and))

4 V. A top light may only be used by taxicabs;

5 W. Any other requirements set forth in regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter
6 (safety regulations—Class B; nonsafety regulations—Class A).

7 Section 20. A new Section 6.310.325 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

8 **6.310.325 Vehicles affiliated with a transportation network company (TNC) vehicle**
9 **operating requirements**

10 No vehicle affiliated with a TNC shall operate within The City of Seattle to transport
11 passengers for compensation unless the following minimum vehicle requirements are met:

12 A. The vehicle is a taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensed under this chapter, or the
13 vehicle has a TNC vehicle endorsement.

14 B. Affiliated with a licensed transportation network company;

15 C. Affiliated with a driver with a for-hire driver's license;

16 D. The vehicle has insurance coverage as required by section 6.310.260;

17 E. Passed the uniform vehicle safety inspection as required by subsection
18 6.310.270.X; and

19 F. The vehicle model year can be no more than ten years prior to the license date.

20 Section 21. A new Section 6.310.327 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

21 **6.310.327 Transportation network company (TNC) vehicle endorsement eligibility and**
22 **application**



1 A. Within 120 days of the effective date of this ordinance, any person who wishes to
2 affiliate and operate, or continue to affiliate and operate for a TNC using a personal vehicle shall
3 submit an application for a TNC vehicle endorsement and, if not already a licensed for-hire
4 driver, a for-hire driver's license, to the City.

5 Failure to submit an application for a TNC vehicle endorsement and for-hire driver's
6 license, shall subject a driver operating for a TNC to penalties pursuant to subsection 6.310.600.
7 At the conclusion of 120 days following the effective date of this ordinance, all persons who
8 wish to affiliate and operate for a TNC using a personal vehicle must first obtain a TNC vehicle
9 endorsement and for-hire driver's license.
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11 B. The TNC vehicle endorsement is not valid and effective until and unless the driver
12 obtains a for-hire driver's license under this chapter. The for-hire driver's application process is
13 governed by Section 6.310.400.
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15 C. To apply for the TNC vehicle endorsement, the applicant shall complete, sign, swear
16 to and file with the Director a TNC vehicle endorsement application on forms provided by the
17 Director to include the following information:

- 18 1. Name, aliases, residence and business address, residence and business
19 telephone numbers;
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21 2. Place and date of birth which shall be at least 21 years prior to the date of
22 application, height, weight, color of hair and eyes;
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24 3. Washington State driver's license number. Providing the social security number
25 is optional. The applicant must present his/her Washington State driver's license at time of
26 application;
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1 4. Proof that the applicant is authorized to work in the United States;

2 5. Evidence of vehicle insurance as required by Section 6.310.260; (denial of
3 endorsement)

4 6. Evidence of for-hire driver's license; (denial of endorsement)

5 7. Proof that applicant's vehicle has passed the uniform vehicle safety inspection
6 as required by subsection 6.310.270.X (denial of endorsement); and
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8 8. Proof that applicant's vehicle model year is no more than ten years prior to the
9 license date. (denial of endorsement)

10 9. Such other information as may be reasonably required by regulation
11 promulgated under this chapter.

12 10. The above application and information must also be completed and supplied
13 during any annual license renewal. The City will not process a TNC endorsement application if
14 any required information or documentation is missing or incomplete. Completed applications
15 and copies of required documentation shall be provided to the City by the TNC, taxicab
16 association, for-hire vehicle company or by the for-hire vehicle licensee.
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18 Failure to meet any of these requirements shall result in the denial of the issuance of the
19 TNC vehicle endorsement. All denials or revocations of TNC vehicle endorsement applications
20 must be set forth in writing, together with the reasons for denial or revocation. The written denial
21 shall be delivered either personally or by first class mail to the address provided by the applicant
22 on the license renewal application.
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24 D. The TNC vehicle endorsement consists of a certificate that shall include the following
25 information:
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- 1 1. Vehicle identification number (VIN);
- 2 2. Registered owner's full legal name;
- 3 3. License plate number;
- 4 4. Expiration date; and
- 5 5. Unique certificate number that will correspond with the number on a TNC

6 vehicle endorsement sticker affixed to the for-hire driver's license and with the number on a
7 decal affixed to the affiliated vehicle.

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9 E. The TNC may submit the TNC vehicle endorsement application on behalf of the
10 driver.

11 Section 22. A new Section 6.310.328 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

12 **6.310.328 Transportation network company (TNC) vehicle endorsement standards for**
13 **denial**

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15 A. The Director shall deny any TNC vehicle endorsement application if the Director
16 determines that:

- 17 1. The applicant has failed to submit a complete, satisfactory application pursuant
18 to SMC Section 6.310.327;
- 19 2. The applicant has failed to affiliate with a licensed TNC;
- 20 3. The applicant has made any material misstatement or omission in the
21 application for an endorsement;
- 22 4. The applicant fails to meet one or more of the applicant or vehicle
23 requirements pursuant to Sections 6.310.325 and 6.310.327; and/or
24 5. Within three years of the date of application, the applicant has had a
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1 conviction, bail forfeiture or other final adverse finding of criminal fraud, larceny, theft,
2 prostitution, extortion, racketeering, robbery, or violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances
3 Act where such crime involved the use of the endorsed vehicle.

4 B. The Director may deny any TNC vehicle endorsement application if the Director
5 determines that:

6 1. Within five years of the date of application, the applicant has had a conviction,
7 bail forfeiture, or other final adverse finding involving crimes reasonably related to the
8 applicant's ability to operate a for-hire business, including but not limited to prostitution,
9 gambling, fraud, larceny, extortion, income tax evasion;

11 2. Within two years of the date of application, the applicant has been found,
12 either through a criminal conviction, bail forfeiture or other final adverse finding (including in a
13 civil suit or administrative proceeding) to have exhibited past conduct in driving or operating a
14 for-hire vehicle for-hire business which would lead the Director to reasonably conclude that the
15 applicant will not comply with the provisions of the chapter related to vehicle requirements and
16 the safe operation of the vehicle;

18 3. Within two years of the date of application, the applicant has engaged in the
19 business of operating any taxicab or for-hire vehicle within The City of Seattle without a current
20 valid license from The City of Seattle;

22 4. Within twelve months of the date of application, the applicant has violated
23 King County or Port of Seattle ordinance or regulation pertaining to the operation of taxicabs
24 while in those jurisdictions, if such violation would constitute grounds for license revocation or
25 denial if occurring within the City; and/or
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1 5. Within twelve months of the date of application, the applicant has had its City
2 of Seattle for-hire vehicle license revoked.

3 Section 23. A new Section 6.310.329 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

4 **6.310.329 TNC vehicle endorsement expiration and renewal**

5 A. All TNC vehicle endorsement shall be effective for no more than one year and shall
6 expire the same day as the for-hire driver's license it endorses.

7 B. TNC driver must renew the TNC vehicle endorsement every year. No TNC vehicle
8 endorsement may be renewed unless all outstanding penalties assessed against the for-hire driver
9 of the endorsed vehicle are paid in full to the Director.

10 C. The Director shall grant all timely submitted and completed renewal applications of
11 qualified TNC drivers; provided, however, that the Director shall deny any renewal application if
12 grounds exist for the Director to deny an endorsement pursuant to Section 6.310.327 or Section
13 6.310.328 A. If no such grounds exist, the Director shall examine all Department records on the
14 endorsed vehicle and may deny the renewal if grounds exist that would justify denial under
15 Section 6.310.328 B.

16 Section 24. Section 6.310.330 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
17 124256, is amended as follows:

18 **6.310.330 Taxicab licensee and for-hire vehicle licensee responsibilities((:))**

19 A. The licensee of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle must personally verify that the taxicab or
20 for-hire vehicle is being operated only by a driver who holds a valid for-hire driver's license
21 (suspension (five ((~~5~~)) days) and Class B).

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1 B. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee must maintain an ~~((a business and mailing))~~
2 address where the licensee can accept mail, and a ~~(business)~~ telephone in working order. ~~((that~~
3 ~~must be answered at least nine a.m. (9:00 a.m.) to five p.m. (5:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday,~~
4 ~~and during all hours of operation.))~~The taxicab association office or dispatch center may suffice
5 for this requirement (Class A).

6 C. The taxicab licensee shall comply with all requirements for taxicabs under the taxicab
7 association requirements listed in ~~((SMC))~~ Sections 6.310.200—6.310.330 (same Class violation
8 as applied to association for same violation, except that penalty for licensee will be monetary
9 penalty only).

10 D. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee must notify the Director within three ~~((3))~~
11 working days of learning of the following occurrences:

12 1. Any conviction, bail forfeiture or other final adverse finding received by the
13 taxicab driver or for-hire vehicle driver, for any criminal offense that occurs during, or arises out
14 of, the driver's operation of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle (Class B);

15 2. Any conviction, bail forfeiture or other final adverse finding received by the
16 taxicab or for-hire vehicle driver for any criminal offense involving theft, robbery, burglary,
17 assault, sex crimes, drugs, prostitution, or any related offense (Class B);

18 3. Any vehicle accident required to be reported to the State of Washington
19 involving any taxicab operated by the taxicab driver or for-hire vehicle operated by the for-hire
20 driver (Class B); or

21 4. Any restriction, suspension or revocation of the taxicab or for-hire vehicle
22 driver's motor vehicle driver's license (Class B).

1 E. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee must maintain daily trip (~~sheet~~) records, in
2 accordance with Section 6.310.540 (~~(SMC Section 6.310.460.F, and complaint logs,)~~) as
3 prescribed by the Director by rule for all licensed vehicles. A taxicab licensee must insure that all
4 original daily trip records (~~sheets~~) are given to the taxicab association representative at least
5 weekly. The for-hire vehicle licensee must keep daily trip records in accordance with SMC
6 Section 6.310.540 (~~sheets and complaint logs~~) for a minimum of two (~~(2)~~) years. The for-hire
7 vehicle licensee must provide to the Director, through their association representative, quarterly
8 reporting information in accordance with Section 6.310.540 (~~the following information~~
9 ~~compiled from the daily trip sheets:~~

11 1. ~~Number of service requests (trips) during the last quarter;~~

12 2. ~~Average operating hours per week per vehicle for the last quarter;~~

13 3. ~~Number of complaints received regarding:~~

14 a. ~~Driver conduct categorized by driving behavior, communication,~~
15 ~~personal dress or hygiene,~~

16 b. ~~Vehicle condition categorized by appearance, mechanical and/or safety,~~

17 c. ~~Service response, and~~

18 d. ~~Lack of driver knowledge including incorrect route or no knowledge of~~
19 ~~destination requested~~

20 4. ~~All complaints received regarding either the for-hire driver or the taxicab or~~
21 ~~for-hire vehicle, where such complaint involves an alleged violation of this chapter, including a~~
22 ~~note of the action taken to resolve the complaint and the disposition, if known (all violations~~
23 ~~within subsection E are Class A).))~~



1 F. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle's licensee and driver shall permit the Department
2 to inspect the vehicle without notice, upon request (suspension and Class B).

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5 I. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee shall ensure that all inspection times scheduled
6 by the Director, if applicable, are kept (suspension, ~~((fifty dollar (\$50)))~~ \$50 monetary penalty
7 and two (2) penalty points).

