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**Department of Executive Services
Records and Licensing Services Division**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTED
PUBLIC RULE**

Pursuant to King County Code 6.64.760 and 2.98.070, the County intends to issue a new emergency rule pertaining to the taximeter drop charge to incorporate the new Wheelchair Accessible Surcharge of \$0.10.

Emergency Rule FIN-8-6 (PR) was issued on November 12, 2014, to increase the Taximeter Drop Charge in light of the new Wheelchair Accessible Surcharge and to align with the Taximeter Drop Charge adopted by the City of Seattle. That rule expired on April 11, 2015. The County is issuing a new identical rule, Emergency Rule FIN 8-7 (PR), which replaces Emergency Rule FIN-8-6 (PR).

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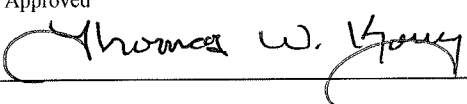
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1.0 SUBJECT TITLE:

1.1 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 27, 2015

1.2 TYPE OF ACTION: New. Replaces FIN 8-6 (PR), November 10, 2014; which expired on April 11, 2015.

1.3 KEY WORDS: (1) Taxicab; (2) Rates Display; (3) Taxi Meter; (4) Meter Rate; (5) Drop Charge

2.0 PURPOSE: Adjust the Taxi Meter rate drop charge established in KCC 6.64.760 (4) so that the drop charge includes the \$0.10 Wheelchair Accessible Fee Surcharge established under K.C.C. 6.64.111.

3.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:

3.1 Owners and/or Drivers of Taxicabs Licensed by King County

3.2 For-hire Licensing Unit, Records and Licensing Services Section

3.3 Taxicab passengers

4.0 REFERENCES:

4.1 Reference Documents: King County Code 6.64.760 Rates – requirements - rules adoption

5.0 DEFINITIONS:

Not Applicable

6.0 POLICIES:

6.1 The following apply to taxicab rates:

6.1.1 The taximeter rates governed by this rule apply when a taxicab is not operating on an application dispatch system.

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

6.1.3 Except for special or contract rates as provided for in K.C.C. 6.64.760 and this rule, any per trip fee established by the Port of Seattle and set forth in any operating agreement or tariff, any toll or charge established for roads, bridges, tunnel or ferries, or when operating on an application dispatch system, it shall be unlawful for anyone operating a taxicab licensed by King County to charge, demand or receive any greater or lesser rate than the following:

Meter rate

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| a. | drop charge: for passengers for first 1/9 mile | 2.60 |
| b. | per mile: for each 1/9 mile or fraction thereof after the first 1/9 mile | \$0.30 |
| c. | for every one minute of waiting time: waiting time rates are charged when taxicab speed is less than twelve miles per hour or when customer asks for taxicab to wait | \$0.50 |
| d. | extra charge for passengers over two persons, excluding children under twelve years of age | \$0.50 |
| 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. | |
| (1) | all special rates must be filed with the director on a form furnished by the director. | |
| (2) | all meter rates, special rates or contract rates shall be filed once a year at the time of annual application by the taxicab association. | |
| (3) | licensees may change any filed special rate no more than once a year. | |
| (4) | rates for new contracts acquired or changed during the 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. | |

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

6.1.5 It is unlawful to make any discriminatory charges to any person or to make any rebate or in any manner reduce the charge to any person, unless the charge conforms to the discounts or surcharges contained in the filed rates.

6.1.6 It is unlawful under the Americans with Disabilities Act to charge a special service vehicle rate that is different from the taxicab rates adopted in subsection 6.1.1 of this section, except in those instances where the transportation of disabled persons is pursuant to a written contract as specified in subsection 6.1.4 of this section.

7.0 PROCEDURES:

7.1 Action By: Taxicab Owners

Action: Prior to providing service, ensure that the taximeter reflects a Drop Charge of \$2.60.

7.2 Action By: For-hire Licensing Unit

Action: Coordinate with the City of Seattle to maintain a Drop Charge of \$2.60.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

8.1 For-hire Licensing Unit

8.1.1 Coordinate with the City of Seattle to maintain a Drop Charge of \$2.60.

8.2 Taxicab Owners/Drivers

8.2.1 Ensure that the taximeter reflects a Drop Charge of \$2.60.

9.0 APPENDICES: None