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VEHICLE FOR HIRE STANDARDS INITIATIVE

BEGINNING SPRING 2018

Broward County’s Environmental and Consumer Protection Division (ECPD) will be undertaking an initiative to reinforce standards throughout the vehicle for hire community. This handout is being provided in hopes that all certificate holders, permittees, and vehicle for hire drivers will respond to this initiative without the need for enforcement action. The initiative will play out as follows:

1. Distribution of this handout beginning April 23, 2018, kicking off the initiative.
2. One month of warning notices on standards violations that are non-safety related.
3. Beginning June 1, 2018, issuance of citations for standards violations.
4. Based on the results of this initiative, reevaluation of Chapter 22½ vehicle inspections and standards requirements.

For your convenience, listed below are the kinds of issues ECPD will be focusing on during this initiative.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All lights, interior and exterior, must operate. | <input type="checkbox"/> Door seals and gaskets must be intact and prevent water, odor, and fumes from entering the vehicle. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All windows shall possess no breakage, cracks, or pits that impair visibility or hinder safety of passengers. All window cranks and power window switches shall be intact and functioning. | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle must have safe tires, inflated to manufacturer’s specifications, treadwear of at least 2/32”, and free of cuts, cracks, bulges, or exposed belts. No recaps are allowed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield wipers must be operational and not worn or torn. | <input type="checkbox"/> The Driver’s vision must be unobstructed on all four sides of the vehicle. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The speedometer and odometer must be functioning. | <input type="checkbox"/> There can be neither fluid leakage nor leakage of exhaust gas from the exhaust manifold, muffler, or any other point in the exhaust system. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air conditioning and heating systems must be fully functional. | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxicab insignia (owner’s trade name, taxicab number, telephone number, certificate owner’s or association’s name and number) must be painted upon the vehicle and at least three inches high. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle interiors must not contain loose objects and must be clean, sanitary, free of broken seats or protruding sharp edges, and free of offensive odors. | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxicab color schemes must be approved by ECPD and be uniform among vehicles. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All standard manufacturer’s interior and exterior equipment, including upholstery, headliner, and floor coverings must be intact and functioning. | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles operating under certificates made available as part of the 50 WAV certificates issued in 2017 shall meet all the requirements of Chapter 22½-3(a)(2). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle body, fenders, doors, trim, grill and paint must be free from dirt, cracks, breaks, rust, and body damage that detracts from the overall appearance of the vehicle or could result in harm or injury to the passenger or belongings. | |

The vehicle for hire experience is often the first impression of the Broward County destination experience. Thank you for your help and cooperation in ensuring this experience is one of quality and professionalism.

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