



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
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## Signature Report

### Ordinance 19699

**Proposed No.** 2023-0230.3

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1 AN ORDINANCE relating to transportation network  
2 companies, drivers, and vehicles; repealing or deleting  
3 provisions intended to no longer be in effect in separating  
4 the taxicab and transportation network company industries;  
5 conforming to changes in state law; amending Ordinance  
6 10498, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.010,  
7 Ordinance 10498, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C.  
8 6.64.015, Ordinance 17892, Section 20, as amended, and  
9 K.C.C. 6.64.211, Ordinance 17892, Section 24, as  
10 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.251, Ordinance 17892, Section  
11 26, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.271, Ordinance 17892,  
12 Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.281, Ordinance  
13 10498, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.300,  
14 Ordinance 10498, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C.  
15 6.64.360, Ordinance 10498, Section 27, as amended, and  
16 K.C.C. 6.64.500, Ordinance 10498, Section 28, as  
17 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.510, Ordinance 10498, Section  
18 30, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.530, Ordinance 10498,  
19 Section 31, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.540, Ordinance  
20 10498, Section 34, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.570,

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21 Ordinance 10498, Section 35, as amended, and K.C.C.  
22 6.64.580, Ordinance 17665, Section 20, as amended, and  
23 K.C.C. 6.64.595, Ordinance 10498, Section 38, as  
24 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.610, Ordinance 10498, Sections  
25 42 through 46, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.650,  
26 Ordinance 10498 Sections 47 through 60, as amended, and  
27 K.C.C. 6.64.660, Ordinance 10498, Sections 69 through 79,  
28 as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.680, Ordinance 10498,  
29 Sections 80 through 85, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.690,  
30 Ordinance 10498, Section 93, as amended, and K.C.C.  
31 6.64.740, Ordinance 10498, Section 95, as amended, and  
32 K.C.C. 6.64.760, Ordinance 17892, Section 74, and K.C.C.  
33 6.64.780, and Ordinance 10498, Section 97, as amended,  
34 and K.C.C. 6.64.800, adding a new section to K.C.C.  
35 chapter 6.64, and repealing Ordinance 17892, Section 6,  
36 and K.C.C. 6.64.101, Ordinance 17892, Section 11, and  
37 K.C.C. 6.64.121, Ordinance 17892, Section 12, and K.C.C.  
38 6.64.131, Ordinance 17892, Section 13, and K.C.C.  
39 6.64.141, Ordinance 17892, Section 14, and K.C.C.  
40 6.64.151, Ordinance 17892, Section 15, and K.C.C.  
41 6.64.161, Ordinance 17892, Section 16, and K.C.C.  
42 6.64.171, Ordinance 17892, Section 17, and K.C.C.  
43 6.64.181, Ordinance 17892, Section 18, and K.C.C.

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44 6.64.191, Ordinance 10498, Section 11, as amended, and  
45 K.C.C. 6.64.310, Ordinance 10498, Section 12, as  
46 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.320, Ordinance 10498, Section  
47 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.330, Ordinance 10498,  
48 Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.340, Ordinance  
49 10498, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.350,  
50 Ordinance 10498, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C.  
51 6.64.380, Ordinance 10498, Section 19, as amended, and  
52 K.C.C. 6.64.390, Ordinance 10498, Section 20, as  
53 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.400, Ordinance 10498, Section  
54 21, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.410, Ordinance 10498,  
55 Section 22, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.420, Ordinance  
56 10498, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.430,  
57 Ordinance 10498, Section 24, as amended, and K.C.C.  
58 6.64.440, Ordinance 10498, Section 25, as amended, and  
59 K.C.C. 6.64.450, Ordinance 10498, Section 26, as  
60 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.460, Ordinance 10498, Sections  
61 61 through 68, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.670,  
62 Ordinance 10498, Sections 86 through 88, as amended, and  
63 K.C.C. 6.64.695, Ordinance 10498, Section 89, as  
64 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.700, Ordinance 10498, Section  
65 90, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.710, Ordinance 10498,  
66 Section 92, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.730, and

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67 Ordinance 10498, Section 94, and K.C.C. 6.64.750 and  
68 prescribing penalties.

69 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

70 1. In 2022 Washington regulated the operation of transportation network  
71 companies but did not preempt the county's existing regulation of  
72 transportation network companies.

73 2. State law constrains the county's ability to amend existing county code  
74 addressing transportation network companies and their affiliated vehicles  
75 and drivers.

76 3. The county desires to continue comprehensively regulating  
77 transportation network companies and their affiliated drivers and vehicles  
78 within the constraints set by state law and to align with state law where  
79 appropriate.

80 4. The county partners with the city of Seattle to regulate the broader for-  
81 hire transportation industry and desires to maintain that partnership in the  
82 future under common regulations.

83 5. Due to changes in state law governing the regulation of transportation  
84 network companies, amending an existing King County Code chapter to  
85 regulate transportation network companies and establishing a new King  
86 County Code chapter to regulate taxicabs and for-hire vehicles provides  
87 the best approach to implement the county's policy objectives for these  
88 industries.

89 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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90            NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 6.64 a  
91 new section to read as follows:

92            This chapter applies to transportation network companies, transportation network  
93 company drivers, and transportation network company endorsed vehicles. K.C.C.  
94 chapter X.XX (the new chapter created in section 1 of Ordinance XXXXX (Proposed  
95 Ordinance 2023-0231)) applies to taxicab associations, for-hire vehicle companies,  
96 taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, and the drivers of those vehicles. References to taxicab  
97 associations, for-hire vehicle companies, taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, and the drivers of  
98 those for-hire vehicles remain in this chapter because RCW 46.72B.190 constrains the  
99 county from amending ordinances or regulations related to transportation network  
100 companies, transportation network company drivers, or transportation network company  
101 endorsed vehicles after January 1, 2022. In the event of a conflict between this chapter  
102 and K.C.C. chapter X.XX (the new chapter created in section 1 of Ordinance XXXXX  
103 (Proposed Ordinance 2023-0231)) related to taxicab associations, for-hire vehicle  
104 companies, taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, and the drivers of for-hire vehicles, K.C.C. chapter  
105 X.XX (the new chapter created in section 1 of Ordinance XXXXX (Proposed Ordinance  
106 2023-2031)) controls.

