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## **City of Seattle Taxicab and For-Hire Vehicle Rules**

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### **Rule R-6.310.320.H Rate Information**

Seattle Municipal Code Section 6.310.320 reads as follows:

#### **6.310.320 Taxicab and for-hire vehicle - vehicle operating requirements**

No taxicab or for-hire vehicle, unless otherwise specifically provided herein, licensed by the City may lawfully operate within the city of Seattle unless the following minimum vehicle requirements are met:

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H. All public rates, including discounts or special rates, and all taxicab numbers and letters are displayed in the manner prescribed by rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to this chapter (Class A);

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The following rule provides guidance for implementing this provision as authorized by the Seattle Municipal Code.

1. Exterior display (taxicabs only). A sign indicating the meter rate specified at SMC 6.310.530.A.2, the airport flat rate, and any special rates shall be permanently affixed on the outside of the rear passenger doors on both sides of the vehicle. The signs shall be positioned beneath the window line and centered on the upper one third (1/3) of the rear passenger doors. Lettering and numbers shall not be less than three quarters (3/4) inch in height and the width shall be proportional to the height provided that any "cents" rate may be one half (1/2) inch in height. The rate information shall be in a color which contrasts to the portion of the vehicle where it is placed. No other rate information shall be displayed without approval of the Director. Special rates must be expressed as a percentage of the meter rate or a fixed dollar amount per trip.

2. Interior display (taxicabs only). A sign indicating the meter rates specified at SMC 6.310.530.A.2, the airport flat rate, and any special rates shall be permanently affixed at the top of the left window immediately behind the driver so as to be readily discernible to passengers. This sign must have a transparent background. The lettering and number size requirements are the same as for exterior displays and shall be in a dark color.

3. Interior display (for-hire vehicles only). A sign indicating "Vehicle charges a flat rate and fare is determined by zones. Driver is required to provide a rate book upon customer request. Application dispatch fare supersedes rate book". Must have a transparent background, 3/4" lettering, and affixed to the driver- side rear window.