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9 J. Prior to providing for-hire vehicle services and annually thereafter, require every
10 affiliated vehicle to undergo a uniform vehicle safety inspection, approved by the Director, that
11 utilizes approved mechanics who shall certify in writing that the vehicle is mechanically sound
12 and fit for driving. The approved mechanic is responsible for checking that the plates, decals,
13 customer notices, and other markings, as required and supplied, if applicable, by the City are
14 legible and properly displayed as specified by the Director by rule. For-hire vehicle companies
15 or for-hire vehicle licensees shall maintain vehicle inspection records (revocation and Class C).
16 The taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee shall comply with any written notice of violation issued
17 by the Director, including notices suspending or revoking a vehicle license, and notices requiring
18 repair (suspension and Class B).
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21 K. A wheelchair accessible taxicab licensee must personally drive the vehicle a minimum
22 of ~~((thirty))~~ 30 hours per week for at least forty weeks per year ~~((revocation)))~~ for a period of
23 three years following the date of issuance of a new wheelchair taxicab license (wheelchair
24 taxicab license revocation). If a licensee fails to fulfill the minimum use requirement in any one
25 year period within the three year period following the date of issuance, the license shall be

1 subject to revocation. This subsection shall take effect and be in force retroactively as of the
2 effective date of this ordinance.

3 ~~((L. A taxicab or for hire vehicle licensee shall not tamper with, disable, remove, or~~
4 ~~willfully damage the digital security camera equipment required under this chapter (Class C).~~

5 ~~M. A taxicab or for hire vehicle licensee shall not alter, edit, destroy, remove, copy,~~
6 ~~transfer, transmit, erase, delete, overwrite, obscure, damage, encode, lock, render unreadable, or~~
7 ~~otherwise tamper with any image made by a digital security camera, other than as may occur in~~
8 ~~the normal operation of the digital security camera system as mandated and authorized by the~~
9 ~~Director (Class C).)~~

11 ~~((N.))~~ L. After December 31, 2007, new taxicab licenses shall be issued to single
12 individuals only, and no corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall obtain any
13 license held by an individual until the expiration of a period of three ~~((five (5)))~~ years following
14 the original date of issuance to the individual licensee currently holding the license; provided,
15 however that new taxicab licenses may be issued to and be held by the following business
16 entities:

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18 1. Corporations held by a single shareholder provided that the taxicab must be
19 personally operated by the single shareholder for a period of three ~~((five))~~ years from the date of
20 issuance of the license and the ownership of the shares of the corporation cannot be changed
21 within the three ~~((five))~~-year period. Any change of ownership of shares of the corporation shall
22 result in revocation of the license.
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24 2. Limited liability companies comprised of a single member provided that the
25 taxicab must be personally operated by the single member for a period of three ~~((five))~~ years
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1 from the date of issuance of the license and no change of membership may take place within the
2 three ~~((five))~~-year period. Any change of membership of the limited liability company shall
3 result in revocation of the license.

4 For a period of three ~~((five-5))~~ years following the date of issuance of a new taxicab
5 license, all new taxicab licensees must personally drive the taxicab for a minimum use
6 requirement of ~~((thirty-30))~~ 30 hours per week for a minimum of ~~((forty-40))~~ 40 weeks per
7 year (taxicab license revocation). If a licensee fails to fulfill the minimum use requirement in any
8 one year period within the three ~~(five)~~ year period following the date of issuance, the license
9 shall be subject to revocation. Taxicab licensees shall provide to the Director, directly or through
10 their association representative, quarterly reporting information in accordance with Section
11 6.310.540. ~~((submit original trip records sheets to the Director on a monthly basis, in a manner~~
12 ~~prescribed by Director's rule, to prove compliance with the minimum use requirement. For~~
13 ~~purposes of this paragraph, "licensee" or "licensees" refers to individual licensees, single sole-~~
14 ~~shareholders of a licensed corporation, or single members of a licensed limited liability~~
15 ~~company. (Class A, if trip sheets are submitted late; taxicab license revocation, if trip sheets are~~
16 ~~falsified or not in compliance)).~~

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20 3. At the time of the transfer of any taxicab license occurring after August 1,
21 2008, the transferor(s) and transferee(s) of the license shall report to the Director the amount of
22 consideration, if any, paid by the transferee to the transferor in exchange for the transfer of the
23 license. The amount of consideration shall be reported in a manner determined by rule
24 promulgated by the Director. The failure to report, or the reporting of false information, shall be
25 grounds for suspension or revocation of the license. In creating and maintaining records of the
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1 amount of consideration paid, the Director shall not identify the transferees and transferors, nor
2 shall the Director require the submission of any records that identify the transferees and
3 transferors.

4 4. ~~((The Director shall conduct a survey of taxicab licensees to determine the~~
5 ~~market value of taxicab license transfers that have occurred from January 1, 1991 through~~
6 ~~August 1, 2008. All licensees shall respond in good faith to the survey to provide accurate~~
7 ~~information to the extent reasonably possible (Class A). Responses to the survey shall be made in~~
8 ~~such manner determined by rule promulgated by the Director. In creating and maintaining records~~
9 ~~of the amount of consideration paid, the Director shall not identify the transferees and~~
10 ~~transferors, nor shall the Director require the submission of any records that identify the~~
11 ~~transferees and transferors.)) This section 6.310.330 shall take effect and be in force retroactively~~
12 ~~as of the effective date of this ordinance.~~

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15 ((~~⊖~~)) M. A taxicab licensee shall not change the totalizer readings on the taximeter
16 (Class A).

17 Section 25. A new Section 6.310.335 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

18 **6.310.335 Provisional Insurance Requirements**

19 A. Upon the effective date of this ordinance and until the earlier of 1) the effective
20 date of changes to State insurance requirements for for-hire transportation services or 2) two
21 weeks after the end of the 2015 Washington State legislative session hereafter “provisional
22 period”, the registered owners of taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, and vehicles with a transportation
23 network company endorsement, or the taxicab association representative, for-hire vehicle
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1 licensee or company, or transportation network company on behalf of the registered owner
2 shall:

3 1. File with the City evidence that each vehicle has liability insurance in an
4 amount no less than required by RCW 46.72.050 at any time while active on a TNC,
5 application, radio, computer, taxicab or for-hire dispatch system, and/or when a taxicab or for-
6 hire vehicle is 'operating,' which includes when: 1) there is a passenger in the vehicle; 2) the
7 taxicab is parked in a taxi zone; 3) the taximeter is engaged; 4) the office dispatch records
8 show that the vehicle had been dispatched; 5) the taxicab top light is illuminated; 6) the trip
9 records shows that the vehicle has started a shift and there is no entry for ending a shift; or 7)
10 the for-hire driver has offered transportation services to a passenger. Personal automobile
11 insurance shall apply at other times when the vehicle is not being used to provide for-hire
12 transportation services. The insurance policy, and any related driver contracts if applicable,
13 must be submitted to the Director. The insurance policy shall:
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15 i. At a minimum be issued by either: a) an admitted carrier in the
16 State of Washington with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than B VII or b) a surplus line
17 insurer with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than B+ VII;
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19 ii. Name The City of Seattle as an additional insured, and

20 iii. Provide that the insurer will notify the Director, in writing, of
21 any cancellation and/or non-renewal at least 30 days before that cancellation and/or non-
22 renewal takes effect.
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24 B. During the provisional period, the City will support efforts of for-hire
25 transportation industry representatives seeking to clarify or modify the current State insurance
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1 requirements of for-hire transportation services to account for recent changes in the industry
2 and business models of all industry participants, including transportation network companies,
3 taxicabs, and for-hire vehicles. The City will support insurance language changes similar to the
4 agreement recently reached in Colorado, and changes intended to expand the range of
5 insurance options available to the industry.

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7 C. By the first business day immediately following the conclusion of the
8 provisional period, the registered owners of taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, and vehicles with a
9 transportation network company endorsement, or the taxicab association representative, for-
10 hire vehicle licensee or company, or transportation network company on behalf of the
11 registered owner must have on file with the City evidence that each vehicle has an insurance
12 policy proving compliance with State insurance requirements effective at that time. The
13 insurance policy and any related driver contracts if applicable, must be submitted to the
14 Director. (Summary suspension). If there is no change to State insurance requirements by the
15 conclusion of the provisional period, the registered owners of taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, and
16 vehicles with a transportation network company endorsement, or the taxicab association
17 representative, for-hire vehicle licensee or company, or transportation network company on
18 behalf of the registered owner shall provide evidence that each vehicle has an insurance policy
19 that complies with subsections 6.310.260g or 6.310.300 C.5.b and C.6.
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22 Section 26. Section 6.310.340 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by
23 Ordinance 122763, is amended as follows:

24 **6.310.340 Taxicab and for-hire vehicle—~~((E))~~license transfer~~((r))~~**

1 A for-hire vehicle or taxicab license may be transferred subject to the following
2 restrictions and/or conditions:

3 A. New taxicab licenses issued after December 31, 2007 are not transferable for a period
4 of ~~((five (5)))~~ three years from the original date of issuance. This subsection shall take effect and
5 be in force retroactively as of the effective date of this ordinance.

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8 Section 27. Section 6.310.400 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
9 121738, is amended as follows:

10 **6.310.400 For-hire driver's license application((:))**

11 A. For an initial for-hire driver's license and annually thereafter, a for-hire driver, or a
12 taxicab association, for-hire vehicle licensee or company, or transportation network company on
13 behalf of the for-hire driver, must complete, sign, swear to and file with the Director a for-hire
14 driver's license application on forms provided by the Director. When issued to an applicant
15 affiliated with a TNC, the for-hire license shall read "for-hire permit" on the associated license,
16 but shall remain subject to all for-hire driver licensee duties and obligations in this Chapter. The
17 application shall include the following information:

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19 1. Name, aliases, residence and business address, residence and business
20 telephone numbers;

21 2. Place and date of birth (which shall be at least ~~((twenty one (21)))~~ 21 years
22 prior to the date of application, height, weight, color of hair and eyes;



1 3. Washington State driver's license number. Providing the social security number
2 is optional. The applicant must present his/her Washington State driver's license or a copy
3 thereof at time of application;

4 4. Proof that the applicant is authorized to work in the United States;

5 5. Documentation that a full criminal background check has been completed on
6 the applicant through Washington State Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal
7 databases, or through a Director-approved third party vendor;

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9 6. Information indicating whether or not the applicant has ever had a for-hire or
10 driver's license suspended, revoked, or denied and for what cause;

11 7. A copy of the applicant's driving abstract from the Washington State
12 Department of Licensing or ((A))a signed statement authorizing the Director to obtain a current
13 copy of the applicant's driving ((~~record~~))abstract from the Washington State Department of
14 Licensing;

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16 8. Statement of applicant listing all reportable accidents and all moving violations
17 the applicant was involved in during the previous three ~~((3))~~ years; ~~((and))~~

18 9. Completion of a driver education course and associated tests. The driver
19 training program shall include:

20 a. Completion of the National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course;

21 and

22 b. Completion of at least one additional driving training program approved
23 by the Director.

1 10. On forms provided by the Director, the applicant will provide a statement
2 under penalty of perjury of their physical and mental fitness to act as a for-hire driver.

3 11. All applications for for-hire driver's licenses become void if the applicant, for
4 any reason other than delay caused by the City, fails or neglects to complete the application
5 process or obtain a license within 60 days of submitting an application.

6 12.((9)) Such other information as may be reasonably required by regulation
7 promulgated under this chapter.