107            SECTION 2. The following are hereby repealed:

- 108            A. Ordinance 17892, Section 6, and K.C.C. 6.64.101;
- 109            B. Ordinance 17892, Section 11, and K.C.C. 6.64.121;
- 110            C. Ordinance 17892, Section 12, and K.C.C. 6.64.131;
- 111            D. Ordinance 17892, Section 13, and K.C.C. 6.64.141;
- 112            E. Ordinance 17892, Section 14, and K.C.C. 6.64.151;

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- 113 F. Ordinance 17892, Section 15, and K.C.C. 6.64.161;
- 114 G. Ordinance 17892, Section 16, and K.C.C. 6.64.171;
- 115 H. Ordinance 17892, Section 17, and K.C.C. 6.64.181;
- 116 I. Ordinance 17892, Section 18, and K.C.C. 6.64.191;
- 117 J. Ordinance 10498, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.310;
- 118 K. Ordinance 10498, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.320;
- 119 L. Ordinance 10498, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.330;
- 120 M. Ordinance 10498, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.340;
- 121 N. Ordinance 10498, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.350;
- 122 O. Ordinance 10498, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.380;
- 123 P. Ordinance 10498, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.390;
- 124 Q. Ordinance 10498, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.400;
- 125 R. Ordinance 10498, Section 21, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.410;
- 126 S. Ordinance 10498, Section 22, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.420;
- 127 T. Ordinance 10498, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.430;
- 128 U. Ordinance 10498, Section 24, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.440;
- 129 V. Ordinance 10498, Section 25, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.450;
- 130 X. Ordinance 10498, Section 26, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.460;
- 131 Y. Ordinance 10498, Sections 61 through 68, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.670;
- 132 Z. Ordinance 10498, Sections 86 through 88, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.695;
- 133 AA. Ordinance 10498, Section 89, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.700;
- 134 BB. Ordinance 10498, Section 90, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.710;
- 135 CC. Ordinance 10498, Section 92, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.730; and

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136 DD. Ordinance 10498, Section 94, and K.C.C. 6.64.750.

137 SECTION 3. Ordinance 10498, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.010 are

138 hereby amended to read as follows:

139 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context

140 clearly requires otherwise.

141 A. "Active on a transportation network company dispatch system" or "active on the

142 transportation network company dispatch system" includes, but is not limited to: when the

143 driver is logged onto the transportation network company application dispatch system

144 showing that the driver is available to pick up passengers; when a passenger is in the

145 vehicle; when transportation network company dispatch records show the vehicle is

146 dispatched; or when the driver has accepted a dispatch and is en route to provide

147 transportation services to a passenger.

148 B. "Application dispatch system" means technology that allows consumers to

149 directly request dispatch of for-hire drivers for trips via the Internet using mobile interfaces

150 such as smartphone applications.

151 C. "Approved mechanic " means mechanic or technician who:

152 1. Has successfully passed the examinations of, and met the experience

153 requirements prescribed by, the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence;

154 2. Has been awarded a certificate in evidence of competence satisfactory to the

155 director; and

156 3. Is not the owner, lessee or driver of a taxicab, for-hire vehicle or transportation

157 network company endorsed vehicle.

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158 D. (~~"Contract agreement rate" means the rate specified in a written agreement~~  
159 ~~signed by both parties in advance of the dispatch of a taxicab or for hire vehicle for the~~  
160 ~~services identified in the contract.~~

161 E.) "Director" means the director of the department of executive services or the  
162 director's designee.

163 (~~F.~~) E. "Engage in the business of operating a taxicab or vehicle for hire" means  
164 the pickup and transportation of any fare paying passenger from a point within the  
165 geographical confines of unincorporated King County, whether or not the vehicle is  
166 dispatched from a taxicab stand or office within any other municipal corporation, and  
167 whether or not the ultimate destination or route of travel is within the confines of  
168 unincorporated King County. A transportation network company is engaged in the  
169 business of operating a vehicle for hire if it provides application dispatch services via an  
170 application dispatch system to any transportation network company driver at any time for  
171 the transport of any passenger for a fare from a point within unincorporated King County.  
172 However, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to apply to taxicabs or for-hire vehicles  
173 licensed by any other municipal corporation and transporting passengers from a point  
174 within the licensing municipality to a destination outside the municipality, whether or not  
175 the ultimate destination or route traveled is within unincorporated King County.

176 (~~G.~~) F. "Fare" means anything of economic value that is provided, promised or  
177 donated primarily in exchange for services rendered.

178 (~~H.~~) G. "For-hire driver" means any person in control of, operating or driving a  
179 taxicab, for-hire vehicle or transportation network company endorsed vehicle (~~and~~



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180 ~~includes a lessee, owner operator or driver of taxicabs or for hire vehicles as an~~  
181 ~~employee)).~~

182 ~~((I.))~~ H. "For-hire vehicle" means a motor vehicle used for the transportation of  
183 passengers for hire and not operated exclusively over a fixed and definite route, except:

- 184 1. Taxicabs;  
185 2. Transportation network company endorsed vehicles;  
186 3. Passenger vehicles carrying passengers on a noncommercial enterprise basis;  
187 4. Vehicles or operators expressly exempt by state law from county regulation.

188 ~~((J.))~~ I. "For-hire vehicle company" ~~((means a person who represents or owns for-~~  
189 ~~hire vehicles licensed by King County that use the same color scheme, trade name and~~  
190 ~~dispatch services))~~ has the same meaning as "for-hire vehicle company" in section 6 of  
191 Ordinance XXXXX (Proposed Ordinance 2023-0231).

192 ~~((K. "For hire vehicle license" means a for hire vehicle medallion.~~

193 ~~L. "For hire vehicle owner" means the registered owner of the vehicle as defined~~  
194 ~~by RCW 46.04.460.~~

195 ~~M.))~~ J. "Lessee" ~~((means a for hire driver who is an independent contractor or sole~~  
196 ~~proprietor and who has a taxicab or for hire vehicle lease contract or other form of~~  
197 ~~agreement with a taxicab or for hire vehicle owner or taxicab association))~~ has the same  
198 meaning as "lessee" in section 6 of Ordinance XXXXX (Proposed Ordinance 2023-0231).

199 ~~((N.))~~ K. "Licensee" means all persons, including for-hire drivers, vehicle owners,  
200 taxicab associations and transportation network of companies required to be licensed under  
201 this chapter.

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202           ~~((Q.))~~ L. "Medallion" ~~((means a certificate issued by the director as evidence that a~~  
203 ~~taxicab or for hire vehicle license is an intangible property))~~ has the same meaning as  
204 "medallion" in section 6 of Ordinance XXXXX (Proposed Ordinance 2023-0231).

205           ~~((P.))~~ M. "Medallion system" ~~((means the system that deems a taxicab or for hire~~  
206 ~~vehicle license to be intangible property that may be used as collateral to secure a loan from~~  
207 ~~a bank or any other financial institution))~~ has the same meaning as "medallion system" in  
208 section 6 of Ordinance XXXXX (Proposed Ordinance 2023-0231).

209           ~~((Q.))~~ N. "Motor vehicle" means every motorized vehicle by or upon which any  
210 person may be transported or carried upon a public street, highway or alley, though  
211 vehicles used exclusively upon stationary rail tracks or propelled by use of overhead  
212 electric wires shall not come under this chapter.

213           ~~((R.))~~ O. "Person" means any individual, partnership, association, corporation,  
214 firm, institution or other entity, whether or not operated for profit. "Person" does not  
215 include ~~((a))~~:

- 216           1. A governmental unit of or within the United States;
- 217           2. An entity operating exclusively under contract with a government entity; or
- 218           3. That portion of an entity that is operating exclusively under contract with a  
219 government entity.

220           ~~((S.))~~ P. "Personal vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is not a taxicab or for-hire  
221 vehicle.

222           ~~((T.))~~ Q. "Special rate" means discounted rates for senior citizens and disabled  
223 persons.

