



RESOLUTION NO. 14-12

Amendments to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Regulations Concerning Taxicabs at Reagan National Airport, Fees for Rental Cars Operating off the Airports, and Fees for Hotel Shuttles at both Airports

WHEREAS, On November 13, 2013, the Business Administration Committee authorized the staff to publish notice of proposed amendments to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Regulations (Regulations) to require that taxicab drivers dispatched from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (Reagan National) have electronic credit card processing equipment in their taxicabs and accept credit cards as payment of taxicab fares; to increase the taxicab dispatch fee at Reagan National from \$2.50 to \$3.00; to increase the fee for a Taxi Operator's Permit at Reagan National from \$40.00 to \$100.00; to standardize the fees for those conducting the business of renting cars at either airport without a contract from the Airports Authority; and to reduce the number of free trips each hotel shuttle may make from 300 per month to 0 per month;

WHEREAS, In accordance with Airports Authority regulatory procedures, on December 19, 2013, and again on January 5, 2014, staff published notice of upcoming public hearings on the proposed amendments and thereafter conducted those public hearings, as follows: January 7, 2014, at Washington Dulles International Airport (Dulles International); January 9, 2014, at Reagan National; and January 22, 2014, at Reagan National;

WHEREAS, In light of comments made at the public hearings, staff proposes to extend the term of a Reagan National Taxi Operator's Permit from one year to two years;

WHEREAS, The Business Administration Committee considered the revised, proposed amendments at its April 16, 2014, meeting and recommended their adoption by the Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, After consideration of comments from the public, the Airports Authority has determined that such amendments are necessary to be accorded the force and effect of law in the public interest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Section 5.6 of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Regulations is hereby amended effective September 1, 2014, with the force and effect of law, to read as set forth below:

“§ 5.6. Operating Conditions for the Taxicab Dispatch System.

In addition to the requirements of Section 5.4, no person shall operate a taxicab in National’s taxicab dispatch system unless he is at that time in compliance with each of the following conditions:

- (1) The driver must have a current, valid Airport Taxi Operator’s Permit issued to him by the Airport Manager. This Permit must be kept in the driver’s possession at all times that he is operating a taxicab at the airport and prominently displayed according to the Airport Manager’s directions while the taxicab is on the airport.
- (2) The driver must display in the taxicab in a place conspicuous to passengers his local license to operate a taxicab (the so-called “face card”) and a schedule of the rates issued by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission and the jurisdiction that has licensed or certificated his taxicab.
- (3) The driver must, upon the request of an Authority police officer, a taxicab dispatcher, or the taxicab official, surrender for inspection the Permit required by paragraph (1) of this section. The driver must permit the Authority police, the taxicab dispatcher, and the taxicab official to inspect his taxicab to determine if he is displaying the license and rate schedule required by paragraph (2) of this section.
- (4) The driver must wear a shirt with a collar, long pants or a skirt, and shoes (not sandals) and socks or stockings.
- (5) The driver must operate a taxicab that is clean and maintained in good repair including, by way of illustration and not limitation, the tires, headlights, brake lights, turn signals, windshield wipers, brakes, window glass, doors, fenders, paint, passenger compartment, trunk, seat belts, and upholstery.
- (6) The driver must operate a taxicab that is not more than eight years old based on the taxicab’s model year; i.e., the difference between the taxicab’s model year and the current calendar year is not greater than eight.

(7) The driver must operate a taxicab which is equipped with air conditioning which is in good repair. The driver shall turn on the air conditioning when the outside temperature exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit and he is directed to do so by the dispatcher. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the driver shall comply in all circumstances with the request of a passenger to turn on or turn off the air conditioning.

(8) The driver must not smoke in the taxicab when passengers are present. If the driver wishes passengers not to smoke, he must post a "No Smoking" sign readily visible to passengers in the taxicab.

(9) The driver must obey all directions and signals of the taxicab dispatcher regarding the orderly flow of traffic and the accommodation of passengers.

