

**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), 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), 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 5 (Taxicab Companies, Associations and Fleets) of Title 31 (Taxicabs and Public Vehicles-for-hire) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

This proposed rulemaking would amend Chapters 5 and 6 for taxicabs, as to: (1) clarify the requirements for the display of insignias, logos, numbers, and symbols on taxicabs; (2) require that a taxicab vehicle display the public vehicle identification number (PVIN) on the passenger and driver side rear doors and on the rear of the vehicle, and not display a legacy taxicab number no longer tracked or used by the Office of Taxicabs; and (3) add a requirement that vehicles approved for extensions be painted in the uniform color scheme.

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 5, TAXICAB COMPANIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND FLEETS, of Title 31, TAXICABS AND PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE, of the DCMR, is amended to read as follows:**

**Section 503, TAXICAB COLORINGS AND MARKINGS, is amended as follows:**

**Subsection 503.1 is amended as follows:**

**Subparagraph (d) is amended to read as follows:**

- (d) It is required to be repainted in whole or in part pursuant to:
  - (1) Subsection 609.7, as a condition of the Office's approval of the owner's application for an extension of the vehicle's retirement under §§ 609.2 through 609.5; or
  - (2) Any other provision of this title or other applicable law.

**Subsection 503.3 is amended as follows:**

**Subparagraph (d) is amended to read as follows:**

- (d) Bear decal letters of the taxicab company, association, fleet name or the name of the owner which shall be on the rear of the body so as to be clearly visible from the rear, on either side of and in alignment with the center of the vehicle manufacturer placed logo. The decal letters shall be the color black, in Calibri font, using capital letters that are one and one half (1-1/2) inches in height measured from the X height and manufactured of 3M Controltac Plus Film (or equivalent);

**A new subparagraph (g) is added as follows:**

- (g) The PVIN shall be placed on both the passenger and driver side rear doors, and on the deck-lid if the vehicle is a passenger sedan or beneath the rear window if the vehicle is a passenger van or SUV, in letters and numbers that are black in color, Gothic in style, three inches (3 in.) high, three eighths of an inch (3/8 in.) wide, and with three eighths of an inch (3/8 in.) between each digit

**Subsection 503.8 is amended to read as follows:**

503.8 The following prohibitions apply to all taxicab vehicles that must be repainted under this section:

- (a) No paint, graphic, vehicle wrap or decal, paint color, design, insignia, logo, term, symbol, advertisement, signage, display, label, sticker, lettering, or numbering, including any legacy taxicab number no longer tracked or used by the Office, shall be placed on any taxicab unless it is expressly authorized by and complies with this section, or is permitted by an administrative issuance.
- (b) There shall not be placed on or in any taxicab, paint, graphic, vehicle wrap or decal, paint color, design, insignia, logo, term, symbol, advertisement, signage, display, label, sticker, lettering, numbering, or other exterior object which has, tends to have, or may have the effect of confusing, misleading, or deceiving the public.

**Chapter 6, TAXICAB PARTS AND EQUIPMENT, of Title 31, TAXICABS AND PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE, of the DCMR, as follows:**

**Section 609, TAXICAB VEHICLE RETIREMENT, is amended as follows:**

**Subsection 609.7 is amended as follows:**

**A new subsection (g) is added as follows:**

- (g) The vehicle shall be painted in the uniform color scheme in accordance with the requirements of § 503.

Copies of this proposed rulemaking can be obtained at [www.dcregs.dc.gov](http://www.dcregs.dc.gov) 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](mailto: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*.