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224           ~~((U.))~~ R. "Taxicab" ~~((means a motor vehicle used for the transportation of~~  
225 ~~passengers for hire, where the route traveled or destination is controlled by the passenger~~  
226 ~~and the fare is based on an amount recorded and indicated on a taximeter, on an application~~  
227 ~~dispatch system linked to a taximeter, or on a special rate or contracted rate agreement as~~  
228 ~~permitted by this chapter))~~ has the same meaning as "taxicab" in section 6 of Ordinance  
229 XXXXX (Proposed Ordinance 2023-0231).

230           ~~((V.))~~ S. "Taxicab association" ~~((means a person licensed under this chapter who~~  
231 ~~represents or owns taxicabs licensed by King County that use the same color scheme, trade~~  
232 ~~name and dispatch services))~~ has the same meaning as "taxicab association" in section 6 of  
233 Ordinance XXXXX (Proposed Ordinance 2023-0231).

234           ~~((W. "Taxicab association representative" means a person who a taxicab~~  
235 ~~association has authorized to:~~

- 236           ~~1. File applications and other documents on behalf of the association;~~  
237           ~~2. Receive and accept all correspondence and notices from the county pertaining~~  
238 ~~to the association or its taxicabs, taxicab owners or for hire drivers operating within the~~  
239 ~~taxicab association.~~

240           ~~X.))~~ T. "Taxicab license" ~~((means a taxicab medallion.))~~ has the same meaning as  
241 "taxicab license" in section 6 of Ordinance XXXXX (Proposed Ordinance 2023-0231).

242           ~~((Y. "Taxicab vehicle owner" means the registered owner of the vehicle as defined~~  
243 ~~in RCW 46.04.460.~~

244           ~~Z.))~~ U. "Taximeter" ~~((means any instrument or device by which the charge for hire~~  
245 ~~of a passenger carrying vehicle is measured or calculated either for the distance traveled by~~  
246 ~~the vehicle or for waiting time, or both, and upon which the calculated charges shall be~~

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247 ~~indicated by means of figures))~~ has the same meaning as "taximeter" in Ordinance  
248 XXXXX, Section 6 (Proposed Ordinance 2023-0231, Section 6).

249 ~~((AA.))~~ V. "Trade dress" means the unique visual element associated with a  
250 transportation network company that is attached to a transportation network company  
251 endorsed vehicle.

252 ~~((BB.))~~ W. "Transportation network company" means a person licensed under this  
253 chapter that provides application dispatch services via an application dispatch system to  
254 connect drivers with passengers for the transportation of passengers for fares.

255 ~~((CC.))~~ X. "Transportation network company driver" means a licensed for-hire  
256 driver affiliated with a licensed transportation network company in order to provide  
257 transportation to passengers by an application dispatch system.

258 ~~((DD.))~~ Y. "Transportation network company endorsed vehicle" means a vehicle  
259 with a transportation network company vehicle endorsement.

260 ~~((EE.))~~ Z. "Transportation network company representative" means a person who a  
261 transportation network company has authorized to:

- 262 1. File applications and other documents on behalf of the company;  
263 2. Receive and accept all correspondence and notices from the county pertaining  
264 to the company or its drivers.

265 ~~((FF.))~~ AA. "Transportation network company vehicle endorsement" means an  
266 endorsement on a for-hire driver's license that allows the for-hire driver to use the driver's  
267 personal vehicle to affiliate with a transportation network company to provide  
268 transportation to passengers by an application dispatch system.

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269           ~~((GG.))~~ BB. "Wheelchair accessible taxicab" or "wheelchair accessible for-hire  
270 vehicle" or "wheelchair accessible transportation network company endorsed vehicle"  
271 means a taxicab, for-hire vehicle or transportation network company endorsed vehicle  
272 designed or modified to transport passengers in wheelchairs or other mobility devices and  
273 conforming to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and inspected and  
274 approved by the director.

275           SECTION 4. Ordinance 10498, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.015 are  
276 hereby amended to read as follows:

277           The executive may execute an interlocal agreement with either the city of Seattle or  
278 the Port of Seattle, or both, for the purposes of coordinating and consolidating for-hire  
279 driver~~((, taxicab and for hire vehicle licensing,))~~ administration and enforcement, reducing  
280 duplication of licensing functions and a sharing of license fees as agreed to by the city and  
281 county. ~~((The agreement may authorize the city to accept and investigate applications for  
282 and issue taxicab and for hire vehicle licenses and license renewals on behalf of the county,  
283 but only if the city uses the requirements of this chapter for taxicab and for hire vehicle  
284 licenses. The agreement may authorize the county to accept and investigate applications for  
285 and issue either for hire driver licenses and license renewals or taxicab vehicle licenses and  
286 license renewals, or both, on behalf of the city, but only if the city agrees to the  
287 requirements of this chapter for either driver licenses taxicab licenses, or both.))~~

288           SECTION 5. Ordinance 17892, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.211 are  
289 hereby amended to read as follows:

290           The director shall not issue a transportation network company license unless the  
291 person meets the following requirements:

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292 A. Requires that drivers who affiliate with the company:

293 1. Possess a for-hire driver's license; and

294 2. When active on the company's dispatch system, operate a vehicle that is a  
295 taxicab, for-hire vehicle or transportation network company endorsed vehicle; and

296 B. Files with the director on behalf of the registered owners of endorsed vehicles,  
297 or ensures that the registered owners have filed, an insurance policy, and any related  
298 driver contracts if applicable, demonstrating that each endorsed vehicle has insurance that  
299 complies with state insurance requirements effective at that time. The transportation  
300 network company shall provide evidence that each vehicle affiliated with a transportation  
301 network company has insurance in an amount no less than required by RCW 46.72.050  
302 and minimum underinsured motorist coverage of one hundred thousand dollars per  
303 person and three hundred thousand dollars per accident or in an amount no less than  
304 required by ((chapter 48.177)) RCW 46.72B.180, at any time while active on the  
305 transportation network company dispatch system. The insurance policy shall:

306 1. Be issued by an admitted carrier in the state of Washington with an A.M.  
307 Best Rating of not less than B VII, or show evidence that an exemption has been met  
308 allowing for the use of a surplus line insurer with an A.M. Best Rating of not less than  
309 B+ VII. However, the director may temporarily suspend any or all of these requirements  
310 if no other viable insurance options are available to the industry;

311 2. Name King County, its officers, officials, agents and employees as an  
312 additional insured on the insurance policy;

313 3. Provide that the insurer will notify the director in writing of any cancellation  
314 or nonrenewal at least thirty days before cancellation or nonrenewal of the policy; and

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315           4. Not include aggregate limits, or named driver requirements or exclusions.  
316 Other limitations or restrictions beyond standard insurance services office business auto  
317 policy form are subject to approval by the director.