8 ~~((B. The following additional information must be filed prior to sitting for the written~~
9 ~~examination:~~

10 ~~1. If the applicant will drive a taxicab, a certification signed under penalty of perjury by a taxi~~
11 ~~association representative certifying that the applicant has ridden with a trainer designated by the~~
12 ~~association in a taxicab for at least three (3) full shifts including at least one (1) night shift and~~
13 ~~successfully completed a four-day training program provided by the taxicab association, in~~
14 ~~which the applicant has:~~

15 ~~a. Received classroom instruction in the region's geography, important structures and sites of~~
16 ~~interest;~~

17 ~~b. Received instruction in the proper use of the radio, taximeter, and computer (if applicable) and~~
18 ~~how to complete a trip sheet and safety checklist; and~~

19 ~~c. Received at least one (1) hour of instruction on risk factors for crimes against for hire drivers,~~
20 ~~emergency procedures, and equipment installed in taxicabs for the driver's personal safety.~~

21 ~~2. Proof of successful completion of a certified training program per Section 6.310.415 approved~~
22 ~~by the Director.~~



1 ~~C. A physician's certification signed not more than three (3) months prior to the date of initial~~
2 ~~application that complies with Section 6.310.410 and certifies the applicant's fitness as a for-hire~~
3 ~~driver must be filed prior to issuance of the for-hire driver's license.~~

4 ~~D. All applications for for-hire driver's licenses become void if the applicant, for any reason~~
5 ~~other than delay caused by the City, fails or neglects to complete the application process or~~
6 ~~obtain a license within sixty (60) days of submitting an application.))~~

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8 Section 28. Section 6.310.405 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by
9 Ordinance 118341, is amended as follows:

10 **6.310.405 Criminal ((B))background ((C))check**

11 ((All applicants for a for-hire driver's license must consent to be fingerprinted for a
12 ~~criminal background check.~~))

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14 A. All applicants for a for-hire driver's license must consent to a criminal background
15 check. An applicant shall either:

16 1. Be fingerprinted for a state and national Washington State Patrol and Federal
17 Bureau of Investigation criminal background check; or

18 2. Submit proof that a criminal background check has been conducted by a
19 Director-approved third party vendor. The director will annually issue the list of approved third
20 party background check vendors. Approved vendors, at a minimum must:

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22 a. Include local, state, and national databases;

23 b. Access at least five years of database history; and

24 c. Demonstrate competency in providing accurate information.



1 Section 29. Section 6.310.410 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
2 118341 is amended as follows:

3 **6.310.410 For-hire driver (~~(physician's)~~) certification of fitness to drive(~~(r)~~)**

4 A. (~~(A medical examination and certification shall be required upon)~~) The for-hire driver
5 must certify upon initial application, and every (~~(three (3) years)~~) year thereafter, on the
6 anniversary date of the license; on forms provided (~~(, however,)~~) by the Director that they are
7 physically and mentally fit to be a for-hire driver.

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9 B. The Director may at any time require any for-hire licensee or applicant to be
10 (~~(reexamined)~~) medically examined if it appears that the licensee is or has become physically or
11 mentally unfit to be a for-hire driver.

12 (~~(B. The)~~) 1. If so required, the medical certification and examination shall be
13 performed by a physician licensed to practice in Washington State under Chapter 18.71 RCW
14 and completed following that physician's physical examination of the applicant.

15 (~~(C)~~)2. The scope of the certificate form and the examination shall be prescribed
16 by the Director by rule.

17 (~~(D)~~)3. A (~~(Washington State)~~)United States Department of Transportation
18 medical certification meets the requirements of this section 6.310.410 (~~(, as long as it was signed~~
19 ~~no more than three (3) months prior to the date of initial application, or in the case of the three~~
20 ~~(3) year renewal certification no more than three (3) months prior to the date of renewal)~~).

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22 Section 30. Section 6.310.415 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
23 121738, is amended as follows:

24 **6.310.415 For-hire driver training program(~~(r)~~)**



1 A. ~~((All initial))~~ Prior to submitting an application, all for-hire driver applicants must
2 ~~((have successfully completed, prior to taking the written examination, no earlier than six (6)~~
3 ~~months before submitting the application, a))~~ complete a driver training program approved by
4 the Director ~~((that provides information about the history and geography of the Seattle and Puget~~
5 ~~Sound area;))~~

6 B. Driver training programs may be completed through the City of Seattle and/or jointly
7 with King County or through Director-approved Transportation Network Company, Taxi
8 Association, or other Third Party vendors.

9 C. Content and testing processes for all training programs must be submitted for approval
10 by the Director on an annual basis. Driver training programs at a minimum must include:

11 1. Information about defensive driving, use of emergency procedures and
12 equipment for the driver's personal safety, risk factors for crimes against for-hire drivers,
13 enhancement of driver/passenger relations, and ~~((appearance and))~~ professional conduct and
14 communication skills. ~~((The oral examination may be taken prior to the training class to~~
15 ~~expedite the licensing process (denial of license); and))~~

16 2. Completion of the National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course.

17 ~~((B))~~ D. Currently-licensed for-hire drivers must meet the requirements of subsection A of
18 this section 6.310.415 if:

19 1. A taxicab association or transportation network company with which the for-
20 hire driver is affiliated requests that the for-hire driver receive a refresher course; or

21 2. The Director has reasonable grounds, based on documented complaints and/or
22 violations, to believe that a refresher course is necessary (suspension).

1 ~~((C. A for-hire driver must complete a separate training session and written test on for-~~
2 ~~hire driver personal safety within three (3) months from the date of issuance of the initial license.~~
3 ~~The Director shall set forth the requirements of the training program by rule (suspension).))~~

4 ~~((D))~~E. A for-hire driver who operates a wheelchair accessible taxicab must successfully
5 complete a separate training program for the special needs of passengers in wheelchairs,
6 including but not limited to, loading and tie-down procedures and door-to-door service as
7 prescribed in rule by the Director (Class C).
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9 Section 31. Section 6.310.420 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
10 121738, is amended as follows:

11 **6.310.420 For-hire driver ~~((written and oral))~~ examination~~((:))~~**

12 A. ~~((The Director shall prescribe the content of the examination, which))~~ For-hire driver
13 examinations may be administered by the City of Seattle and/or jointly with King County or by
14 an approved taxi association, transportation network company, or third party vendor.
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16 B. Examination procedures and content must be approved by the Director and must test
17 the applicant's:

18 1. Knowledge of taxicab, for-hire vehicle, transportation network company
19 vehicle endorsement and for-hire driver requirements contained in applicable codes and
20 regulations;
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22 2. Ability to speak and understand oral and written English sufficient for fulfilling
23 the minimum acceptable standards for a taxicab, for-hire vehicle and/or for-hire driver;
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25 3. Knowledge of vehicle safety requirements;
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1 4. Knowledge of the geography of Seattle, King County and surrounding areas,
2 and knowledge of local public and tourist destinations and attractions; and

3 5. Knowledge of risk factors for crimes against for-hire drivers, emergency
4 procedures, and taxicab equipment for driver's personal safety.

5 ~~((B. After submitting an application for an initial for hire license, the applicant must pass
6 a written and oral examination administered by The City of Seattle and/or jointly with King
7 County.))~~

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9 C. An applicant who fails the ~~((written and/or oral examination, including the initial and
10 periodic for hire driver written safety test,))~~ City/County examination is entitled to one ~~((1))~~
11 free opportunity to retake the examination. A second failure will result in a ~~((sixty-day))~~ 60-day
12 wait for another opportunity to take the examination, and another license application fee. All
13 later examination tries will require the ~~((sixty-day))~~ 60-day wait, and repayment of the ~~((license))~~
14 application fee.

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16 D. ~~((The written and oral))~~ An examination is not required for the renewal of a for-hire
17 driver's license unless the applicant's license has remained expired for more than one ~~((1))~~ year.
18 ~~((If the license has remained expired for more than one (1) year, and the applicant can provide
19 documentation that he/she had previously passed the oral examination, only the written
20 examination will be required.))~~

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22 Section 32. Section 6.310.425, which was last amended by Ordinance 121738, is
23 amended as follows:

24 **6.310.425 For-hire driver temporary permit((.))**



1 A. Pending final action on a for-hire driver's license application, the Director shall
2 ~~((may))~~ issue a temporary for-hire driver's license within two business days, to an applicant who
3 has filed a complete license application, meets the requirements of Section 6.310.400 ~~(except for~~
4 subsection 6.310.400.A.9.a) ~~((A and B))~~ and has passed the ~~((written and oral))~~ examination per
5 Section 6.310.420. ~~((except for the driver safety session required by Section 6.310.415 C.))~~ The
6 National Safety Council Defensive Driving course specified in Section 6.310.400 A 9 a may be
7 taken during the sixty day temporary permit period. If after submitting all requirements of
8 Sections 6.310.400 and having passed the examination per Section 6.310.420, if a temporary
9 license is not issued in 72 hours, the matter will be referred to the Director. The temporary
10 license is valid for a period not to exceed ~~((one hundred twenty (120)))~~ 60 days from the date of
11 the application and shall not be extended or renewed. ~~((Only one (1) temporary license may be~~
12 ~~issued to the same person within any two-year time period.))~~

15 B. The temporary license shall not be transferable or assignable. ~~((and shall be valid~~
16 ~~only for operating the taxicab(s) or for hire vehicle(s) specified by the Director~~
17 ~~on the license.))~~

18 C. The temporary license shall become void immediately upon (1) suspension,
19 revocation or expiration of the applicant's Washington State driver's license, (2)
20 issuance of the for-hire driver's license, or (3) the Director's denial of the for-hire
21 driver's license application, regardless whether the applicant appeals that denial.

24 Section 33. Section 6.310.450 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
25 122763, is amended as follows:

1 **SMC 6.310.450 For-hire driver operating standards(~~(:)~~)**

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3 C. A for-hire driver, before starting each shift, shall check the (~~(security camera,)~~)lights,
4 brakes, tires, steering, seat belts, taximeter seal, and other vehicle equipment listed on the vehicle
5 safety checklist as prescribed by rule to see that they are working properly (Class B).

6 D. A for-hire driver, before starting each shift, shall ensure that (~~(the state for hire~~
7 ~~ertificate,)~~) the county and/or City taxicab or for-hire vehicle license, vehicle registration and
8 proof of insurance card are in the vehicle (Class A).

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10 (~~(K. A for hire driver shall not operate a taxicab unless the digital camera is operating at all~~
11 ~~times while picking up, transporting, or dropping off passengers (Class B).)~~)

12 (~~(L.)~~) K. A for-hire driver shall accept credit cards for payment of fare when requested by
13 passengers (Class A).

14 (~~(M.)~~) L. A for-hire driver shall not change the totalizer readings on the taximeter (Class
15 A).

16 Section 34. A new Section 6.310.452 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

17 **6.310.452 TNC driver operating, conduct, and passenger relations standards**

18 In addition to meeting the for-hire operating standards set forth in Section 6.310.450, the
19 TNC drivers must meet the following operating, conduct, and passenger relations standards:

20 A. Drivers operating for a transportation network company shall not transport passengers
21 for compensation without: 1) first obtaining and maintaining a valid for hire driver's license;
22 (first violation, civil penalty; subsequent violation, misdemeanor; both Class C) and 2) using a
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1 vehicle that is a for-hire vehicle or taxicab licensed under this chapter, or a vehicle with a TNC
2 vehicle endorsement. (Class C)

3 B. TNC drivers shall not be in control of a for-hire vehicle for more than 12 hours spread
4 over a total of 15 hours in any 24-hour period. Thereafter, such TNC driver shall not drive any
5 for-hire vehicle until ten consecutive hours have elapsed. For the purposes of this subsection,
6 hours driven in for-hire vehicles in other platforms (taxicabs, for-hire vehicles) are aggregated.
7 (suspension and Class B);
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9 C. TNC drivers, while active on the TNC dispatch system, shall not operate a vehicle that
10 is unaffiliated with a TNC to transport passengers. (Class C and revocation)

11 D. TNC drivers shall have evidence of vehicle insurance as required by Section
12 6.310.260 in their possession at all times when active on the TNC dispatch system. (Class B)

13 E. TNC drivers shall maintain a personal auto insurance policy provided, that if the
14 insurance policy lapses or is canceled, or a vehicle is deleted from the policy, proof of a new
15 policy including the vehicle must be filed with the Director before the vehicle is canceled or
16 deleted from the previous policy (summary suspension);
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18 F. TNC drivers shall immediately notify the transportation network company and the
19 Seattle Police Department when the TNC driver has been the victim of a crime (Class B).
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21 G. TNC drivers shall not accept payment of cash fare. Payment shall only be made
22 electronically via the TNC application dispatch system. (Class B).

