

November 10, 2025

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REPORT AND DECISION

SUBJECT: King County For-Hire Licensing file no. **25587**

YASIN SAEED

For-Hire Driver Enforcement Appeal

For Hire no.:

Appellant: **Yasin Saeed**

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Overview

1. After hearing the witnesses' testimony and observing their demeanor, studying the exhibits admitted into evidence, and considering the parties' arguments and the relevant law, we deny Mr. Saeed's appeal.

Procedural Background

2. On August 6, 2025, Licensing issued Citation 25-587 to Yasin Saeed. Ex. D2. Yasin Saeed filed a timely appeal on August 25, 2025. Ex. D5.

3. We went to hearing on November 10, 2025. Participating in the hearing were: Tyson Taylor representing Licensing, and appellant Yasin Saeed.

Appeal Issue

Per the Notice of Hearing, the issue identified for consideration on appeal is:

4. Whether the August 6, 2025, citation for failing to activate the taximeter in violation of KCC 6.65.160N, and the associated \$125 penalty, is supported by a preponderance of the evidence and appropriate under the facts of this case.

Factual Findings

Weighing all the evidence, the hearing examiner finds the following facts by a preponderance of the evidence:

5. Mr. Tyson made contact with Mr. Saeed on July 29, 2025, at Sea-Tac Airport. Ex. D1. Mr. Saeed was completing a fare, and Mr. Tyson asked him to show the taximeter record for the completed trip. Ex. D1, D2. Mr. Saeed indicated that he had activated the taximeter, but then could not show Mr. Tyson a record of the trip. Ex. D1, D2.
6. Mr. Tyson confirmed with Yellow Cab dispatch that Mr. Saeed had not activated the taximeter for the July 29, 2025, trip to Sea-Tac Airport. Ex. D4.
7. Mr. Saeed's taximeter tablet was not properly mounted in his car, but Mr. Tyson did not issue a separate citation for this violation. Ex. D2. Mr. Saeed confirmed that he had installed a mount for the taximeter during the hearing. Testimony of Mr. Saeed.
8. Mr. Saeed acknowledged that he did not run the taximeter for the fare at issue, but explained that it was because the system was new to him at Yellow Cab. Testimony of Mr. Saeed.
9. Mr. Saeed also said that the failure to activate the meter was not a problem in this case because the flat rate fare was posted in the window of his taxicab and the customer had agreed to the fare. Testimony of Mr. Saeed.
10. Mr. Saeed has been driving a taxicab for 18 years and has a clean record. He requested a warning instead of a citation for this event. Testimony of Mr. Saeed.
11. Mr. Taylor testified that Licensing can issue warnings on a case by case basis but in this case, the department was making a concentrated effort to curb this particular violation as it had been an ongoing problem with operators. Testimony of Mr. Tyson.

Conclusions of Law

12. The hearing examiner has jurisdiction pursuant to KCC 20.22.040.
13. Licensing bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of evidence both the violation and the appropriateness of the remedy it has imposed. KCC 20.22.080.G; .210.B. We do not grant substantial weight or otherwise accord deference to agency determinations. Exam. R. XV.F.3.
14. Mr. Saeed was cited for violation of KCC 6.65.160N, which states, “A regional for-hire driver shall record all trips, process all payments, and issue a receipt for all payments through a dispatch or payment system provided by the transitional regional dispatch agency or regional dispatch agency.”
15. It is undisputed that Mr. Saeed did not record his trip from Pier 91 to Sea-Tac Airport on July 29, 2025. Therefore, he violated KCC 6.65.160.
16. The remaining question is whether the \$125 penalty is reasonable under the facts of this case. Mr. Saeed’s explanation that his failure to record the ride should be excused because the flat fare with technology fee was a new system for him is not persuasive.
17. Mr. Saeed’s experience and intelligence are not consistent with his excuse that he did not understand the system. He is a very experienced driver and is aware of the requirement that every trip be recorded, whether it is a flat fare or not. Mr. Saeed knew, or should have known, that the fare needed to be recorded even if it was a new system. I do not believe there is justification for reducing the penalty based on Mr. Saeed’s arguments in his appeal or at the hearing.

DECISION:

Mr. Saeed’s appeal is DENIED.

ORDERED November 10, 2025.



Devon Shannon
Hearing Examiner

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

King County Code 20.22.040 directs the Examiner to make the County’s final decision for this type of case. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless appealed to superior court in accordance with chapter 7.16 RCW.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2025, HEARING IN THE APPEAL OF YASIN SAEED, KING COUNTY FOR-HIRE LICENSING FILE NO. 25587

Devon Shannon was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. A verbatim recording of the hearing is available in the Hearing Examiner’s Office.

The following exhibits were offered by the department and entered into the record:

Exhibit no. 1	King County For-Hire Licensing staff report
Exhibit no. 2	Citation
Exhibit no. 3	Citation Contact Documentation
Exhibit no. 4	Yellow Cab Information
Exhibit no. 5	Appeal, received August 25, 2025

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I, Jessica Oscoy, certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I transmitted the **REPORT AND DECISION** to those listed on the attached page as follows:

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DATED November 10, 2025.



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