318           SECTION 6. Ordinance 17892, Section 24, and K.C.C. 6.64.251 are hereby  
319 amended to read as follows:

320           In addition to meeting the license application requirements in K.C.C. 6.64.211, a  
321 transportation network company shall:

322           A. Maintain a mailing address and email address where the company's  
323 representative will accept mail;

324           B. When required by the director, forward correspondence from the director to a  
325 driver within five business days after receiving the correspondence by first class mail or  
326 email and keep a record of the mailings;

327           C. Retain company records, including: copies of drivers' for-hire drivers  
328 licenses; copies of drivers' vehicle endorsements; copies of for-hire vehicle licenses or  
329 taxicab licenses; vehicle insurance policies; passenger complaints; and dispatch records.  
330 Records may be maintained electronically;

331           D. Collect, retain and report the information required under K.C.C. 6.64.780;

332           E. Permit the director to carry out inspections with reasonable notice of all  
333 records required to be kept under this chapter;

334           F. Provide secure storage for all items left in a company's driver's vehicle by a  
335 passenger and turned in by the driver;

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336 G. Require that a passenger be able to view a picture of the driver and vehicle  
337 license plate number on the passenger's smart phone, tablet or other mobile device used  
338 to connect with the company's dispatch application before the trip is initiated;

339 H. Maintain a nondiscrimination policy that complies fully with all applicable  
340 federal, state and local laws that prohibit discrimination;

341 I. Allow any passenger to indicate the need for a wheelchair accessible vehicle  
342 and connect the passenger to an accessible vehicle service via an internet link, application  
343 or telephone number;

344 J. Notify the director within two working days of having knowledge of the  
345 following:

346 1. A conviction or bail forfeiture received by any of the company's drivers for  
347 any criminal offense or traffic violation that occurs during or arises out of the driver's  
348 operation of a vehicle while active on the company's dispatch system;

349 2. A conviction or bail forfeiture received by any of the company's drivers for  
350 any criminal offense reasonably related to the driver's honesty and integrity or ability to  
351 operate a vehicle in a safe manner;

352 3. A vehicle accident required by law to be reported to ~~((the))~~ a state agency ~~((of~~  
353 ~~Washington involving))~~ that involves any of the company's drivers; and

354 4. A restriction, suspension or revocation of a ~~((Washington state))~~ valid driver's  
355 license issued to any of the company's drivers;

356 K. Terminate a driver's access to the company's dispatch system immediately  
357 upon:



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358           1. Receiving notification from the director that the driver does not meet the  
359 requirements of K.C.C. 6.64.211.A.; or

360           2. Having knowledge that a driver meets the criteria for the driver's license to be  
361 immediately suspended under K.C.C. 6.64.610;

362           L. Maintain a policy that prohibits the company's drivers while active on the  
363 company's dispatch system from being under the influence of any alcohol, narcotics,  
364 drugs, or prescription or over-the-counter medication that might impair their performance  
365 or in any way jeopardize the safety or security of passengers or the public. Provide  
366 notice of the policy on the company's website, mobile application and passenger trip  
367 confirmations and include in the notice a telephone number, web site link and email  
368 address for a passenger to report to the company a driver who the passenger suspects was  
369 in violation of the policy during a trip;

370           M. Maintain the rate structure documented with the application or file with the  
371 director for approval the documentation required by K.C.C. 6.64.760.C.;

372           N. Require the company's drivers to comply with K.C.C. 6.64.665.

373           O. Provide a written insurance disclosure to the company's drivers that includes  
374 the following language: "[insert name of company] confirms that while driver [insert  
375 driver's full name] is active on the application dispatch system, the driver's vehicle is  
376 insured as required by K.C.C. chapter 6.64"; and

377           P. Pay all penalties assessed against the company.

378           SECTION 7. Ordinance 17892, Section 26, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.271 are  
379 hereby amended to read as follows:

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380 A. The director shall not issue a transportation network company vehicle  
381 endorsement unless the person meets the following requirements:

382 1. Has a for-hire driver's permit, as described in K.C.C. 6.64.595.B., or a  
383 transportation network company license under this chapter; and

384 2. Is affiliated with a licensed transportation network company.

385 B. The director shall not issue a transportation network company vehicle  
386 endorsement unless the vehicle meets the following requirements:

387 1. Has insurance that complies with K.C.C. 6.64.211 and state law;

388 2. Has a certificate of safety as required by K.C.C. 6.64.360; and

389 3. The vehicle's model year is no more than ~~((ten))~~ fifteen years old ~~((, unless~~  
390 ~~otherwise allowed by state law))~~.

391 SECTION 8. Ordinance 17892, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.281 are  
392 hereby amended to read as follows:

393 A. An applicant for a transportation network company vehicle endorsement, or a  
394 transportation network company on behalf of the applicant, shall file annually with the  
395 director a signed application on a form provided by the director to include the following  
396 information about the applicant:

397 1. Name, aliases, residence or business address and residence and business  
398 telephone numbers;

399 2. If the applicant is an individual, the date of birth, which shall be at least  
400 ~~((twenty one))~~ twenty years before the date of application, height, weight, ~~((color of~~  
401 ~~hair))~~ and color of eyes;

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402           3. If the applicant is an individual, a (~~Washington state~~) valid driver's license  
403 number. The applicant shall present the applicant's (~~Washington state~~) valid driver's  
404 license or a copy at the time of application;

405           4. If the applicant is an individual, evidence of a for-hire driver's license or  
406 permit, or an approved application for a for-hire driver's license or permit;

407           5. Vehicle information including vehicle identification number or numbers and  
408 (~~Washington state~~) valid license plate number or numbers;

409           6. Evidence of vehicle insurance as required in K.C.C. 6.64.211;

410           7. Vehicle certificate of safety required by K.C.C. 6.64.360;

411           8. Whether any of the circumstances in K.C.C. 6.64.291.B. apply to the  
412 applicant;

413           9. Evidence that the applicant is affiliated with a transportation network  
414 company; and

415           10. Other information as reasonably determined by the director.

416           B. The transportation network company vehicle endorsement consists of a  
417 certificate and an endorsement decal affixed to the vehicle. The certificate shall include  
418 the following:

419           1. Vehicle identification number;

420           2. Vehicle registered owner's full legal name;

421           3. Vehicle license plate number;

422           4. Endorsement expiration date;

423           5. Unique number; and

424           6. Other information the director may reasonably require.

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425 C. A transportation network company vehicle endorsement is valid for not more  
426 than one year.

427 D. A person shall not lease, transfer or assign a transportation network company  
428 vehicle endorsement.

429 SECTION 9. Ordinance 10498, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.300 are  
430 hereby amended to read as follows:

431 It is unlawful to own or operate, advertise or engage in the business of operating a  
432 ~~((taxicab, for hire vehicle or))~~ transportation network company endorsed vehicle without  
433 first having obtained, for each and every vehicle so used, a ~~((taxicab license, for hire  
434 vehicle license or))~~ transportation network company vehicle endorsement issued under  
435 K.C.C. 6.64.281.