23 H. TNC endorsed drivers driving with a TNC endorsed vehicle shall not pick up, cruise
24 or otherwise solicit trips (Class C and revocation)

1 I. TNC drivers shall, at the end of each trip, check the vehicle for any article(s) that are
2 left behind by passenger(s). Such articles are to be reported to the TNC as found property (Class
3 A);

4 J. TNC drivers shall have in the driver's possession a valid Washington State driver's
5 license, a valid for-hire driver's license, and documentation that they are affiliated with a
6 licensed TNC at any time the TNC driver is active on the TNC dispatch system. (suspension and
7 Class B);
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9 Section 35. Section 6.310.455 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
10 122763, is amended as follows:

11 **6.310.455 For-hire driver conduct standards((-))**

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14 Q. A for-hire driver shall not operate a taxicab unless the ~~((radio, required in SMC~~
15 ~~Section 6.310.320-0)), radio/computer/phone/application dispatch system is on and operating,
16 and drivers must notify the taxicab association dispatch that they are available after completing
17 each trip (Class B—both);~~

18 R. A for-hire driver shall not use a ~~((cell))~~ mobile phone ~~((while a passenger is in the~~
19 ~~taxieab))~~ unless in hands-free mode, consistent with RCW 46.61.667. (Class B);
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22 ~~((U. A for hire driver shall not tamper with, disable, remove, or willfully damage the~~
23 ~~digital security camera equipment required under this chapter to be in taxieab (Class C);~~

24 V. A for hire driver shall not alter, edit, destroy, remove, copy, transfer, transmit, erase,
25 delete, overwrite, obscure, damage, encode, lock, render unreadable, or otherwise tamper with
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1 any image made by a digital security camera, other than as may occur in the normal operation of
2 the digital security camera system as mandated and authorized by the Director (Class C); and.

3 W. A for hire driver must notify the Director within three (3) working days of receiving,
4 while operating a taxicab, a traffic infraction for a violation of SMC Section 11.50.140 based on
5 evidence detected through the use of an automated traffic safety camera (Class B).))

6 Section 36. Section 6.310.460, which was last amended by Ordinance 122763, is
7 amended as follows:

8 **6.310.460 For-hire driver taxicab meter/rates standards.**

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10 F. A for-hire driver shall ensure daily trip records are accurate and complete ((complete
11 daily tripsheets)), as prescribed by ((the Director)) Section 6.310.540 (Class B).((and shall show
12 all trips in an accurate and legible manner as each trip occurs.

13 The driver's name, vehicle name and number, beginning odometer, and
14 beginning time of the shift worked must be written on the trip sheet at the start
15 of each shift before carrying passengers (Class A). Daily tripsheets shall also
16 include the following information:

- 17 1. Taxicab licensee's name and vehicle name and number;
- 18 2. Vehicle for hire license number;
- 19 3. Ending odometer reading;
- 20 4. Ending time of each shift worked;
- 21 5. Date, time, place or origin, and dismissal of each trip;
- 22 6. Fare collected;

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1 7. Number of passengers;

2 8. ~~No shows; and)~~

3 9. ~~Contract rates or special rates (all Class A).~~

4 G. ~~A for hire driver shall allow the Director to inspect the daily trip sheet at any~~
5 ~~time, without notice (Class B).~~

6 H. ~~A taxicab driver shall turn in completed trip sheets to the taxicab association at~~
7 ~~least weekly (Class A.))~~

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9 Section 37. Section 6.310.465 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
10 amended by Ordinance 122763, is amended as follows:

11 **6.310.465 For-hire driver(~~(—)~~~~(P)~~)passenger relations standards(~~(.)~~)**

12 (~~A. A taxicab driver shall wear only the uniform adopted by the association and~~
13 ~~approved by the Director or a costume meeting all requirements of SMC 6.310.225 and SMC~~
14 ~~6.310.480. (Class A.)~~)

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16 (~~B~~) A. When wearing a costume a driver shall display a photograph of the driver
17 dressed in the costume along with the driver's for-hire license. (Class A).

18 (~~C. A for hire driver's clothes shall be neat and clean at all times that the driver is on the~~
19 ~~driver's shift. The term "neat and clean" as it relates to clothes shall mean that all clothing is~~
20 ~~clean, free from soil, grease and dirt and without unrepaired rips or tears. Drivers shall not wear~~
21 ~~as an outer garment any of the following: undershirt or underwear, tank tops, body shirts (see-~~
22 ~~through mesh), swimwear, jogging or warm-up suits or sweatshirts or similar attire, shorts or~~
23 ~~trunks (jogging or bathing), sandals, or any similar clothing. Summer uniforms can include~~
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1 ~~Bermuda shorts (hemmed slack material) that extend down to within two (2) inches of the top of~~
2 ~~the knee cap. (Class A).)~~

3 ~~((D. A for hire driver shall be clean and well groomed at all times while on duty. "Clean"~~
4 ~~means that state of personal hygiene, body and hair cleanliness and absence of offensive body~~
5 ~~odor normally associated with frequent clothes laundering and bathing or showering. "Well~~
6 ~~groomed" means beards and mustaches are groomed and neatly trimmed, and scalp and facial~~
7 ~~hair is neatly trimmed, and combed or brushed (Class A).))~~

9 ((E)) B. A for- hire driver shall provide customers with professional and courteous
10 service at all times (Class A).

11 ((F)) C. A for-hire driver shall not refuse a request for service because of the driver's
12 position in line at a taxicab zone; a passenger may select any taxicab in line (Class B).

13 ((G)) D. A for-hire driver shall at all times assist a passenger by placing luggage or
14 packages (under ~~((fifty (50)))~~ 50 pounds) in and out of the taxicab or for-hire vehicle (Class A).

15 ((H)) E. A for-hire driver shall not refuse to transport in the taxicab or for-hire vehicle
16 any passenger's wheelchair which can be folded and placed in either the passenger, driver, or
17 trunk compartment of the taxicab or for-hire vehicle, an assist dog or guide dog to assist the
18 disabled or handicapped, groceries, packages or luggage when accompanied by a passenger
19 (Class B).

20 ((I)) F. A for-hire driver shall provide each passenger ((a)) an electronic or paper
21 ~~((taximeter))~~ receipt upon payment of the fare (Class A).

22 ((J)) G. A for-hire driver shall use the most direct available route on all trips unless the
23 passenger specifically requests to change the route (Class B).



1 ~~((K. A for hire driver shall not permit any person or pet to ride in the taxicab or for hire~~
2 ~~vehicle unless that person or pet accompanies, or is in the vehicle at the request of, a fare paying~~
3 ~~individual. This requirement shall not apply to uniformed driver trainees (Class A).))~~

4 ~~((L))~~ H A for-hire driver shall not refuse to transport any person except when:

- 5 1. The for-hire driver has already been dispatched on another call;
6 2. The for-hire driver arrives at the place of pick-up and upon arrival the
7 passenger is acting in a disorderly or threatening manner, or otherwise is acting in a manner that
8 would cause a reasonable person to believe that the for-hire driver's health or safety, or that of
9 others, may be endangered;
10 3. The passenger cannot, upon request, show ability to pay the fare; or
11 4. The passenger refuses to state a specific destination upon entering the
12 taxicab (Class B).

13 ~~((M))~~ I. A for-hire driver shall not smoke in the taxicab or for-hire vehicle (Class A).

14 ~~((N))~~ J. A for-hire driver shall be able to provide a reasonable amount of change, and if
15 correct change is not available, no additional charge will be made to the passenger in attempting
16 to secure the change (Class A).

17 ~~((O))~~ K. A for-hire driver shall not make any discriminatory charges to any person, or
18 make any rebate or in any manner reduce the charge to any person unless such is in conformity
19 with the discounts or surcharges contained in the filed rates (Class B).

20 ~~((P))~~ L. A for-hire driver shall not operate a wheelchair accessible taxicab unless the for-
21 hire driver has successfully completed the special training requirements set forth in ~~((SMC))~~
22 subsection 6.310.415.E (Class C and five-day suspension).

1 M. A for-hire driver must be clean and neat in dress and person and present a
2 professional appearance to the public.

3 Section 38. Section 6.310.470 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
4 amended by Ordinance 122763, is amended as follows:

5 **6.310.470 For-hire driver soliciting and cruising standards((:))**

6 A. Taxicabs((:))

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8 1. A for-hire driver may solicit passengers only from the driver's seat or standing
9 immediately adjacent to the taxicab (within ~~((twelve (12)))~~ 12 feet), and only when the vehicle is
10 safely and legally parked (Class A).

11 2. A for-hire driver shall not use any other person to solicit passengers (Class A).

12 3. A for-hire driver shall not hold out the taxicab for designated destinations
13 (Class A).

14 4. A for-hire driver shall not park a taxicab and wait for walk up passengers in a
15 marked passenger load zone, truck load zone, or charter bus zone. A for-hire driver may drop off
16 passengers or pick up hailed trips in a passenger load zone except as provided by ~~((SMC~~
17 ~~6.310.475 D and E))~~ subsections 6.310.475.D and 6.310.475.E (Class A).

18 B. For-hire ~~((V))~~ vehicles((:))

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20 ~~((1. — A for hire driver in a for hire vehicle is prohibited from soliciting~~
21 ~~passengers, from cruising for passengers, or from picking up passengers in a taxi zone (Class~~
22 ~~B).))~~



1 1. A for-hire driver in a for hire vehicle licensed under this chapter may solicit
2 passengers only from the driver's seat or standing immediately adjacent to vehicle (within 12
3 feet), and only when the vehicle is safely and legally parked (Class A).

4 2. A for-hire driver shall not use any other person to solicit passengers (Class A).

5 ~~((3. — All trips must be pre-arranged as defined by the Director by rule (Class~~
6 ~~B)))~~

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8 3. A for-hire driver in a for hire vehicle licensed by this chapter is prohibited
9 from picking up passengers in a designated taxi zone, including any taxi zone located in front of
10 a hotel (Class B).

11 C. Transportation network company (TNC) endorsed vehicles

12 1. TNC endorsed vehicles are prohibited from soliciting passengers, from cruising
13 for passengers, or from picking up passengers in a taxi zone (Class C).

14 D. Unlicensed vehicles

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16 1. Vehicles providing for-hire transportation services in the City of Seattle
17 without a City for-hire vehicle license, taxicab license, or TNC endorsement are prohibited from
18 soliciting passengers, cruising for passengers, or from picking up passengers in a taxi zone. (First
19 violation, civil infraction, second violation, misdemeanor)

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21 Section 39. Section 6.310.475 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
22 amended by Ordinance 121738, is amended as follows:

23 **6.310.475 For-hire driver taxi zone standards and number of taxi zones(.)**

24 A. A for-hire driver shall not leave the taxicab unattended in a taxicab zone for more than
25 ~~((fifteen (15)))~~ 15 minutes. Such vehicles will be impounded by order of the Director (Class A).
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1 B. A for-hire driver shall occupy a taxicab zone only when available for hire (Class A).

