

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULEMAKING**

The District of Columbia Taxicab Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to the authority set forth in Sections 8(c) (3), (7), (19) and (20), 20a, and 20g, of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985 (“Establishment Act”), effective March 25, 1986, as amended by the Vehicle-for-Hire Innovation Amendment Act of 2014 (“Vehicle-for-Hire Act”), effective March 10, 2015 (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-307(c) (3), (7), (19) and (20), 50-320, and 50-326 (2012 Repl. & 2015 Supp.)), hereby gives notice of its intent to adopt amendments to Chapter 4 (Taxicab Payment Service Providers) of Title 31 (Taxicabs and Public Vehicles For Hire) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

This emergency rulemaking establishes the amount of the payment service provider (PSP) surcharge bond; it is identical in language to pending proposed rulemaking adopted by the Commission on October 14, 2015. Current regulations require PSPs to maintain a bond to ensure the payment to the District of the passenger surcharges collected through approved modern taximeter systems (MTSs). The regulations do not establish, however, the amount of the bond. There is an immediate need to preserve and promote the safety and welfare of District residents by ensuring that the amount of the bond is clearly established in the Commission’s regulations, to eliminate the possibility of confusion among these stakeholders about this requirement for both: (1) renewal applications of all current PSPs are currently pending before the Office of Taxicabs; and (2) new applicants may submit applications as PSPs at any time.

This emergency rulemaking was adopted by the Commission on December 9, 2015 and took effect immediately. The Commission, through separate notice, adopted proposed rulemaking on October 14, 2015. This emergency rulemaking shall remain in effect for one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date of adoption (expiring April 7, 2016), unless earlier superseded by an amendment or repeal by the Commission, or the publication of final rulemaking, whichever occurs first.

**Chapter 4, TAXICAB PAYMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS, of Title 31 TAXICABS AND PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE, is amended as follows:**

**Section 403, PROPOSED MODERN TAXIMETER SYSTEMS – APPLICATION, is amended as follows:**

**The title of Section 403, PROPOSED MODERN TAXIMETER SYSTEMS – APPLICATION, is amended to read as follows:**

**403            APPLICATIONS**

**Subsection 403.3 is amended to read as follows:**

403.3            Each application shall be made under penalty of perjury, and shall be accompanied by an application fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and by a

surcharge bond of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).