436 SECTION 10. Ordinance 10498, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.360 are  
437 hereby amended to read as follows:

438 A. The certificate of safety required by K.C.C. 6.64.271 ~~((or K.C.C. 6.64.320))~~  
439 shall be provided by an approved mechanic and shall certify that the following items are  
440 mechanically sound and fit for driving:

- 441 1. Foot brakes;
- 442 2. Emergency brakes;
- 443 3. Steering mechanism;
- 444 4. Windshield;
- 445 5. Rear window and other glass;
- 446 6. Windshield wipers;
- 447 7. Headlights;

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- 448 8. Tail lights;
- 449 9. Turn indicator lights;
- 450 10. Stop lights;
- 451 11. Front seat adjustment mechanism;
- 452 12. Doors, including that doors properly open, close and lock;
- 453 13. Horn;
- 454 14. Speedometer;
- 455 15. Bumpers;
- 456 16. Muffler and exhaust system;
- 457 17. Condition of tires, including tread depth;
- 458 18. Interior and exterior rear view mirrors;
- 459 19. Safety belts and air bags for driver and a passenger or passengers; and
- 460 20. Other items reasonably required by the director.

461 B. The vehicle owner (~~(or the taxicab association)~~) shall keep all maintenance  
462 and service records for all vehicles for three years.

463 C. Vehicles shall be maintained following the service standards recommended by  
464 the vehicle manufacturer.

465 D. A vehicle that has been in a collision and determined by the insurance adjuster  
466 to be a total wreck or total loss shall not be placed back in service until an approved  
467 mechanic with a current certification in structural analysis and damage repair has verified  
468 that there is no damage to the vehicle frame.

469 E. A vehicle shall not be rebuilt or significantly modified from factory  
470 specifications.

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471 F. Each vehicle owner shall ensure that the safety standards, conditions and  
472 requirements in this section are met and continually maintained.

473 G. The director shall place a vehicle out of service if the director determines that  
474 a violation of this section is an immediate safety hazard and immediate suspension is  
475 necessary to prevent a clear, substantial and imminent hazard to life, safety or property.

476 SECTION 11. Ordinance 10498, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.500  
477 are hereby amended to read as follows:

478 It is unlawful for any person to drive, be in control of, or operate a (~~taxicab, for-~~  
479 ~~hire vehicle or~~) transportation network company endorsed vehicle in the unincorporated  
480 areas of King County without first having obtained a valid for-hire driver's license. K.C.C.  
481 6.64.510 through (~~K.C.C. 6.64.695~~) K.C.C. 6.64.690 apply to drivers of (~~taxicabs, for-~~  
482 ~~hire vehicles and~~) endorsed vehicles unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

483 SECTION 12. Ordinance 10498, Section 28, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.510  
484 are hereby amended to read as follows:

485 For an initial for-hire driver's license and annually thereafter, the applicant, (~~or a~~  
486 ~~taxicab association, for hire vehicle licensee, for hire vehicle company~~) or transportation  
487 network company on behalf of the applicant, shall file a signed application on a form  
488 approved by the director. The application may be filed online, by email, by United States  
489 mail or in person, The application shall include the following: name; height; weight;  
490 (~~color of hair~~) and eyes; residence address; place and date of birth; social security  
491 number; (~~Washington state~~) driver's license number; aliases; consent to a background  
492 check or a copy of a background check as required by K.C.C. 6.64.520; whether the  
493 applicant has ever had a license suspended, revoked or denied and for what cause; the

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494 information required in K.C.C. 6.64.530 and 6.64.590; and any other information as the  
495 director may reasonably require.

496 SECTION 13. Ordinance 10498, Section 30, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.530  
497 are hereby amended to read as follows:

498 The director shall not issue a for-hire driver's license to a person unless the  
499 following requirements about the person are met:

- 500 A. Must be ~~((twenty-one))~~ twenty years ~~((of age))~~ old or older;
- 501 B. Must possess a valid ~~((Washington state))~~ driver's license;
- 502 C. Must submit a certificate of fitness;
- 503 D. Must have completed the training program required by K.C.C. 6.64.570; and
- 504 E. Must successfully complete the examination required by K.C.C. 6.64.580~~((; and~~
- 505 ~~((F. Must present documentation, as required by the United States Department of~~
- 506 ~~Homeland Security, that the applicant is authorized to work in the United States))~~.

507 SECTION 14. Ordinance 10498, Sections 31, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.540  
508 are hereby amended to read as follows:

509 A. Pending final action on a for-hire driver's license application, the director shall  
510 issue a temporary permit within two business days to an applicant who has:

511 1. Filed a complete application as required by K.C.C. 6.64.510 that has been  
512 reviewed under K.C.C. 6.64.600; and

513 2. Passed the examination required by K.C.C. 6.64.580.

514 B. The temporary permit is valid for a period not to exceed sixty days from the  
515 date of the application.

516 C. The temporary permit shall not be transferable or assignable.

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517 D. The temporary permit shall be immediately null and void if at any time the  
518 applicant's (~~(Washington state)~~) valid driver's license (~~((becomes expired, suspended or~~  
519 ~~revoked))~~) is no longer valid, or following the denial of an application.

520 SECTION 15. Ordinance 10498, Section 34, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.570  
521 are hereby amended to read as follows:

522 A. An initial for-hire driver applicant is required to complete:

523 1. Before filling an application, a training program providing information about  
524 defensive driving, use of emergency procedures and equipment for the driver's personal  
525 safety, risk factors for crimes against for-hire drivers, enhancement of driver and  
526 passenger relations, professional conduct and communication skills; and

527 2. Before the end of the temporary permit period under K.C.C. 6.64.540, the  
528 National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course.

529 B. A currently licensed for-hire driver shall satisfy the requirements of subsection  
530 A. of this section if:

531 1. A (~~(taxicab association, for-hire vehicle company or)~~) transportation network  
532 company with which the driver is affiliated requests that the driver receive a refresher  
533 course; or

534 2. The director has reasonable grounds, based on documented complaints or  
535 violations, to believe that a refresher course is necessary.

536 C. The director shall assure that this training is offered by the county or offered  
537 by another public or private entity, or offered by both. The director shall annually  
538 approve the content and testing process for training offered by a noncounty entity.



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539 D. A for-hire driver who operates a wheelchair accessible taxicab must  
540 successfully complete a separate training program for the special needs of passengers in  
541 wheelchairs including, but not limited to, loading and tie-down procedures and door-to-  
542 door service.

543 SECTION 16. Ordinance 10498, Section 35, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.580  
544 are hereby amended as follows:

545 A. An applicant for an initial for-hire driver's license shall be required to  
546 successfully complete an examination.

547 B. The examination shall test the applicant's knowledge of the requirements  
548 dealing with fare determination, driver-passenger relations, conduct including the  
549 applicant's ability to understand oral and written directions in the English language,  
550 vehicle safety requirements, transportation network company vehicle endorsement and  
551 driver regulations, risk factors for crimes against for-hire drivers, emergency procedures  
552 and ((taxicab)) equipment for driver's personal safety. The examination shall also test the  
553 applicant's geographical knowledge of King County and surrounding areas and local  
554 public and tourist destinations and attractions.

555 C. The examination is not required for the renewal of a for-hire driver's license  
556 unless the applicant's license has remained expired for more than one year.

557 D. The director shall assure that these examinations are offered by the county or  
558 offered by another public or private entity, or offered by both. The director shall  
559 annually approve the content and procedures for examinations offered by a noncounty  
560 entity.