2 C. A for-hire driver shall not perform engine maintenance or repairs on the taxicab while
3 in a taxicab zone (Class A).

4 D. A for-hire driver cannot use a passenger load zone located within ~~((one hundred fifty~~
5 ~~(150)))~~ 150 feet from a taxicab zone designated by the Director, except for wheelchair accessible
6 taxicabs. Notification of such zone designation will be sent to all taxicab associations ten ~~((10))~~
7 days prior to the effective date of the designation (Class B and suspended from using the taxicab
8 zone for ~~((fourteen-14))~~ 14 days).

9 E. For hire-drivers cannot use a taxicab zone while under suspension from that taxicab
10 zone (Class B and suspended from using the taxicab zone for ~~((sixty-60))~~ 60 days).

11 F. Within one year of the effective date of this ordinance, the City shall work with
12 industry stakeholders to determine appropriate locations of 10 additional taxi zones and shall
13 establish 10 additional taxi zones.
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16 Section 40. Section 6.310.500 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
17 amended by Ordinance 122763, is amended as follows:

18 **6.310.500 Taxicabs~~((—))~~~~((M))~~maximum number~~((:))~~**

19 A. The total number of taxicab licenses in effect at any one ~~((1))~~ time shall not exceed
20 ~~((eight hundred and fifty (850)))~~ 1050. The number of taxicab licenses shall be set by the
21 Director at such times and in such manner as necessary to meet the demand for efficient and
22 economical taxicab service within the city limits and to support a competitive, safe, fair and
23 viable business environment for the taxicab industry; however, no more than ~~((35))~~ 100 licenses
24 can be issued within a calendar year. The Director shall adopt by rule the procedure for
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1 determining when and how many new taxicab licenses will be issued. In determining the total
2 number of licenses issued, the Director shall consider factors ~~((such as))~~ including, but not
3 limited to consumer demand for transportation services, average service response times, total
4 number of taxi rides, total paid trips per taxicab, and average operating hours per taxicab, and
5 may consider any other factors that may affect the supply and demand for taxi service within the
6 city limits. The Director shall adopt by rule any vehicle and safety standards required for the
7 issuance of new licenses, including but not limited to vehicle size, fuel efficiency, and emissions
8 standards.
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10 B. The number of for-hire vehicle licenses in effect at any one ~~((4))~~ time shall not
11 exceed ~~((two hundred (200)))~~ 200. Except that if the State Legislature authorizes cities to
12 regulate executive sedans and executive vans, as defined in RCW 46.04.274, then executive
13 sedans and executive vans licensed by the Department of Licensing on the authorization date
14 which meet City vehicle standards would be allowed to obtain for-hire vehicle licenses, and such
15 for-hire vehicle licenses shall not be included in the calculation of total number of for-hire
16 vehicle licenses pursuant to this subsection. TNC vehicle endorsements issued per Section
17 6.310.327 shall not be included in the calculation of total number of for-hire vehicles licenses
18 pursuant to this subsection.
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21 C. The Director may, at the Director's discretion, issue wheelchair accessible taxicab
22 licenses to special service vehicles used to provide transportation to disabled persons defined in
23 KCC 6.64.010 or to handicapped persons as defined in ~~((SMC))~~ Section 6.310.110. These
24 licenses shall be non-transferable for a period of ~~((five (5)))~~ three years from the date of issuance
25 and shall not be included in calculating the maximum number of taxicab licenses allowable
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1 pursuant to subsection A. The Director may issue temporary and nontransferable wheelchair
2 accessible taxicab licenses to individual for-hire drivers selected by King County for a
3 demonstration project to determine the economic feasibility of the long term issuance of such
4 licenses. This subsection shall take effect and be in force retroactively as of the effective date of
5 this ordinance.

6 D. If the Director determines that issuance of additional taxicab licenses is warranted, not
7 to exceed the maximum allowable taxicab licenses issued pursuant to subsection A of this ((s))
8 Section 6.310.500, such licenses shall be issued pursuant to:

9 1. A competitive request for proposal and award process under which licenses
10 will be issued to applicants whose proposals demonstrate that they are most able to meet the
11 needs of the public in providing taxicab service by meeting qualifications prepared by the
12 Director that are not in conflict with the general provisions of this chapter; or

13 2. Pursuant to a lottery of qualified applicants; or

14 3. Pursuant to a combination of both procedures as prescribed by rule adopted by
15 the Director. The rule shall include minimum qualifications for taxicab license applicants,
16 including but not limited to the driving and conduct records of prospective applicants.

17 E. The Director shall issue 35 additional taxicab licenses in 2015. The Director shall issue
18 55 additional taxicab licenses each year in 2016, 2017, and 2018. Each of these issuances shall
19 be done by lottery pursuant to the methods described in subsection 6.310.500.D.2 To be eligible
20 for the issuance of these new taxicab licenses, an applicant must either: 1) have no more than a
21 50% ownership interest in a licensed for-hire vehicle or licensed taxicab, or 2) relinquish any
22 ownership interest beyond 50% in a licensed for-hire vehicle or licensed taxicab prior to and as a

1 condition of the issuance of the new license. For purposes of this subsection, relinquish means to
2 surrender the for-hire vehicle or taxicab license to the original licensing agency or transfer the
3 interest to another licensed for-hire driver whose ownership interest in a licensed for-hire vehicle
4 or licensed taxicab may not exceed 50%. ((E. At the earlier of September 1, 2010 or after a total
5 of 50 licenses have been issued under this section, the Director shall provide a written report to
6 the City Council concerning the economic impact that the 50 additional licenses have had on
7 taxicab service and on the business of providing taxicab transportation services in Seattle. The
8 report shall provide updated data to the extent reasonably available relating to the factors that
9 serve as the basis for the issuance of licenses as set forth in Subsection A. This report shall also
10 describe the economic effects, if any, of the provisions of SMC 6.310.330N on the market value
11 of all taxicab license transfers occurring after August 1, 2008. No additional licenses may be
12 issued until the submission of the report.))

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15 Section 41. Section 6.310.520, which was last amended by Ordinance 118341, is
16 amended as follows:

17 **6.310.520 Director's reports((-))**

18 When requested by the Seattle City Council, the Director shall file a report with the
19 Seattle City Council based upon data collected on ~~((tripsheet))~~ daily trip records or through
20 taximeter readings. The report may include but not be limited to the following:
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22 A. Number of taxicabs, for-hire, and TNC endorsed vehicles licensed or endorsed in
23 Seattle/King County during the reporting period and during the preceding year;

24 B. Number of drivers licensed in Seattle/King County during the reporting period
25 and during the preceding year;
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1 C. Numbers and nature of complaints;

2 D. Results of any survey of taxicab response times and any changes in response
3 times from previous reporting periods;

4 E. Results of meter readings;

5 F. Any other information deemed appropriate by the Director.

6 Section 42. Section 6.310.530 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
7 amended by Ordinance 123939, is amended as follows:
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10 **6.310.530 Rates((~~r~~))**

11 A. Taxicab rates

12 1. The rates for taxicabs licensed to operate in Seattle shall be established by the
13 ~~((Seattle City Council))~~ Director by rule for times while not operating on an application dispatch
14 system.
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16 ~~((B))~~ a. In reviewing rates the ~~((Council))~~ Director may take into account,
17 among other things, and with the objective of prescribing a just and reasonable rate, the
18 following factors:

19 ~~((1-))~~ i. The information in a report prepared by the Director
20 pursuant to SMC Section 6.310.520;

21 ~~((2-))~~ ii. The public's need for adequate taxi service at the lowest
22 level of charges consistent with the provision, maintenance and continuation of such service;
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24 ~~((3-))~~ iii. The rates of other licensees operating in similar areas;
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1 ~~((4.))~~ iv The effect of such rates upon transportation of passengers
2 by other modes of transportation;

3 ~~((5.))~~ v. The owners' need for revenue of a level that, under honest,
4 efficient and economical management, is sufficient to cover all costs (including all operating
5 expenses and license fees of providing adequate taxi service, plus a reasonable profit to the
6 owner;

7 ~~((6.))~~ vi. Consistency of rates with those charged by King County;
8 and
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10 ~~((7.))~~ vii. The lease drivers' need for revenue, based on a
11 reasonable number of driving hours per shift, sufficient to provide a living income after payment
12 of taxicab lease rent (including drivers' contributions to both retail sales tax on the lease amount
13 and to Workers' Compensation industrial insurance premiums), fuel costs and any cashier's fees.

14 ~~((8.))~~ b. No taxicab shall have more than one rate on its meter, except that
15 a taxicab licensed by both Seattle and King County shall not have more than two rates on its
16 meter, one fixed rate for Seattle and one rate as filed with King County.

17 2. Pending a Director's rule establishing new taximeter rates, and while not
18 operating on an application dispatch system, the following taximeter rates govern. Except for
19 special or contract rates as provided for in this chapter, or any per trip fee established by the Port
20 of Seattle and set forth in any operating agreement or tariff, or an airport flat rate defined in this
21 section 6.310.520, or a temporary fuel surcharge authorized by the Director pursuant to
22 subsection I of this section 6.310.520, or any toll or charge established for roads, bridges, tunnels
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1 or ferries, it shall be unlawful for anyone operating a taxicab licensed by The City of Seattle to
2 advertise, charge, demand or receive any greater or lesser rate than the following:

3 Meter rate:

4 ~~((1-))~~ a Drop charge: for passengers for first 1/9 mile: \$2.50

5 ~~((2-))~~ b Per mile: For each 1/9 mile or fraction thereof after the first 1/9 mile:

6 \$0.30

7 ~~((3-))~~ c. For every one minute of waiting time: \$0.50*

8 (charged at \$0.30 per 36 seconds)

9 ~~((4-))~~ d. Additional per passenger charge for more than two persons, excluding
10 children under twelve years of age: 0\$.50

11 * Waiting time rates are charged when taxicab speed is less than 11 miles per hour or when a
12 taxicab driver is asked to wait for the customer.

13 ~~((E-))~~ 3. Application Dispatch, Special Rates, Contract Rates, "Downtown to
14 Airport" Flat Rate, and Coupons.

15 ~~((+))~~ a. If using an application dispatch system, written documentation
16 explaining or demonstrating that the rate structure is transparent to the rider prior to accepting
17 the ride shall be provided to the Director. Rates do not need to be filed with the Director.

18 b. Special rates as defined in this chapter shall be calculated as a
19 fraction or percentage of the meter rate or a fixed dollar amount per trip.

20 ~~((2-The))~~ c. Unless using application dispatch, the special rates must be filed
21 with the Director on forms furnished by the Director.

1 ~~((3-))~~ d. All special rates and/or contract rates shall be filed once a year at
2 the time of application by the taxicab association representative, or by the owner of a for-hire
3 vehicle which is not a taxicab.

4 ((4)) e. Licensees may change the special rates filed no more than once a
5 year.

6 ((5)) f. Unless using application dispatch, ((€))contract rates set during the
7 license year shall be filed within two weeks of securing such contract and before implementing
8 the contract rate. Contracts must be between taxicab associations and businesses or non-profit
9 organizations. Passengers transported under contracts must pay the fares to drivers using
10 vouchers issued by the contracting business or non-profit organizations (Class B - each incident).

