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I. Purpose

The purpose of this rule is:

To establish the conditions and procedures for disbursing the Wheelchair Accessible Service (WAS) Fee Surcharge proceeds to wheelchair accessible taxicab or wheelchair accessible for-hire vehicle owners and drivers.

To define the methodology for disbursing the WAS Fee Surcharge proceeds in a manner that offsets the higher operational costs incurred by owners and drivers of wheelchair accessible taxicabs or wheelchair accessible for-hire vehicles.

To align and establish continuity with Seattle Director's Rules CPU-11-2016 (Wheelchair Accessible Services Surcharge Collection) and CPU-07-2015 (Reimbursement from the Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund), as may be amended or superseded.

Applicability and Audience

- King County Records and Licensing Services Division
- Owners and drivers of taxicabs and for-hire vehicles
- Taxicab Associations and For-hire Vehicle Companies
- City of Seattle Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Protection Division

References

- King County Ordinance 17892
- King County Code (K.C.C.) Chapter 6.64.111, Fee surcharge for taxicab licensees, for-hire vehicle licensees and transportation network companies - use of fee surcharge – adoption of rules (Effective November 12, 2014)
- Revised Code of Washington 46.04.460 Registered owner
- Seattle Director's Rules CPU-11-2016 (Wheelchair Accessible Services Surcharge Collection) and CPU-07-2015 (Reimbursement from the Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund)

II. Definitions

"Director" means the director of the Department of Executive Services or the director's designee.

"For-Hire Driver" means any person in control of, operating, or driving a taxicab or for-hire vehicle and includes a lessee, owner-operator, or driver of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle as an employee.

"For-Hire Vehicle Company" means a person who represents or owns for-hire vehicles licensed by King County that use the same color scheme, trade name, and dispatch services.