

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION

NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING

The District of Columbia Taxicab Commission (Commission), pursuant to the authority set forth in Sections 8(c)(2), 11 and 20a of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-307(c)(2); 50-310(a); 50-320 (2012 Repl. & 2013 Supp.)) hereby gives notice of amendments to Chapters 1 (District of Columbia Taxicab Commission: Rules of Organization), 8 (Operation of Taxicabs), 11 (Public Vehicles for Hire Consumer Service Fund) and 12 (Luxury Services – Owners, Operators and Vehicles) of Title 31 (Taxicabs and Public Vehicles for Hire) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

The amendments: (1) clarify that the Chairman shall designate in an administrative order the employee who shall serve as Secretary to the Commission, (2) update existing fees authorized by the Commission, (3) implement new fees that may be charged by the Office and (4) correct inconsistencies in this title as it relates to the application and amount of the passenger surcharge.

These rules were originally adopted on September 11, 2013 as an Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking, became effective on Friday, September 13, 2013, and were published in the *D.C. Register* on September 27, 2013 at 60 DCR 13446. Portions of the original rulemaking required changes and are the subject of a separate second notice of emergency and proposed rulemaking adopted by the Commission. This final rulemaking was adopted on March 12, 2014, and will take effect upon publication in the *D.C. Register*.

Chapter 1, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION: RULES OF ORGANIZATION, is amended as follows:

Subsection 101.2 is amended to read:

101.2 The Secretary to the Commission shall be an employee of the Office of Taxicabs, designated by his or her position title in an administrative order issued by the Chairman. Contact information for the Secretary shall be posted on the Commission’s website.

Chapter 8, OPERATION OF TAXICABS, is amended as follows:

Subsection 827.1, Annual Operator ID License, is amended to add:

 New Face Card with security features (D.C. OneCard): \$12.50 per card

Chapter 11, PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE CONSUMER SERVICE FUND, is amended as follows:

Subsection 1103, PASSENGER SURCHARGE, is amended as follows:

1103.1 Each trip provided in a public vehicle for hire licensed by the Office, other than a limousine, shall be assessed a twenty-five cent (\$0.25) per trip passenger surcharge.

A new Subsection 1104 is added to read:

1104 FEES

1104.1 The following fees, in addition to any other fees prescribed by this title, and in accordance with applicable law, shall be paid to the Commission and deposited into the Public Vehicle for Hire Consumer Service Fund:

Proposed MTS Application Fee (§ 403.3):	\$1000
Per Vehicle Registration Fee -- Initial and Renewal Applications (§§ 501 or 1202)	\$50
Late Renewal Application Fee – Taxicab Company, Association or Fleet; LCS Organization (§ 501.9 or 1202.9)	\$250
Late Renewal Application Fee – Public Vehicle for Hire Owner/Operator (§ 1014.3)	\$25 (1 – 15 days late) \$50 (16 – 30 days late) \$100 (31 – 45 days late) \$150 (45 – 90 days late)
Late Renewal Application Fee – PSP or DDS (§§ 406 or 1604.6)	\$500
Transfer of Ownership – Taxicab Company, Association, or Fleet (§ 507.2)	\$500
Digital Dispatch Service Amend Fee (§§ 1604.3(c) and 1604.5)	\$300
Digital Dispatch Service Application Fee – (§1604.3(c))	\$500
Pair of vehicle registration stickers	\$1.00
Taximeter cable seals	\$0.50

(§ 1323)

Chapter 12, LUXURY CLASS SERVICES, is amended as follows:

Subsection 1202.1 is amended to read as follows:

1202.1 No LCS organization, or owner of an independently operated LCS vehicle, shall operate in the District without first paying the applicable fee and obtaining a certificate of authority to operate. Applicable fees are as follows:

- (a) LCS organizations: four hundred seventy five dollars (\$475), and;
- (b) Owners of independently operated vehicles: two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).