11 ((6)) g. All taxicabs shall charge a flat rate ~~((of \$40))~~ from the downtown
12 hotel district to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport except when contract rates are in effect for
13 the trip ~~((, or when the Director has temporarily suspended the flat rate in accordance with
14 subsection J of this section))~~. The downtown hotel district is the area defined by Broad Street to
15 Mercer Street to I-5 on the north, Elliot Bay on the west, South Dearborn Street on the south, and
16 Boren Ave, to the I-5 Freeway and then the Freeway on the east Unless using application
17 dispatch, the flat rate shall be filed with the Director at the time of application on forms furnished
18 by the Director. The flat rate shall be conspicuously displayed in the vehicle for the passenger to
19 see. Changes made to the flat rates may be adjusted to remain competitive with fee structures
20 used by for-hire vehicles and transportation network companies and shall be filed with the
21 Director.

1 ~~((7))~~ h. Unless using application dispatch , the use of coupons or discounts to
2 establish a lower rate, or a rate not provided within this section 6.310.530, is prohibited (Class A
3 - each incident).

4 ~~((F-))~~ B. For-hire ~~((V))~~ vehicle ~~((R))~~ rates ~~((-))~~

5 1. If using an application dispatch system, written document explaining or
6 demonstrating that the rate structure is transparent to the rider prior to accepting the ride shall be
7 provided to the Director. Rates do not need to be filed with the Director.

8 ~~((4))~~ 2. Every for-hire vehicle licensee shall also file all non-application dispatch
9 system rates and charges, including rate structures that vary by time of day with the Director. All
10 rates and charges, including any adopted senior citizen discount rate, shall be conspicuously
11 displayed in the interior of the for-hire vehicle so as to be readily discernible to the passenger.
12 The Director will prescribe the manner of such posting.

13 ~~((2))~~ 3. For-hire vehicles must charge for service based on: a written contract ~~((;))~~;
14 flat ~~((charge))~~ rate per trip, by zone ~~((;))~~; or by an hourly rate with minimum increments of ~~((one~~
15 half ~~((1/2)))~~ 1/2 hour. Flat charges by zone or hourly rate may vary by time of day. Zone boundaries
16 shall be set by Director by rule and shall be consistent across all for-hire vehicle operators.

17 4. Unless using application dispatch , the use of coupons or discounts to establish
18 a lower rate, or a rate not provided within this section 6.310.530, is prohibited (Class A - each
19 incident).

20 C. Transportation network company rates

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1 1. Written documentation explaining or demonstrating that the application
2 dispatch rate structure is transparent to the rider prior to accepting the ride shall be provided to
3 the Director.

4 ~~((G-))~~D. The rates specified in this section 6.310.530 shall not apply to transportation of
5 persons provided pursuant to a written contract which establishes a fare at a different rate for
6 specified transportation and has been previously filed with the Director; provided, that no
7 contract may include any provision the effect of which is to directly or indirectly require
8 exclusive use of the transportation services of the contracting taxicab or for-hire vehicle.

9 ~~((H-))~~E. It is unlawful under the Americans with Disabilities Act to charge a special
10 service vehicle rate ~~((which is different from the taxicab rates adopted in subsection D of this~~
11 ~~section))~~, except in those instances where the transportation of disabled persons is pursuant to a
12 written contract as specified in subsection 6.310.530.D~~((G of this section))~~ (Class B).

13 ~~((I-))~~F. The Director is authorized to approve a temporary fuel surcharge to be added to
14 the taxicab meter rate~~((, or the flat rate for trips from the downtown hotel district to Seattle-~~
15 ~~Tacoma International Airport))~~, any time the price of fuel, as published by the American
16 Automobile Association, exceeds a fuel surcharge trigger price established pursuant to an
17 administrative rule adopted by the Director. The surcharge shall be an amount necessary to
18 recoup the increased fuel costs.

19 ~~((J. The Director is authorized to temporarily suspend the flat rate from the downtown~~
20 ~~hotel district to Seattle Tacoma International Airport when conditions exist at the airport or~~
21 ~~elsewhere that result in an average increase of ten (10) minutes to the normal trip time and are~~

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1 ~~beyond the control of the drivers. Examples of such conditions would be vehicle security checks~~
2 ~~at the airport or major construction projects on Interstate 5 or State Route 99 that delay traffic.))~~

3 ((K)) G. The Director shall specify by rule how tolls or charges established for roads,
4 bridges, tunnels or ferries shall be charged to taxicab or for-hire vehicle passengers and shall
5 prescribe required signage for the vehicles for such purposes.

6 Section 43. A new Section 6.310.540 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:
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8 **6.310.540 Reporting responsibilities**

9 A. Transportation Network Companies, Taxi Associations, and For-Hire Vehicle license
10 holders shall maintain accurate and complete operational records for two years, including, but
11 not limited to:

- 12 1. Total number of rides provided by each taxi or for-hire vehicle license holder
13 or individual Transportation Network Company;
- 14 2. Type of dispatch for each ride (hail, phone, app, etc.)
- 15 3. Percentage or number of rides picked up in each zip code;
- 16 4. Pick up and drop off zip codes of each ride;
- 17 5. Percentage by zip code of rides that are requested but unfulfilled;(phone or app
18 only)
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- 20 6. Number of collisions; including the name and number of the affiliated TNC,
21 taxicab, and for-hire driver, collision fault, injuries, and estimated damage;
- 22 7. Number of requested rides for an accessible vehicle;
- 23 8. Crimes against driver reports;
- 24 9. Passenger complaints; and
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1 10. Any other data identified by the Director to ensure compliance. (Class A -
2 each requirement)

3 B. Records may be maintained electronically.

4 C. On a quarterly basis, Transportation Network Companies, Taxi Associations, and For-
5 Hire Vehicle licensee or Companies must submit complete data to the Director via electronic
6 reporting forms made available by the Director. (Class C)

7 D. If a public records request is made of the City for documents that have been
8 designated by the providing party as confidential or proprietary, the City shall provide third party
9 notice to the providing party prior to disclosure.
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11 Section 44. Section 6.310.600 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
12 amended by Ordinance 121857, is amended as follows:

13 **6.310.600 Penalties((=))**

14 ~~((A. Violations of SMC Section 6.310.130 shall be a misdemeanor and upon conviction
15 shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment
16 for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.))~~

17 A. Each violation of subsections 6.310.130.A, 6.310.130.B or 6.310.452.A shall be a
18 civil infraction as contemplated by RCW Chapter 7.80 and deemed to be a Class 1 civil
19 infraction under RCW 7.80.120(a), and shall subject the violator to a maximum penalty and
20 default amount of \$1,000, inclusive of statutory assessments.

21 B. The first violation of subsection 6.310.470.D shall be a civil infraction as
22 contemplated by RCW Chapter 7.80 and deemed to be a Class 1 civil infraction under RCW
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1 7.80.120(a), and shall subject the violator to a maximum penalty and default amount of \$500,
2 inclusive of statutory assessments.

3 1. As contemplated by RCW 7.80.160, a person who, after receiving a notice of
4 civil infraction that includes a statement of the options provided in RCW Chapter 7.80 for
5 responding to the notice and the procedures necessary for exercising these options, knowingly
6 fails to exercise one of the options within 15 days of the date of the notice is guilty of a
7 misdemeanor subject to the provisions of Chapters 12A.02 and 12A.04, except that absolute
8 liability shall be imposed for such a violation and none of the mental states described in Section
9 12A.04.030 need be proved, regardless of the disposition of the notice of civil infraction. A
10 person who willfully fails to pay a monetary penalty or perform community service as ordered
11 by a court may be found in contempt of court as provided in RCW Chapter 7.21.

12 2. An action for a civil infraction shall be initiated and processed in the manner
13 contemplated by RCW Chapter 7.80 and the Infraction Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.
14 For purposes of RCW 7.80.040, the "enforcement officer" authorized to enforce the provisions of
15 subsections 6.310.130.A and 6.310.130.B and 6.310.452.A are: (1) the Director of the Seattle
16 Department of Finance and Administrative Services and authorized representatives or assistants
17 of him or her; and (2) a commissioned officer of the Seattle Police Department and a person
18 issued a Special Police Officer Commission by the Chief of Police with authority to enforce this
19 title.

20 C. Each subsequent violation of subsections 6.310.130.A, 6.310.130.B, 6.310.452.A, or
21 6.310.470.D within five years of the prior violation is a misdemeanor subject to the provisions of
22 Chapters 12A.02 and 12A.04, except that absolute liability shall be imposed for such a violation
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1 and none of the mental states described in Section 12A.04.030 need be proved. The Director may
2 request that the City Attorney prosecute such violations criminally as an alternative to the civil
3 infraction procedure outlined in this chapter.

4 D. Each violation of subsections 6.310.130.C – 6.310.130.E shall be a civil infraction as
5 contemplated by RCW Chapter 7.80 and deemed to be a Class 1 civil infraction under RCW
6 7.80.120(a), and shall subject the violator to a maximum penalty and default amount of \$10,000,
7 inclusive of statutory assessments.

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10 civil infraction that includes a statement of the options provided in RCW Chapter 7.80 for
11 responding to the notice and the procedures necessary for exercising these options, knowingly
12 fails to exercise one of the options within 15 days of the date of the notice is guilty of a
13 misdemeanor subject to the provisions of Chapters 12A.02 and 12A.04, except that absolute
14 liability shall be imposed for such a violation and none of the mental states described in Section
15 12A.04.030 need be proved, regardless of the disposition of the notice of civil infraction. A
16 person who willfully fails to pay a monetary penalty or perform community service as ordered
17 by a court may be found in contempt of court as provided in RCW Chapter 7.21.

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20 2. An action for a civil infraction shall be initiated and processed in the manner
21 contemplated by RCW Chapter 7.80 and the Infraction Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.
22 For purposes of RCW 7.80.040, the "enforcement officer" authorized to enforce the provisions of
23 subsections 6.310.130.C and 6.310.130.D and 6.310.130.E are: (1) the Director of the Seattle
24 Department of Finance and Administrative Services and authorized representatives or assistants
25 of him or her; and (2) a commissioned officer of the Seattle Police Department and a person
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1 issued a Special Police Officer Commission by the Chief of Police with authority to enforce this
2 title.

3 E. Each subsequent violation of subsections 6.310.130.C, 6.310.130.D or 6.310.130.E
4 within five years of the prior violation is a misdemeanor subject to the provisions of Chapters
5 12A.02 and 12A.04, except that absolute liability shall be imposed for such a violation and none
6 of the mental states described in Section 12A.04.030 need be proved. The Director may request
7 that the City Attorney prosecute such violations criminally as an alternative to the civil infraction
8 procedure outlined in this chapter.

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10 ~~((B.))~~ F. For each violation of a provision in this chapter that has a class referenced in
11 parenthesis after the provision, a civil penalty and penalty points shall be imposed by and paid to
12 the Department according to the provisions of ~~((SMC))~~ Section 6.310.605.

