

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The District of Columbia Taxicab Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to the authority set forth in Sections 8(c)(2), (3), (5), (7), (10), (12), (15), and (19), 14, and 20 of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985 (“Establishment Act”), effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-307(c)(2) (3), (5), (7), (10), (12), (15), and (19), 50-313, and 50-319 (2012 Repl. & 2015 Supp.)), and D.C. Official Code § 47-2829 (b), (d), (e), (e-1), and (i) (2012 Repl. & 2015 Supp.), hereby gives notice of its intent to adopt amendments to Chapter 10 (Public Vehicles for Hire) of Title 31 (Taxicabs and Public Vehicles-for-hire) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

This proposed rulemaking would amend the Chapter 10 to: (1) require that applicants for new DCTC operator’s licenses complete disability sensitivity training; and (2) allow the Office of Taxicabs to place certain conditions on owners that receive new DCTC vehicle licenses, at such times when the Office of Taxicabs issues new DCTC vehicle licenses.

The Commission also hereby gives notice of its intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt these proposed rules in not less than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. Directions for submitting comments may be found at the end of this notice.

Chapter 10, PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE, of Title 31, TAXICABS AND PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE, of the DCMR, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1004, INVESTIGATION AND EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS, is amended as follows:

Subsection 1004.6 is amended to read as follows:

1004.6 Each applicant for a new DCTC operator’s license shall provide proof of completion of a disability sensitivity training course approved by the Office.

A new subsection 1004.7 is added as follows:

1004.7 Upon successful completion of the operator education course and successful passage of the written examination administered by the Commission, an applicant shall have six (6) months from the date of the notification letter from the Commission (or unless otherwise stated in writing by the Commission), to file an application for licensure.

Section 1010, ISSUANCE OF DCTC VEHICLE LICENSE, is amended as follows:

A new subsection 1010.24 is added as follows:

1010.24 At such times when the Office issues new DCTC vehicle licenses, each applicant for a new DCTC vehicle license may be required by the Office to:

- (a) Purchase or lease a vehicle with electric or other efficient means of propulsion;
- (b) Purchase or lease a vehicle that is wheelchair accessible;
- (c) Provide service in underserved areas of the District, as identified by the Office; or
- (d) Meet other requirements to enhance safety and consumer protection, to improve customer service, or to achieve other lawful purposes within the jurisdiction of the Commission, as determined by the Office in an administrative issuance.

Copies of this proposed rulemaking can be obtained at or by contacting Secretary to the Commission, District of Columbia Taxicab Commission, 2235 Shannon Place, S.E., Suite 3001, Washington, D.C. 20020. All persons desiring to file comments on the proposed rulemaking action should submit written comments via e-mail to dctc@dc.gov or by mail to the DC Taxicab Commission, 2235 Shannon Place, S.E., Suite 3001, Washington, DC 20020, Attn: Secretary to the Commission, no later than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.