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City of Seattle Director's Rule FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION-04-2024 and King County Public Rule FHT-3-2024-PR – Dual Medallion Splitting

Pursuant to an interlocal agreement, the City of Seattle and King County work cooperatively to regulate for-hire passenger transportation. The City of Seattle and King County jointly adopt this Rule as new.

I. Purpose. To establish a process for previously combined City issued and County issued medallions to be split (separated) when requested by the medallions' owner.

II. Definitions. When used in this Rule, the following term(s) are defined as follows:

1. "Director" means the director of King County's Department of Executive Services and/or the City of Seattle's Director of Finance and Administrative Services, or their designees.
2. "Dual medallion" means an existing medallion issued by the City of Seattle and an existing medallion issued by King County that have been combined and were previously required to be used with the same vehicle.
3. "Medallion reciprocity endorsement" means a designation on a medallion issued by King County, or alternatively in the Director's record of the medallion owner, which permits a vehicle to operate in Seattle or a designation on a medallion issued by the City of Seattle, or alternatively in the Director's record of the medallion owner, which permits a vehicle to operative in King County.
4. "Voluntarily converted wheelchair accessible vehicle" means a Director-inspected and Director-approved taxicab or for-hire vehicle that is accessible to passengers in wheelchairs or other mobility devices but that is not required to be so as a condition of the vehicle's medallion.
5. "Wheelchair accessible taxicab medallion" means a type of medallion issued by the Director that requires the vehicle operated under the medallion to be accessible to passengers in wheelchairs and other mobility devices.

III. Requirements.

1. Effective September 1, 2024, the owner of a dual medallion may split the medallion into one City issued medallion (requiring a County medallion reciprocity endorsement) and one County issued medallion (requiring a City medallion reciprocity endorsement) by completing and submitting the form as required by the Director. Splitting a dual medallion is optional.

2. After splitting the dual medallion, the owner may place a second vehicle into service or may transfer one of the medallions to another party. While the Director will not charge a separate fee to split a medallion, the applicable medallion renewal fee and the medallion reciprocity endorsement fee will be charged upon the split. In addition, the second medallion's renewal date will be the anniversary date of the split.

   It is the medallion owner's sole responsibility to evaluate any impacts splitting a dual medallion may have on any contracts to which the medallion owner is a party, or any impacts on any liens where the medallion is collateral.

3. Upon splitting the medallion, the City issued medallion will retain the medallion's existing number and the County issued medallion will be issued a new medallion number.

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4. Once a dual medallion has been split, it may not be recombined again to create a dual medallion.

5. For a wheelchair accessible taxicab (WAT) medallion, which is a dual medallion by default, a split will result in a City issued WAT medallion and a County issued WAT medallion. For a medallion associated with a voluntarily converted wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV), a split will result in a City issued medallion and a County issued medallion, either of which can remain associated with a WAV. If the owner wishes to associate the other medallion with a WAV, the owner must follow the WAV approval process for the second vehicle.

   Consistent with the Director's rule on reimbursement from the Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund, the Director may impose a moratorium on the number of WAVs resulting from dual medallion splitting if that number meets at least one of the criteria specified in the rule.

IV. **Implementation.** Unless specified otherwise in this Rule, these requirements take effect immediately after the Director files this Rule with the Seattle City Clerk and with the King County Archives, Records Management, and Mail Services Section (ARMMS).

V. **Rule Maintenance.** The Director will consider the number of dual medallions split, the types of medallion transactions occurring after the splits (e.g., transfers or second vehicles placed into service), and feedback from medallion owners, among other factors, to determine whether this Rule needs revision.

VI. **Rule Enforcement.** The Director may review written documentation and consider community feedback to ensure compliance with the requirements outlined herein.