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14 ~~((C. Any person who alters, edits, destroys, removes, copies, transfers, transmits, erases,~~
15 ~~deletes, overwrites, obscures, damages, encodes, locks, renders unreadable, or otherwise tampers~~
16 ~~with any image made by a digital security camera, other than as may occur in the normal~~
17 ~~operation of the digital security camera system as mandated and authorized by the Director, shall~~
18 ~~be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One~~
19 ~~Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days, or~~
20 ~~by both such fine and imprisonment.))~~

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22 Section 45. Section 6.310.605 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
23 amended by Ordinance 121738, is amended as follows:

24 **6.310.605 Monetary penalties and penalty points~~((:))~~**

A. For-hire ~~(D)~~ driver, transportation network company driver or ~~(F)~~ taxicab/~~(F)~~ for-hire ~~(V)~~ vehicle ~~(V)~~ violations~~(-)~~

Violation	Penalties Against a For-hire Driver, <u>TNC Driver</u> or a Taxicab Licensee or For-hire Vehicle For Each Violation	Penalty Points Attributed to Taxicab Association or <u>Transportation Network Company</u> For Each Violation
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1. Violations ~~(F)~~ found ~~(D)~~ during a ~~(C)~~ calendar ~~(Y)~~ year ~~(A)~~ away from The City~~(s)~~ of Seattle's ~~(F)~~ inspection ~~(F)~~ facility~~(-)~~

First Class A in one year	\$35 (.00)	2
Second Class A in one year	\$70 (.00)	3
Third or more Class A violation in one year	\$120 (.00)	4
First Class B violation in one year	\$70 (.00)	4
Second Class B violation in one year	\$175 (.00)	7
Third or more Class B violation in one year	\$300 (.00)	10
All Class C violations	\$1,000 (.00)	20

2. Violations ~~(F)~~ found ~~(D)~~ during ~~(F)~~ inspections at The City~~(s)~~ of Seattle's ~~(F)~~ inspection ~~(F)~~ facility~~(-)~~

Failure to appear for inspection scheduled by the Director (see Section 6.310.330 I and paragraph	\$50	2 penalty points
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1	below)		
2	Class A violation found	Vehicle reinspection fee.	2 each violation
3	during inspection at City's	See fee schedule in Section	
4	inspection facility	6.310.150	
5	Class B violation found	Vehicle reinspection fee.	4 each violation
6	during inspection at City's	See fee schedule in Section	
7	inspection facility	6.310.150	

"Failure to appear for inspection scheduled by the Director" includes a late arrival for the inspection. If notification that the vehicle ~~((can not))~~ cannot appear is made prior to the close of business on the business day before the scheduled inspection, and the taxicab plates are delivered to the inspection facility prior to the original inspection time, then no penalty will be due.

3. Penalties and penalty points are attributed to the taxicab association or transportation network company with which the taxicab and/or for-hire driver is affiliated at the time the violation occurs.

B. Taxicab ~~((A))~~ association or transportation network company ~~((V))~~ violations ~~((D))~~ during a ~~((E))~~ calendar ~~((Y))~~ year ~~((:))~~

Violation	Penalty Points Against Taxicab Association <u>or</u> Transportation Network Company
First Class A violation in one year	5
Second Class A violation in one year	6
Third or more Class A violation in one year	7
First Class B violation in one year	10
Second Class B violation in one year	12
Third or more Class B violation in one year	15



1 Any Class C violation

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3 As soon as an association or TNC accumulates more than five (~~((5))~~) penalty points per
4 affiliated taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle on average, it must pay a penalty to
5 the Director of (~~((One Hundred Dollars (\$100)))~~) \$100 per affiliated taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or
6 TNC endorsed vehicle. As soon as an association or TNC accumulates more than seven (~~((7))~~)
7 penalty points per affiliated taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle on average, it
8 must pay an additional penalty to the Director of (~~((One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150)))~~) \$150 per
9 affiliated taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle. As soon as an association or TNC
10 accumulates more than ten (~~((10))~~) points per affiliated taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC
11 endorsed vehicle on average, it must pay an additional penalty to the Director of (~~((Two Hundred~~
12 ~~Fifty Dollars (\$250)))~~) \$250 per affiliated taxicab, for-hire vehicle, or TNC endorsed vehicle. For
13 purposes of this subsection, average number of penalty points per affiliated taxicab, for-hire
14 vehicle or TNC endorsed vehicle means total association penalty points divided by number of
15 taxicabs, for-hire vehicles or TNC endorsed vehicle within the association or TNC. (The Director
16 will compute the number of taxicabs, for-hire vehicles of TNC endorsed vehicles within the
17 association or TNC by averaging the number of taxicabs or for-hire vehicles in the association or
18 TNC (rounded up) at the beginning of the year and the number of cabs, for-hire vehicles or TCN
19 endorsed vehicles at the end of each completed quarter, (i.e., March 31st, June 30th, etc.). If an
20 association or TNC has exceeded the average amount of penalty points as outlined above, the
21 penalty will be due as of the end of the current quarter. The association or TNC may ask for a
22 hearing with the Director concerning the assessment of such penalty. At such hearing the
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1 association or TNC will present any evidence to refute or mitigate ~~((the))~~ its performance ~~((of the~~
2 ~~association))~~. After the hearing, the Director may impose the penalty, reduce the penalty, or with
3 just cause waive the penalty and put the association or TNC on probation with specific
4 performance guidelines. If the association or TNC does not meet the guidelines imposed, the
5 Director will impose the penalty. In any case, the Director's decision is final.

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7 Upon renewal of the taxicab association or TNC license, the association or TNC will start
8 the new year with zero ~~((0))~~ penalty points.

9 A Class C violation by a TNC shall result in revocation of the TNC license.

10 C. Taxicab or ~~((F))~~for-hire ~~((V))~~vehicle ~~((O))~~owner's ~~((R))~~responsibility for
11 ~~((P))~~penalties ~~((I))~~incurred by ~~((F))~~for-hire ~~((D))~~drivers. A taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner is
12 jointly and severally liable for each monetary penalty assessed against any for-hire driver who
13 commits a violation while operating a taxicab or for-hire vehicle belonging to that owner. The
14 City is not required to pursue collection of the penalty from the driver as a prerequisite to
15 pursuing collection of the penalty from the owner.

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17 D. Taxicab ~~((A))~~association's or transportation network company's ~~((R))~~responsibility for
18 ~~((P))~~penalties ~~((I))~~incurred ~~((B))~~by ~~((F))~~for-hire ~~((D))~~drivers and ~~((F))~~taxicab ~~((O))~~owners. In
19 addition to incurring penalty points, the taxicab association or TNC is jointly and severally liable
20 for each monetary penalty assessed against any for-hire driver, TNC endorsed vehicle or taxicab
21 affiliated with the taxicab association. The City is not required to pursue collection of the penalty
22 from the for-hire driver or the taxicab owner as a prerequisite to pursuing collection of the
23 penalty from the taxicab association or TNC.



1 Section 46. Section 6.310.610 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
2 amended by Ordinance 122763, is amended as follows:

3 **6.310.610 Suspension or revocation((S))**

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5 C. Revocation ((S)) standards

6 1. Any License. The Director shall revoke a license issued under this chapter if the
7 Director determines that:

8 a. The licensee has violated any of the provisions of this chapter that
9 indicate a revocation as a penalty in parentheses after the provision;

10 b. The license application contained a material misstatement or omission;

11 c. The licensee fails to pay a monetary penalty imposed under this chapter
12 within 90 (~~thirty (30)~~) days after an unappealed notice of violation or final decision or order
13 imposing such monetary penalty is issued.

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15 3. Transportation network companies (TNC)

16 a. The Director shall revoke a TNC license if during the license period:

17 i. The TNC, or any person employed to manage Seattle operations,
18 receives a bail forfeiture, conviction or other final adverse finding for crimes of fraud, theft,
19 larceny, extortion, embezzlement, racketeering, Uniform Controlled Substances Act, prostitution,
20 alcohol and/or narcotics where the commission of such crimes involved or used a TNC or for-
21 hire vehicle. If the employee is (a) removed immediately from all operational or management
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1 duties or authority and (b) is divested of all ownership in the TNC as soon as possible, the
2 license may be reinstated;

3 ii. The TNC, or any person employed to manage Seattle
4 operations, receives a bail forfeiture, conviction or other final adverse finding involving crimes
5 directly related to the applicant' s ability to operate a TNC, including but not limited to
6 prostitution, gambling, fraud, larceny, extortion, income tax evasion. If the employee of the TNC
7 found in violation of this subsection is (a) removed immediately from all operational or
8 management duties or authority and (b) is divested of all ownership in the TNC as soon as
9 possible, the license may be reinstated;

11 iii. Knowingly permits an affiliated vehicle to be active on the
12 TNC dispatch system that has not undergone a uniform vehicle safety inspection as required by
13 6.310.270;

14 iv. Has failed to meet the insurance requirements outlined in
15 Section 6.310.260;

16 v. An affiliated driver is active on the TNC dispatch system
17 without effective and proper vehicle insurance as required in this chapter;

18 vi. Fails to pay all penalties imposed by the Department that are
19 either not contested or are upheld after review; or

20 vii. The TNC has committed one Class C violations in any one
21 year period.

22 b. The Director may revoke a TNC license if during the license period the
23 TNC:

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1 i. Dispatches to an unlicensed or unaffiliated driver;

2 ii. Dispatches to an unaffiliated vehicle;

3 iii. Dispatches to a vehicle that is neither a for-hire vehicle or
4 taxicab, nor a vehicle with a TNC vehicle endorsement;

5 iv. Knowingly permits a third party to use the TNC dispatch
6 system;

7 v. Knowingly permits a TNC endorsed driver driving a TNC
8 endorsed vehicle to pick up hails, cruise, or otherwise solicit trips;

9 vi. Knowingly allows a TNC driver driving a TNC endorsed
10 vehicle to take trips not dispatched by the TNC;

11 vii. Fails to review driving records of TNC drivers and maintain
12 records thereof;

13 viii. Knowingly permits TNC drivers with any conviction listed in
14 subsection 6.310.270 to continue affiliating with a TNC and/or operating as a TNC driver.

15 ~~((3))~~4. Taxicab and ~~((F))~~for-hire ~~((V))~~vehicle ~~((L))~~licenses~~((:))~~

16 a. The Director shall revoke a taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner license if:

17 i. The licensee, or any officer, director, general partner, managing
18 partner or principal of the licensee, has had a conviction, bail forfeiture or final adverse finding
19 of criminal fraud, larceny, theft, prostitution, extortion, racketeering, robbery or violation of the
20 Uniform Controlled Substances Act, where the crime is associated with operating a taxicab or
21 for-hire vehicle;
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1 ii. The licensee has had the license suspended twice within a one
2 ~~((1))~~ year period for lack of a current, valid insurance policy;

3 ~~((iii. The licensee's State of Washington for-hire certificate has
4 been revoked;))~~

5 ~~((iv))~~iii. The licensee is not affiliated with a taxicab association
6 licensed under this chapter; or

7 ~~((v))~~iv. The licensee is subject to revocation because of a loan
8 default pursuant to ~~((SMC))~~ Section 6.310.380.

9 b. The Director may revoke a taxicab or for-hire vehicle license if:

10 i. The licensee, or any officer, director, general partner, managing
11 partner or principal of the licensee, receives a bail forfeiture or conviction involving crimes
12 reasonably related to the applicant's ability to operate a taxicab or for-hire business, including but
13 not limited to prostitution, gambling, fraud, larceny, extortion, income tax evasion; or

14 ~~((ii. The licensee commits three (3) or more Class B violations
15 within one (1) year.))~~

16 ~~((4))~~5. For-hire ~~((D))~~driver's ~~((L))~~licenses~~((r))~~

17 a. The Director shall revoke a for-hire driver's license if:

18 i. The for-hire driver receives a bail forfeiture, conviction, or other
19 final adverse finding for crimes pertaining to hit-and-run, or for crimes pertaining to driving
20 under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances while operating a taxicab or for-hire
21 vehicle; or

1 ii. The for-hire driver's Washington State driver's license expires or
2 is revoked; or

3 iii. The for-hire driver has committed one (~~(+)~~) Class C violations
4 in any one (~~(+)~~) year period.