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561            SECTION 17. Ordinance 17665, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.595

562 are hereby amended to read as follows:

563            A. A for-hire license that has been approved from an application filed online, by  
564 email or by United States mail shall be picked up directly from the director, and the  
565 applicant shall show photo identification.

566            B. The for-hire driver's license shall be in a form as determined by the director.  
567 When issued to an applicant who is affiliated with a transportation network company, the  
568 license shall display "for-hire permit." A copy shall be placed inside each ((~~taxi cab or for-~~  
569 ~~hire vehicle or~~)) transportation network company endorsed vehicle so that the license is  
570 clearly visible from the passenger compartment at all times that the licensee is operating,  
571 driving or using the vehicle.

572            SECTION 18. Ordinance 10498, Section 38, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.610

573 are hereby amended to read as follows:

574            A. A for-hire driver's license shall be immediately suspended and is null and void  
575 if:

576            1. At any time the driver((~~'s Washington state~~)) no longer possesses a valid  
577 driver's license ((~~expires, is suspended or revoked~~));

578            2. The director obtains information after license issuance that the driver fails to  
579 meet the qualifications of a for-hire driver; or

580            3. The driver is found to be in possession of controlled substances or alcohol  
581 while in control of or while operating a vehicle as a for-hire driver;

582            B. The director may suspend or revoke a for-hire driver's license if the director  
583 determines that the licensee has:

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584           1. Received a conviction or bail forfeiture for a crime that would be grounds for  
585 denial as set forth in K.C.C. 6.64.600;

586           2. Failed to comply with the driver standards as set forth in this chapter; or

587           3. A driving record that leads the director to reasonably conclude that the  
588 applicant would not operate a vehicle in a safe manner.

589           SECTION 19. Ordinance 10498, Sections 42 through 46, as amended, and  
590 K.C.C. 6.64.650 are hereby amended to read as follows:

591           A. A driver, before starting each shift, shall check the lights, brakes, tires,  
592 steering, seat belts, ((~~taximeter seal~~)) and other vehicle equipment to see that they are  
593 working properly. The driver shall also ensure that the ((~~county or city taxicab license or~~  
594 ~~for hire vehicle license or~~)) transportation network company vehicle endorsement  
595 certificate, vehicle registration and proof of insurance card are in the vehicle.

596           B. A driver shall maintain the interior and the exterior of the vehicle in a clean  
597 condition and good repair.

598           C. A driver shall neither transport more passengers than the number of seat belts  
599 available nor more luggage than the vehicle capacity will safely and legally allow.

600           D. A driver shall not drive, be in control of or operate a vehicle that does not  
601 meet the applicable vehicle standards as set forth in this chapter.

602           E. A driver shall allow the director to inspect the vehicle at any reasonable time  
603 or place.

604           SECTION 20. Ordinance 10498, Sections 47 through 60, as amended, and  
605 K.C.C. 6.64.660 are hereby amended to read as follows:

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606           A. A driver shall not operate a vehicle under the influence of any alcohol,  
607 narcotics, drugs, or prescription or over-the-counter medication that might impair the  
608 driver's performance or in any way jeopardize the safety or security of passengers or the  
609 public.

610           B. A driver shall, at the end of each trip, check the driver's vehicle for any article  
611 that is left behind by any passenger. The articles must be reported as found property on the  
612 hotline number, as well as to the ~~((taxicab association or))~~ transportation network company,  
613 and the articles are to be returned to the ~~((taxicab association or))~~ transportation network  
614 company at the end of the shift or sooner. ~~((Drivers of for hire vehicles shall deposit the  
615 articles at the for hire vehicle company, if the company provides a property return service,  
616 or the records and licensing services division.))~~

617           C. A driver shall have in the driver's possession and posted as required in K.C.C.  
618 6.64.595 a valid for-hire driver's license at any time the driver is driving, in control of or  
619 operating a vehicle and the license shall be displayed as prescribed by the director.

620           D. A driver shall comply with any written notice and order by the director.

621           E. A driver shall not operate a vehicle when the vehicle has been placed out-of-  
622 service by order of the director.

623           F. A driver shall immediately surrender the vehicle license plate or decal to the  
624 director upon written notice that the vehicle is out-of-service.

625           G. A driver shall not be in control of a vehicle for more than ~~((twelve))~~ fourteen  
626 consecutive hours ~~((or for more than twelve hours spread over a total of fifteen hours))~~ in  
627 any twenty-four-hour period. Thereafter, the driver shall not drive a vehicle until eight  
628 consecutive hours have elapsed.

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629 H. ~~((A driver shall not drive, be in control of or operate a taxicab or for hire vehicle~~  
630 ~~when the customer information board is not present and contains the information required~~  
631 ~~under K.C.C. 6.64.410.~~

632 I.) A driver shall operate the vehicle with due regard for the safety, comfort and  
633 convenience of passengers.

634 ~~((J.))~~ I. A driver shall neither solicit for prostitution nor allow the vehicle to be  
635 used for prostitution.

636 ~~((K.))~~ J. A driver shall not knowingly allow the vehicle to be used for the illegal  
637 solicitation, transportation, sale or any other activity related to controlled substances.

638 ~~((L.))~~ K. A driver shall deposit all refuse appropriately and under no circumstances  
639 may litter.

640 ~~((M.))~~ L. A driver shall not use offensive language, expressions or gestures to any  
641 person while the driver is driving, operating or in control of a vehicle.

642 ~~((N.))~~ M. A driver shall not operate a wheelchair accessible taxicab unless the  
643 driver has successfully completed the special training requirements in K.C.C. 6.64.570.

644 ~~((O.))~~ N. A driver shall not use a mobile phone unless in hands-free mode,  
645 consistent with RCW 46.61.667.

646 SECTION 21. Ordinance 10498, Sections 69 through 79, as amended, and  
647 K.C.C. 6.64.680 are hereby amended to read as follows:

648 A. When wearing a costume a driver shall display a photograph of the driver  
649 dressed in the costume along with the driver's for-hire license.

650 B. A driver shall provide a customer with professional and courteous service at all  
651 times.

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652 C. ~~((A driver of a taxicab shall not refuse a request for service because of the~~  
653 ~~driver's position in line at a taxicab zone; a passenger may select any taxicab in line.~~

654 ~~D.))~~ A driver shall at all times assist a passenger by placing luggage or packages  
655 that are under fifty pounds in and out of the vehicle.

656 ~~((E.))~~ D. A driver shall not refuse to transport in the vehicle:

657 1. Any passenger's wheelchair that can be folded and placed in either the  
658 passenger, driver or trunk compartment of the vehicle;

659 2. An assist dog or guide dog to assist the disabled or handicapped; and

660 3. Groceries, packages or luggage when accompanied by a passenger.

661 ~~((F.))~~ E. A driver shall provide each passenger an electronic or paper receipt upon  
662 payment of the fare.

663 ~~((G.))~~ F. A driver shall use the most direct available route on all trips unless the  
664 passenger specifically requests to change the route.

