

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.
ORDER NO. 91

Served November 15, 1961

IN THE MATTER OF:

Supplemental Regulations Governing)
Interstate Taxicab Rates, Charges)
and Operations Within the Metropoli-)
tan District by Taxicabs Domiciled and)
Regulated in the District of Columbia)

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On October 9, 1961, the Commission prescribed and adopted certain rates, charges, and regulations governing transportation by taxicabs from one signatory to another within the confines of the metropolitan district; and in addition, ordered said rates, charges and regulations to become effective on November 1, 1961.

Upon receiving numerous requests from members of the taxicab industry within the District of Columbia to prescribe certain additional and supplemental regulations, the Commission, by Order No. 80, postponed the effective date from November 1, to December 1, 1961. The staff was directed to study and submit such additional and supplemental regulations as it deemed necessary, which it has done.

The Commission is of the opinion that additional and supplemental regulations, applicable only to taxicabs domiciled and licensed in the District of Columbia, are necessary.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the following additional and supplemental regulations, applicable only to taxicabs domiciled and licensed in the District of Columbia, be, and they are hereby, prescribed and adopted, effective December 1, 1961:

(a). Records

The driver of each taxicab, whether owner or employee, shall keep a daily manifest dated and signed by the

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driver upon which he shall enter for each engagement the points of origin and destination, odometer reading at origin and destination, the fare collected and the number of passengers. The manifests shall be preserved and be available for examination by the Commission for a period of one year.

(b). Inspection

The duly authorized representatives of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission shall have the right at any time, after first displaying their identification to the operator, to enter into or upon any taxicab for the purpose of ascertaining whether rates, charges, and regulations are being complied with and observed.

(c). Rates

The driver shall collect a fare based upon the rates and charges approved and published by order of the Commission.

(d). Equipment

Every taxicab shall be equipped with an odometer, properly installed, maintained in good working order and exposed to view. No taxicab shall be operated in interstate taxicab service while such odometer is out of repair or disconnected. Such odometer shall be considered out of repair if it fails to register accurately within a 10% tolerance factor.

(e). Fare Receipt

It shall be the duty of the operator to give any passenger so requesting a receipt in writing, signed by the operator and showing his public vehicle operator's license number, the taxicab number, mileage, the amount paid, time and date.

(f). Computing Fare

(1) When two (2) or more passengers travel together as a group in a taxicab to the same destination, they shall be considered as a "party" and the fare shall be computed from point of origin to final destination, and the Extra Passenger Charge shall be collected for all passengers over one(1).

(2) When two (2) or more passengers travel together as a group in a taxicab to different destinations, they shall be considered as a "party" and the fare shall be computed the same as in (F) (1) above.

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(3) When two (2) or more passengers travel together not as a group in a taxicab to the same or different destinations, they shall not be considered as a "party" and individual fares will be collected. The first person engaging the taxicab has control of the taxicab, and other persons will be allowed to use the taxicab only upon the permission of the first passenger; provided, that the passengers are so advised before beginning the trip.

(g) Display of Rates

A legible and understandable sign (or signs) shall be displayed in each taxicab, clearly visible to each passenger, giving a description of the rates and charges approved by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission.

2. In the event any existing regulation, heretofore prescribed by Order No. 67, is in conflict with regulations herein prescribed, the regulation herein prescribed shall govern.

BY THE COMMISSION

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DELMER ISON
Executive Director