(10) The driver must accept any orderly passenger and convey any passenger where directed upon dispatch by the taxicab dispatcher.

(11) The driver must transport only those persons assigned to him by the taxicab dispatcher.

(12) The driver must not act in a discourteous manner towards passengers or persons seeking transportation.

(13) The driver must give a receipt showing the driver's name, name of the taxicab company (if any), the taxicab number, the time and place of origin and destination of each trip, and the amount of the fare on an authorized form when requested to do so by a passenger.

(14) The driver must not breach the peace on the Airport. The driver must not impede the operation of the dispatch system, other airport operations, or the flow of traffic to and from the Airport.

(15) The driver must remain within five feet of his taxicab at all times except while it is in the taxicab holding structure or when it is legally parked.

(16) The driver must not give or offer to give any money or anything of monetary value to a taxicab dispatcher.

(17) The driver shall pay a dispatch fee of three dollars (\$3.00) each time he picks up a passenger or group.

(18) The driver must maintain in his taxicab electronic credit card processing equipment that enables passengers to use credit cards to pay taxicab fares.

(19) The driver must accept major credit cards as payment for taxicab fares.

(20) The driver must permit the Authority police or the taxicab official to inspect his taxicab to determine whether the vehicle meets the standards set forth in this section. The driver shall not operate a vehicle in the dispatch system that has failed such an inspection until an Authority police officer or the taxicab official has determined that the condition causing the vehicle to fail has been corrected.”

2. That Section 5.7 of the Regulations is hereby amended effective September 1, 2014, with the force and effect of law, to read as set forth below:

“§ 5.7. Airport Taxi Operator’s Permit.

The Airport Manager shall issue an Airport Taxi Operator’s Permit to each person whom he finds to be of good, moral character and who:

(1) completes and submits an application to the Airport Manager in a form approved by the Airport Manager for that purpose;

(2) is currently licensed to operate a taxicab by one or more of the following: Montgomery County, Prince Georges County, Maryland; the District of Columbia; City of Alexandria, City of Falls Church, Arlington County, Fairfax County, Virginia;

(3) presents an official copy of his current driving record from the jurisdiction by which he is licensed and of his criminal record if any (the Airport Manager may require applicants to submit a complete set of legible fingerprints in order to request a criminal background record check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation);

(4) is in compliance with all the licensing jurisdiction’s regulations including, by way of illustration and not limitation, the minimum insurance requirement for the taxicab he is operating;

(5) has more than six months driving experience in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area (the Airport Manager may require applicants to

demonstrate a working knowledge of the metropolitan area by means of an examination);

(6) is at least twenty-one years of age;

(7) is not currently subject to an unexpired order of suspension or revocation of a previously issued Airport Taxi Operator's Permit; and

(8) pays a permit fee of \$100.00.”

3. That Section 5.9 of the Regulations is hereby amended effective September 1, 2014, with the force and effect of law, to read as set forth below:

“§ 5.9. Terms and Conditions.

(1) The term of an Airport Taxi Operator's Permit shall expire every other year on the last day of the month of the Permit holder's birthday.

(2) The Permit remains the property of the Authority, and its use by the taxicab driver is subject to the following requirements:

(a) The Permit is issued for the exclusive use of the named driver and shall not be made available by him for the use of any other person.

(b) The Permit shall not be altered or defaced in any way after it is issued to the named driver.

(c) The Permit shall be invalid and may not be used after the expiration date shown on the Permit.

(d) The Permit shall be returned to the Authority immediately upon an order of suspension or revocation of the Permit by the Airport Manager.

(e) The Permit holder shall notify the taxicab official within seventy-two (72) hours of being convicted of committing a felony; any sex offense; soliciting for prostitution; crime involving alcohol, marijuana, or any drugs classified as controlled substances; or a moving vehicle violation.”

4. That Section 6.2 of the Regulations is hereby amended effective immediately, with the force and effect of law, to read as set forth below:

“§ 6.2. Rental Car Business; Contract or Permit Required.