665 ~~((H. A driver of a taxicab shall not refuse to transport any person except when:~~

666 ~~1. The driver has already been dispatched on another call;~~

667 ~~2. The passenger is acting in a disorderly, threatening or suspicious manner, or~~

668 ~~otherwise causes the driver to reasonably believe that the driver's health or safety, or that of~~  
669 ~~others, may be endangered;~~

670 ~~3. The passenger cannot, upon request, show ability to pay fare; or~~

671 ~~4. The passenger refuses to state a specific destination upon entering the taxicab.~~

672 ~~I.))~~ G. A driver shall not smoke in the vehicle.

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673           ~~((J. A driver of a taxicab or for hire vehicle shall be able to provide a reasonable~~  
674 ~~and prudent amount of change, and, if correct change is not available, no additional charge~~  
675 ~~may be made to the passenger in attempting to secure the change.~~

676           ~~K.))~~ H. If operating a wheelchair accessible ~~((taxicab, wheelchair accessible for-~~  
677 ~~hire vehicle or wheelchair accessible))~~ transportation network company endorsed vehicle, a  
678 driver shall provide priority service to private pay passengers in wheelchairs or other  
679 mobility devices.

680           ~~((L.))~~ I. A driver must be clean and neat in dress and person and present a  
681 professional appearance to the public.

682           SECTION 22. Ordinance 10498, Sections 80 through 85, as amended, and  
683 K.C.C. 6.64.690 are hereby amended to read as follows:

684           A. A driver shall load or unload passengers at Sea-Tac airport only as permitted by  
685 the Sea-Tac International Airport Schedule of Rules and Regulations.

686           B. A driver shall not drive, be in control of or operate a vehicle to pick up  
687 passengers at Sea-Tac airport without having on display a Port of Seattle authorized permit.

688           C. A driver shall not solicit on Sea-Tac property.

689           D. ~~((A driver of a taxicab or for hire vehicle may solicit passengers only from the~~  
690 ~~driver's seat or standing immediately adjacent to the vehicle, and only when the vehicle is~~  
691 ~~safely and legally parked.~~

692           ~~E. A driver of a taxicab or for hire vehicle shall not use any other person to solicit~~  
693 ~~passengers.~~

694           F.)) A driver shall not hold himself out for designated destinations.

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695            SECTION 23. Ordinance 10498, Section 93, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.740

696 are hereby amended to read as follows:

697            A. On or before April 30 of each year, the director shall file an annual report with  
698 the council for January 1 through December 31 of the preceding calendar year.

699            B. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

700            1. Number of ~~((taxicabs, for hire vehicles and))~~ transportation network company  
701 endorsed vehicles in King County, in Seattle only and in both King County and Seattle  
702 during the reporting period and during the preceding year;

703            2. Number of drivers licensed in King County only, Seattle only and in both King  
704 County and Seattle during the reporting period and during the preceding year;

705            3. Numbers and nature of complaints; and

706            4. ~~((Results of a survey of taxicab response times, changes in response times  
707 from previous reporting periods, and relationship of the actual response times to the  
708 optimum average response time established by the director under K.C.C. 6.64.730;~~

709            5.)) Any other recommendations deemed appropriate by the director.

710            C. The report required by this section shall be filed in the form of a paper original  
711 and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the paper original and  
712 distribute electronic copies to all councilmembers.

713            SECTION 24. Ordinance 10498, Section 95, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.760

714 are hereby amended to read as follows:

715            A. ~~((The following apply to taxicab rates:~~



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716           1. ~~The taximeter rates governed by this subsection apply when a taxicab is not~~  
717 ~~operating on an application dispatch system. The director shall adopt rules to establish the~~  
718 ~~rates. Until the director adopts rules, the rates in subsection A.4. of this section apply.~~

719           2. ~~In adopting rules to set taximeter rates, the director shall consider at least the~~  
720 ~~following factors:~~

721           a. ~~the information in a report prepared under K.C.C. 6.64.740;~~

722           b. ~~the public need for adequate taxi service at the lowest cost consistent with the~~  
723 ~~provision, maintenance and continuation of such a service;~~

724           c. ~~the rates of other licensees operating in similar areas;~~

725           d. ~~the effect of such rates upon transportation of passengers by other modes of~~  
726 ~~transportation;~~

727           e. ~~the licensees' need for revenue at a level that under honest, efficient and~~  
728 ~~economical management is sufficient to cover the cost of providing adequate taxi service,~~  
729 ~~including all operating expenses, depreciation accruals, rents, license fees and taxes of~~  
730 ~~every kind, plus an amount equal to a percentage of the cost that is reasonably necessary~~  
731 ~~for the replacement of deteriorated taxicabs and a reasonable profit to the licensees; and~~

732           f. ~~consistency of rates with those prescribed by the city of Seattle.~~

733           3. ~~A taxicab shall have one rate on its meter, except a taxicab licensed by both the~~  
734 ~~city of Seattle and King County shall have two rates on its meter.~~

735           4. ~~Until the director adopts rules under subsection A.1. of this section, and except~~  
736 ~~for special or contract rates as provided for in this chapter, any per trip fee established by~~  
737 ~~the Port of Seattle and set forth in any operating agreement or tariff, any toll or charge~~  
738 ~~established for roads, bridges, tunnel or ferries, or when operating on an application~~

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739 ~~dispatch system, it shall be unlawful for anyone operating a taxicab licensed by King~~  
740 ~~County to charge, demand or receive any greater or lesser rate than the following:~~

741 ~~Meter rate~~

- a. ~~drop charge: for passengers for first 1/9 mile~~ \$2.50
- b. ~~per mile: for each 1/9 mile or fraction thereof after the first~~ \$0.30  
~~1/9 mile~~
- e. ~~for every one minute of waiting time: waiting time rates~~ \$0.50  
~~are charged when taxicab speed is less than twelve miles~~ (charged at  
~~per hour or when customer asks for taxicab to wait~~ \$0.30 per 36  
seconds)
- d. ~~extra charge for passengers over two persons, excluding~~ \$0.50  
~~children under twelve years of age~~
- e. ~~special rates and contract rates as defined in this chapter~~  
~~shall be calculated as a percentage of the meter rate or a~~  
~~fixed dollar amount per trip.~~  
~~all special rates must be filed with the director on a form~~  
(1) ~~furnished by the director.~~  
~~all meter rates, special rates or contract rates shall be filed~~  
(2) ~~once a year at the time of annual application by the taxicab~~  
~~association.~~  
~~licensees may change any filed special rate no more than~~  
(3) ~~once a year.~~

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~~rates for new contracts acquired or changed during the~~

- (4) ~~license year shall be filed within two weeks of filing the contract and before implementing the contracted rate.~~

~~Contracts must be between taxicab associations or owners and legal business entities.~~

742 ~~B. This subsection applies to for hire vehicle rates. Every for hire vehicle licensee~~  
743 ~~shall, before commencing operating, file with the director all rates and charges with the~~  
744 ~~director that apply when the licensee is not operating on an application dispatch system.~~  
745 ~~Rates may vary by time of day. All rates and charges shall be conspicuously displayed~~  
746 ~~inside the for hire vehicle so as to be readily viewed by the passenger. The manner of~~  
747 ~~posting shall be prescribed by the director.~~

748 ~~€.)1. Transportation network companies((, taxicab associations and for hire~~  
749 ~~vehicles)) that use an application dispatch system shall file with the director documentation~~  
750 ~~or provide a physical demonstration of the application dispatch rate structure that is visible~~  
751 ~~to a passenger before the passenger confirms a ride.~~

752 2. The director shall approve the rate structure as transparent if, when a passenger  
753 requests a ride but before the passenger accepts the ride, the application clearly displays:

754 a. the total fare or fare range;

755 b. the rate by distance or time; and

756 c. any variables that may result in a higher fare or additional charges; or

757 3. the cost of the ride is made clear to the passenger before the passenger confirms  
758 the ride through an alternative method approved by the director.

