**501 INITIAL AND RENEWAL CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES; FILING REQUIREMENTS**

501.1 No person shall operate a taxicab company, association, or fleet in the District without first obtaining a Certificate of Operating Authority issued by the Commission.

501.2Each application for a new or renewal certificate of operating authority shall be made on a form prescribed by the Office of Taxicabs (Office), which shall contain a sworn and notarized statement that the information contained in the application is true under penalty of perjury, and that the applicant is in compliance with the clean hands requirements of D.C. Official Code § 47-2862 (2005 Repl. & 2011 Supp.).

501.3 An applicant for a new or renewal certificate of operating authority license shall provide the following information with its application:

(a) The name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and fax number of the applicant;

(b) Certification of tax compliance from the Internal Revenue Service for the prior tax year;

(c) A copy of the certificate of occupancy for the applicant’s administrative office, which must meet the requirements of § 502 of this chapter;

(d) A copy of the current by‑laws and other rules and regulations relating to the applicant’s organization and operations;

(e) Certificate-of-identity information on a form provided by the Office indicating the trade name of the applicant, the persons authorized to sign for the applicant, and other identifying information required by the Office;

(f) The following information, if the applicant is a partnership:

1. A certified copy of the partnership certificate; and
2. A list of the partners, including the name, residential address, and telephone number of each partner;

(g) The following information, if the applicant is a corporation:

* 1. A certified copy of its certificate of incorporation with a filing receipt issued by the Mayor, or his or her designee, if the applicant has been incorporated for less than one (1) year from the date of the license application, or a certificate of good standing if the applicant has been incorporated more than one (1) year from the date of the license application, or if not a District of Columbia corporation, a copy of the certificate of incorporation from its jurisdiction of incorporation with a certificate of good standing and certificate of authority to do business within the District of Columbia as a foreign corporation;
  2. A copy of its articles of incorporation; and

(3) A list of its officers, including the name, residential address, and telephone number of each officer;

(h) The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address for the applicant’s District of Columbia resident agent for service of process;

(i) An identification of the types of taxicab services to be provided, including dispatch service, wheelchair-accessible service, and other specially-equipped taxicab service;

(j) A statement by the applicant that the company, association, or fleet will not discriminate against employees or customers and will provide taxicab services throughout the District of Columbia;

(k) A listing of membership, insurance, dispatch, and rental fees, where applicable;

(l) Identification of the number of hybrid taxicabs, wheelchair-accessible taxicabs, and other specially-equipped taxicab vehicles; and

(m) Clean Hands certification that the applicant has complied with the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue registration and filing requirements, including but not limited to filing the FR-500 Combined Business Tax Registration Application Form and the FR-500T, Taxicab and Limousine Supplemental Information Form.

501.4Each applicant for a new or renewal certificate of operating authority shall also providethe followinginformation as to the vehicles to be affiliated or associated with its company, association, or fleet or owned by the applicant:

(a) The name and residential address of the owner of each vehicle to be affiliated or associated with the applicant;

(b) The vehicle body type, the vehicle make and model, the vehicle’s model year, and the vehicle identification number;

(c) Verification that the applicant has applied for and is pre-approved for insurance that complies with District of Columbia insurance requirements and the requirements of chapter 9 of this title;

(d) The trade name and any design, insignia, logo, term, symbol, lettering, or other exterior object, pursuant to § 503 of this chapter; and

(e) The specially-equipped taxicab vehicle information, where applicable, required to be submitted by § 604 of this title.

501.5 The Office shall verify all the information provided in response to §§ 501.3 and 501.4 of this section and provide a preliminary approval of the name, logo, or insignia before each application is presented to the Office for approval.

501.6 Annually on or before December 15 and at other times as may be required by the Commission, each taxicab company, association, or fleet shall renew its certificate of operating authority by filing an application with the Office. The application shall include the following information:

(a) The name and residential address of the owner of each taxicab affiliated or associated with the taxicab company, association, or fleet;

(b) Identification of the vehicle body type, the vehicle make and model, the model year, the vehicle identification number, the fleet number, the taxicab permit number (referred to as the DCTC), the tag number, and the mileage for all taxicabs affiliated or associated with the taxicab company, association, or fleet or owned by the taxicab company, association, or fleet;

(c) Verification that the fleet numbers assigned to the taxicab vehicles comply with § 503.5 of this chapter;

(d) Verification that the company, association, or fleet is in compliance with District of Columbia insurance requirements and the insurance requirements in chapter 9 of this title;

(e) A current District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles, Bureau of Traffic Adjudication, ticket report for each taxicab vehicle;

(f) Three (3) three inch by five inch (3″ x 5″) pictures of the Office-approved name, logo, and insignia information displayed on the front, right side, and rear of the taxicab; and

(g) Identification of the number of hybrid taxicabs, wheelchair-accessible taxicabs, and other specially-equipped taxicab vehicles.

501.7 During the certificate of operating authority period, any change in the information required by this section shall be reported by each licensee to the Office within five (5) business days after the change, except for items that generally will increase or fluctuate such as vehicle mileage, number of associated drivers, or number of associated vehicles (above the minimum required).

501.8 Each applicant seeking to do business in the District and each licensed taxicab company, association, or fleet authorized to do business in the District shall pay an annual certificate of operating authority license fee prescribed by the Commission.

501.9 A taxicab company, association, or fleet that fails to timely file its renewal or other information as required in this section shall be subject to a late fee of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250).

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