



## **ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE: SHARED RIDING**

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### **I. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“DFHV”) has adopted emergency rulemaking to amend Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the DCMR (“Rulemaking”). The current emergency rulemaking was adopted on March 27, 2018 and establishes a special shared ride rate. Additionally, the Department adopted a final rulemaking on February 1, 2017, published in the *D.C. Register* on August 11, 2017 at 64 DCR 007895, which allows for shared rides to be arranged through digital meters approved by the Department and requires a shared ride fare calculation method that apportions the total fare in a manner that maximizes consumer choice and operator income pursuant to an administrative issuance. This administrative issuance sets forth the methodology for computing shared ride fares for digital taxicab solutions.

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

“Passenger surcharge:” a fee, which is currently set at twenty-five cents (\$0.25), required to be assessed to and collected from passengers and remitted to the District for each public vehicle-for-hire trip as required by Title 31.

“Segment” – a stop occurring during a shared ride trip where a passenger or passengers are discharged.

“Shared Ride” – a ride consisting of two or more passengers, which involves a common pick-up location and either common or slightly different destination, in which no segment is more than a 3-mile radius from the preceding segment or common route, and which is arranged by a starter who may be the operator.

### **III. AUTHORITY**

District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986, D.C. OFFICIAL CODE § 50-301.07 (c) (2) (3), 50-301.13, and 50-301.19; 31 DCMR §§ 801, 804 and 9901.

### **IV. PROCEDURES**

- (1) Shared Rides may be from or to any location and may be arranged through digital meters approved by the Department.

- (2) Only one flag drop shall be charged, regardless of the number of passengers, and shall be split by the number of segments.
- (3) A rate of \$1.20 per mile shall apply to shared rides instead of the standard rate of \$2.16 per mile following the flag drop rate.
- (4) The standard wait time rate of \$25.00 per hour shall apply and shall be apportioned amongst all segments.
- (5) The passenger surcharge of \$0.25 shall be added for each segment.
- (6) The snow emergency fare of \$15, when authorized, shall be split equally among each segment.
- (7) The \$1.00 additional passenger fee shall not be charged.
- (8) In the event of a toll incurred, the toll amount shall be split between passengers in the taxicab when the toll transaction occurred. Driver shall manually enter the toll amount and the meter calculates the appropriate share for each passenger.
- (9) A passenger's shared ride fare shall be based on how many miles and time s/he was actually in the taxicab.

**SO ORDERED:**

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