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759           ~~((D-))~~ B. The rates specified in this section shall not apply to transportation of  
 760 persons provided pursuant to a written contract that establishes a fare at a different rate for  
 761 specified transportation and that has been previously filed with the director. No contract  
 762 may include any provision that directly or indirectly requires exclusive use of the  
 763 transportation services of the contracting taxicab or for-hire vehicle.

764           ~~((E-))~~ C. It is unlawful to make any discriminatory charges to any person or to  
 765 make any rebate or in any manner reduce the charge to any person, unless the charge  
 766 conforms to the discounts or surcharges contained in the filed rates.

767           ~~((F. It is unlawful under the Americans with Disabilities Act to charge a special  
 768 service vehicle rate that is different from the taxicab rates adopted in subsection A. of this  
 769 section, except in those instances where the transportation of disabled persons is pursuant  
 770 to a written contract as specified in subsection D. of this section))~~

771           D. A transportation network company may not impose additional charges for  
 772 providing services to persons with disabilities because of those disabilities, consistent with  
 773 RCW 46.72B.110.

774           SECTION 25. Ordinance 17892, Section 74, and K.C.C. 6.64.780 are hereby  
 775 amended to read as follows:

776           A. A transportation network company~~((, taxicab association or for hire vehicle  
 777 company))~~ shall:

778           1. Submit quarterly the following reports in an electronic format approved by the  
 779 director:

780           a. total number of rides provided by each ~~((taxicab or for hire vehicle licensee  
 781 or))~~ transportation network company;

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- 782           b. type of dispatch for each ride, including whether by hail, telephone or  
783 application dispatch;
- 784           c. percentage or number of rides picked up in each ZIP code;
- 785           d. pickup and drop off ZIP codes of each ride;
- 786           e. percentage by ZIP code of rides requested by telephone or application  
787 dispatch that are requested but not provided;
- 788           f. vehicle collisions, including the name of the driver, identification of the  
789 vehicle, collision fault, injuries and estimated damage;
- 790           g. number of requested rides for an accessible vehicle;
- 791           h. crimes against drivers;
- 792           i. passenger complaints; and
- 793           j. other information reasonably determined by the director as necessary to ensure  
794 compliance with this chapter by transportation network companies(~~(, taxicab associations~~  
795 ~~and for hire vehicle companies)~~);
- 796           2. Retain for at least two years records related to the reports required under  
797 subsection A. of this section. Records may be maintained electronically; and
- 798           3. Provide instructions to its for-hire drivers (~~(and taxicab and for hire vehicle~~  
799 ~~licensees)~~) for weekly reporting to the company or association the information needed for  
800 the reports in subsection A.1. of this section.
- 801           B. For-hire drivers (~~(and taxicab and for hire vehicle licensees shall)~~) comply with  
802 the reporting requirements in subsection A.3. of this section.
- 803           SECTION 26. Ordinance 10498, Section 97, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.800  
804 are hereby amended to read as follows:
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- 805 A.1. The director may assess the following civil penalties:
- 806 a. up to ten thousand dollars for each violation of the following:
- 807 (1) K.C.C. 6.64.201; and
- 808 (2) K.C.C. 6.64.251;
- 809 b. up to one thousand dollars for a violation of any of the following:
- 810 (1) ~~((K.C.C. 6.64.121;~~
- 811 ~~(2) K.C.C. 6.64.181;~~
- 812 ~~(3) K.C.C. 6.64.191;~~
- 813 ~~(4)) K.C.C. 6.64.261;~~
- 814 ~~((5)) (2) K.C.C. 6.64.300;~~
- 815 ~~((6)) (3) K.C.C. 6.64.360;~~
- 816 ~~((7) ((K.C.C. 6.64.420));~~
- 817 ~~(8) K.C.C. 6.64.460;~~
- 818 ~~(9)) (4) K.C.C. 6.64.500;~~
- 819 ~~((10)) (5) K.C.C. 6.64.640;~~
- 820 ~~((11)) (6) K.C.C. 6.64.650;~~
- 821 ~~((12)) (7) K.C.C. 6.64.660;~~
- 822 ~~((13)) (8) K.C.C. 6.64.665;~~
- 823 ~~((14) K.C.C. 6.64.670;~~
- 824 ~~(15)) (9) K.C.C. 6.64.680; and~~
- 825 ~~((16)) (10) K.C.C. 6.64.690((; and~~
- 826 ~~(17) K.C.C. 6.64.695)).~~

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827           2. In determining a penalty under subsection A.1. of this section, the director  
828 shall consider: the size of the business of the violator; the gravity of the violation; the  
829 number of past and present violations committed; and the good faith of the violator in  
830 attempting to achieve compliance after notification of the violation.

831           B. As an alternative to the civil penalties in subsection A. of this section:

832           1. A violation of K.C.C. 6.64.300, K.C.C. 6.64.500 or K.C.C. 6.64.261 is a  
833 Class 1 civil infraction and shall subject the violator to a maximum monetary penalty and  
834 default amount of one thousand dollars, inclusive of statutory assessments. An infraction  
835 under this subsection shall be initiated and processed under the Infraction Rules for  
836 Courts of Limited Jurisdiction, and the director is the enforcement officer under RCW  
837 7.80.040. A person who is issued a notice of infraction shall not be assessed a civil  
838 penalty under subsection A. of this section for the same violation. In determining  
839 whether to issue a notice of infraction instead of a civil penalty under subsection A. of  
840 this section, the director shall consider whether it would be a more efficient method of  
841 providing notice to persons who are in violation.

842           2. Each subsequent violation of K.C.C. 6.64.300, K.C.C. 6.64.500 or K.C.C.  
843 6.64.261 within five years of the prior violation is a misdemeanor. A person who is  
844 prosecuted for the misdemeanor in this subsection shall not be issued a notice of civil  
845 infraction or assessed a civil penalty for the same violation. In determining whether to  
846 refer a person for prosecution for a misdemeanor, the director shall consider whether it  
847 would be a deterrent to future violations.

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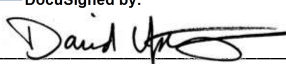
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848            **SECTION 27. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or its application  
849 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the  
850 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.


Ordinance 19699 was introduced on 10/3/2023 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/28/2023, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay


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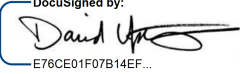
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