

## 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), (7) and (19), 14, 15, 16, 20j and 20j-3, 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) (2), (3), (7) and (19), 50-313, 50-314, 50-315, 50-329, and 50-329c (2012 Repl. & 2015 Supp.)), hereby gives notice of its intent to adopt an amendment to Chapters 9 (Insurance Requirements) and 14 (Operation of Black Cars), of Title 31 (Taxicabs and Public Vehicles For Hire) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

This proposed rulemaking would amend Chapters 9 and 14 to expand the options for taxicab, black car, and limousine operators to comply with existing commercial insurance requirements. The rules would allow operators to present digital insurance information during traffic stops to verify their compliance with Chapter 9, and would also authorize vehicle inspection officers to verify compliance in real time, to increase efficiency and improve the accuracy of insurance information collected. The Office may issue an administrative issuance approving the forms of digital and electronic information acceptable as proof of insurance under this paragraph..

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

**Chapter 9, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, of Title 31 TAXICABS AND PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE, is amended as follows:**

**Section 900, APPLICATION AND SCOPE OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, is amended as follows:**

**Subsection 900.12 is amended to read as follows:**

900.12            Each operator of a public vehicle-for-hire shall carry a hard copy, or electronic or digitally-produced insurance identification card or insurance policy, displaying proof of current insurance, in his or her name, in each vehicle he or she operates that is licensed under the provisions of D.C. Official Code § 50-314 (2015 Supp.) at all times. The Office may issue an administrative issuance approving the forms of digital and electronic information acceptable as proof of insurance under this subsection. Failure to have current proof of insurance in his or her possession is a violation of this section subject to the penalties provided in § 907.

**Chapter 14, OPERATION OF BLACK CARS, of Title 31 TAXICABS AND PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE, is amended as follows:**

**Section 1402, OPERATION REQUIREMENTS, is amended as follows:**

**Subsection 1402.4 is amended to read as follows:**

- 1402.4 Each operator shall at all times carry on his or her person, or have readily available inside the vehicle for production upon demand by a District enforcement official, the following documents:
- (1) The operator's personal driver's license;
  - (2) The vehicle registration;
  - (3) The operator's DCTC operator's license identification card; and
  - (4) An insurance card or policy, or digital or electronic version thereof, evidencing a valid and effective commercial insurance policy meeting the requirements of Chapter 9. The Office may issue an administrative issuance approving the forms of digital and electronic information acceptable as proof of insurance under this paragraph.

Copies of this proposed rulemaking can be obtained at [www.dcregs.dc.gov](http://www.dcregs.dc.gov) or by contacting the 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: The Secretary to the Commission, no later than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.