5 b. The Director may revoke a for-hire driver's license if:

6 i. The for-hire driver is found to be in possession of illegal drugs or
7 an open container of alcohol while in control of or while operating any taxicab or for-hire
8 vehicle; or

9 ii. The for-hire driver has received a conviction, bail forfeiture, or
10 other final adverse finding involving crimes pertaining to prostitution, gambling, physical
11 violence, Uniform Controlled Substances Act, fraud, theft, robbery, larceny, burglary, extortion
12 and/or crimes directly related to the driver's ability to operate a taxicab.

13 6. Transportation network company (TNC) drivers

14 a. The Director shall revoke the for-hire license of a transportation
15 network company driver, if, while active on the TNC dispatch system:

16 i. The TNC driver receives a bail forfeiture, conviction, or other
17 final adverse finding for crimes pertaining to hit-and-run, or for crimes pertaining to driving
18 under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances while operating a TNC endorsed vehicle;

19 ii. The TNC driver's Washington State driver's license expires or is
20 revoked provided that if the TNC driver's Washington State driver's license expires, the driver
21 may obtain reinstatement upon proof of renewal within 30 days;

1 1. Summary ((S))suspension or ((R))revocation. Whenever any license or TNC
2 vehicle endorsement is summarily suspended or revoked the suspension or revocation is effective
3 upon issuance of the notice. Such notice may be appealed pursuant to the procedures of Section
4 6.310.635. If a timely appeal is not filed by the licensee or TNC driver, the notice of summary
5 suspension or revocation shall be final. Such summary suspension shall extend until any
6 administrative or judicial appeal is finally concluded in the licensee's or TNC driver's favor, until
7 the license or endorsement expires, or until evidence satisfactory to the Director is produced
8 showing that the violation is cured, whichever occurs first. Summary revocations shall extend
9 until the end of the annual license or endorsement period or until any administrative or judicial
10 appeal is finally concluded in the licensee's or TNC driver's favor, whichever occurs first.

11 2. Suspension or ((R))revocation. If the licensee or TNC driver does not file a
12 timely appeal pursuant to Section 6.310.635, the notice of suspension or revocation shall be final.
13 Suspensions or revocations become effective upon the date any notice of suspension or
14 revocation or order on appeal affirming such notice becomes final. Unless a time period is
15 specified in a particular section of the ordinance codified in this chapter, suspensions shall
16 extend until the license or endorsement expires or until evidence satisfactory to the Director is
17 produced showing that the violation is cured, whichever occurs first. Revocations shall extend
18 until the end of the annual license or endorsement period.

19 3. Except in the case of a summary suspension or revocation as provided in
20 subsection ((D1)) 6.310.610.D.1 above, whenever a timely appeal is filed pursuant to Section
21 6.310.635, a licensee or TNC driver may continue to engage in the activity for which the license
22 or endorsement is required pending a final decision on appeal.



1 Section 47. Section 6.310.635 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which Section was last
2 amended by Ordinance 121738, is amended as follows:

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4 **6.310.635 Notice and hearing for denials, violations, suspensions and revocations((~~7~~))**

5 A. For each violation, and for each denial, suspension or revocation, the Director shall
6 give written notice to the affected licensee or TNC endorsement holder. If the affected licensee is
7 a taxicab driver, the Director shall at the same time give written notice of violations to the
8 taxicab licensee and the taxicab association. If the affected licensee or TNC endorsement holder
9 is a transportation network company driver, the Director shall at the same time give written
10 notice to the transportation network company. If the affected licensee is a taxicab licensee, the
11 Director shall at the same time give written notice of violations to the taxicab association. All
12 notices directed to a taxicab driver or taxicab licensee may be served by personal delivery to, or
13 by first-class mail addressed to, the taxicab association.
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16 B. Any notice of denial, violation, suspension or revocation, other than a summary
17 suspension or revocation pursuant to ~~((Section))~~ subsection 6.310.610.A, shall state that the
18 driver, taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee, TNC endorsement holder, transportation network
19 company and/or taxicab association is entitled to a hearing to respond to the notice and introduce
20 any evidence to refute or mitigate the violation. Upon written request, submitted by the person
21 named on the violation, filed within ten ~~((10))~~ calendar days after the date of the notice of
22 denial, violation, suspension or revocation, the Director shall set a hearing date and time to be
23 held as soon as possible and not more than ~~((thirty (30)))~~ 30 calendar days from the date of the
24 request or the next business day after that if the thirtieth day falls on a weekend or holiday.
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1 C. Any notice of summary suspension or revocation pursuant to ~~((Section))~~ subsection
2 6.310.610.A and 6.310.610.D.1, shall state that the driver, taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensee,
3 TNC endorsement holder, transportation network company and/or taxicab association is entitled
4 to a hearing to respond to the notice and introduce any evidence to refute or mitigate the
5 violation. Upon written request, submitted by the person named on the violation, filed within ten
6 ~~((10))~~ calendar days after the date of the notice of the summary suspension or revocation, the
7 Director shall set a hearing date and time to be held as soon as possible and not more than seven
8 ~~((7))~~ calendar days from the date of the request or the next business day after that if the seventh
9 day falls on a weekend or holiday. The Director shall render a decision affirming or reversing the
10 summary suspension or revocation within three ~~((3))~~ business days after the conclusion of the
11 hearing.
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14 D. The decision of the Director is final only if a monetary penalty is imposed or if a
15 timely appeal is not filed pursuant to subsection G. A taxicab license, TNC endorsement, or for-
16 hire driver license may be reinstated without a hearing if the violation was for failure to pay a
17 monetary penalty within ~~((thirty-30))~~ 30 days, if the licensee or TNC endorsement holder pays
18 the monetary penalty in full within ten ~~((10))~~ days of the date of license revocation and pays a
19 license reinstatement fee. This authority to reinstate licenses without a hearing only applies if it
20 is the first instance of failure to pay a monetary penalty in the calendar year.
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22 E. The hearing shall be held by the Director or the Director's designee, provided that the
23 designee may not be a person who directly supervises the inspector who issued the notice of
24 denial, violation, suspension or revocation.
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1 F. The hearing shall be informal, but shall be recorded by electronic means provided by
2 the Director. Within ~~((twenty (20)))~~ 20 days of the hearing, the Director shall issue a written
3 ruling including factual findings and the Director's conclusion, with supporting reasons,
4 affirming, modifying or reversing the notice. The decision shall be mailed by first class mail to
5 each affected licensee or TNC endorsement holder at the address listed on the application; or in
6 any supplemental materials. ~~((However, if the licensee is a taxicab licensee or taxicab driver, the
7 decision))~~ Licensee decisions for taxicabs and taxicab drivers shall be mailed by first class mail
8 to the licensee at the address of the taxicab association. Licensee and endorsement decisions for
9 transportation network company drivers shall be mailed by first class mail to the licensee at the
10 address listed on the licensee's for-hire driver's license application as well as the transportation
11 network company.
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14 G. If the Director's decision imposes or affirms a denial, suspension or revocation,
15 including summary suspension or revocation, any affected licensee or TNC endorsement holder
16 may appeal the entire decision to the Hearing Examiner by filing a notice of appeal with the
17 Hearing Examiner within ten ~~((10))~~ days after the date of mailing of the decision. Decisions of
18 the Director imposing a monetary penalty only, pursuant to subsection D, shall not be appealable
19 to the Hearing Examiner.
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22 Section 48. A new Section 6.310.745 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:

23 **6.310.745 Other laws**

24 Nothing in this chapter relieves a for-hire driver, for-hire vehicle or taxicab licensee,
25 taxicab association, transportation network company (TNC), TNC vehicle endorsement holder or
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1 applicant thereof from complying with any other law, nor does the City issuance of a license or
2 endorsement under this chapter imply that the applicant has met the obligations of all such other
3 laws.

4 The Department of Finance and Administrative Services shall issue a report to City
5 Council regarding the operational outcomes of this ordinance per section 6.310.100 B.

6 Section 49. A new Section 6.310.750 to Seattle Municipal Code is adopted, as follows:

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8 **6.310.750 Additional remedies**

9 Notwithstanding the existence or use of any other remedy, the City Attorney may seek
10 legal or equitable relief to enjoin an act or practice that constitutes or will constitute a violation
11 of this chapter or an applicable rule adopted under this chapter.

12 Section 50. Ordinance 124441 is repealed.

13 Section 51. To pay for necessary costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred in 2014,
14 but for which insufficient appropriations were made due to causes that could not reasonably have
15 been foreseen at the time the 2014 Budget was adopted, appropriations for the following items in
16 the 2014 Budget are increased from the funds shown as follows:
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Fund	Department	Budget Control Level	Amount
19 Finance and 20 Administrative 21 Services Fund 22 (50300)	23 Department of 24 Finance and 25 Administrative 26 Services	27 Revenue and Consumer 28 Protection (A4530)	\$150,000
29 General Subfund 30 (00100)	31 Finance 32 General	33 Appropriation to General Fund 34 Subfunds and Special Funds 35 (2QA00)	\$150,000



1	Total			\$300,000
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3 Section 52. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
4 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
5 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.
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2 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this ____ day of
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6 President _____ of the City Council
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8 Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.
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12 Edward B. Murray, Mayor
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14 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.
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17 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk
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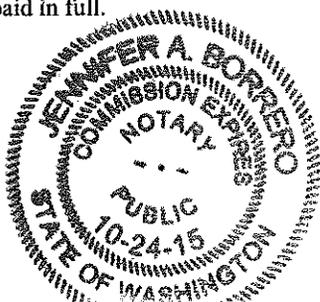
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City of Seattle

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The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on July 14, 2014, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://clerk.seattle.gov>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>.

Contact: Office of the City Clerk at (206) 684-8344.

ORDINANCE NO. 124524

AN ORDINANCE relating to transportation network companies, taxi, and for-hire services and affiliated drivers and vehicles; establishing minimum operating requirements for transportation network companies and affiliated drivers; imposing industry-wide vehicle inspection and driver training processes; imposing insurance requirements for transportation network companies and affiliated vehicles; altering insurance requirements for taxi and for-hire vehicles; requiring rate transparency across industries; establishing and altering licensing fees; establishing an accessible service charge; raising the maximum number of taxicab licenses issued by the City; allowing hailing rights for for-hire vehicles; establishing a property right for taxi and for-hire vehicle license holders; revising terminology; adding new sections, amending various Sections of Chapter 6.310 of the Seattle Municipal Code, repealing Ordinance 124441, and amending Ordinance 124349, which adopted the 2014 Budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 124528

AN ORDINANCE relating to the West Seattle Junction Parking and Business Improvement Area; modifying the assessment rates; modifying the boundaries; and amending Ordinance 113326, as previously amended by Ordinances 116997, 119539, 120570 and 121768.

ORDINANCE NO. 124529

AN ORDINANCE granting King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Wastewater Treatment Division permission to construct, maintain, and operate new and existing diversion structures in 32nd Avenue West for an unlimited term; specifying the conditions under which this permit is granted; and providing for the acceptance of the permit and conditions.

ORDINANCE NO. 124530

AN ORDINANCE relating to rates and charges for water services of Seattle Public Utilities; revising water rates and charges for master metered residential developments outside the City of Seattle and amending Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 21.04.440.D in connection therewith.

ORDINANCE NO. 124531

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation; accepting a statutory warranty deed for the donation of certain real property in the vicinity of the Ballard Bridge in Lots 8 and 9, Block 100, Gilman's Addition to the City of Seattle; and laying-off, opening, widening, extending, establishing, and designating the property for street purposes; placing the real property conveyed by such deed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

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