No person shall conduct the business of renting cars on either Airport unless he has first obtained a permit under Section 6.4 or entered a contract from the Authority authorizing the conduct of such business on that Airport. “Conducting the business of renting cars on either Airport” includes, but is not limited to, transporting a customer or a potential customer between an Airport and a rental car facility located off the Airport and picking up from or delivering to an Airport a rental car that is stored in a rental car facility located off the Airport.”

5. That Section 6.3 of the Regulations is hereby amended effective immediately, with the force and effect of law, to read as set forth below:

“§ 6.3. Parking Lots; Contract or Permit Required.

No person shall conduct the business of operating a parking lot on either Airport unless he has first obtained a permit under Section 6.4 or entered a contract from the Authority authorizing the conduct of such business on that Airport. “Conducting the business of operating a parking lot on either Airport” includes transporting a customer or potential customer between an Airport and a parking facility located off the Airport.”

6. That Section 6.4 of the Regulations is hereby amended effective immediately, with the force and effect of law, to read as set forth below:

“§ 6.4. Permit.

(1) The President shall set the requirements for obtaining and retaining a permit, except as provided in Subsection (2) below. The permit terms shall include:

- (a) the minimum insurance coverage considering the risk of conducting the business, including operating shuttle busses, industry practice, and insurance requirements imposed on other businesses at the Airports;
- (b) the dates on which payments of the fee are due;
- (c) the term of permit; and

(d) such other reasonable requirements as the President deems necessary to protect airport users and Authority revenue and foster efficient administration of the permit requirements.

(2) The fee for the permit shall be:

(a) for those conducting the business of renting cars on either Airport, \$100.00 per year plus eight percent (8%) of the annual gross receipts derived from conducting the business on the Airport that exceed \$300,000.00 and

(b) for those conducting the business of operating a parking lot on either Airport, \$100.00 per year plus ten percent (10%) of the annual gross receipts derived from conducting the business on the Airport that exceed \$30,000.00.

(3) For ease of accounting, the Authority will assume that ninety-five percent of the gross receipts of rental car companies and parking lot operators conducting business on the Airport without a contract with the Authority is derived from the Airport unless the permit holder proves through auditable, financial data that a lesser percentage of its gross receipts was in fact derived from the Airport."

7. That Section 6.6 of the Regulations is hereby amended effective January 1, 2015, with the force and effect of law, to read as set forth below:

"§ 6.6 Hotel Shuttles; Permit or Contract Required.

(1) No person shall engage in the commercial activity of providing hotel shuttle service at the Airports unless the person has first obtained a permit from or entered a contract with the Authority. The provision of hotel shuttle service at the Airports shall mean the transporting in a motor vehicle, and the picking up and discharging, of guests or potential guests within an Airport, as part of the carrying of such guests between an Airport terminal and a hotel or other business that provides lodging for compensation; provided that, for purposes of this subsection, guests shall not include airline crew members.

(2) When the commercial activity of providing hotel shuttle service is authorize by permit:

(a) the permittee shall not use any vehicle in the provision of such service unless it is specifically identified in the permit;

(b) the driver of each vehicle identified in the permit shall comply with the provisions of Section 4.5 of these Regulations, which addresses the location at the Airports where vehicles providing hotel shuttle service must pick up and discharge passengers;

(c) the permittee shall comply with requirements established by the Airport Manager to facilitate the computation of the per trip fee established by this subsection;

(d) the permittee shall, for each vehicle identified in the permit, carry the minimum insurance coverage set by the President who, in setting the minimum coverage, shall consider the risk of operating shuttle vehicles, industry practice, and insurance requirements imposed on other businesses at the Airports;

(e) the permittee shall pay an annual fee, due on or before January 31 of each year, for each vehicle identified in the permit according to the following schedule:

Vehicles with a seating capacity, including the driver, of	Annual fee
1-16	\$500
More than 16	\$750

(f) the permittee shall pay a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for each occasion that a vehicle identified in the permit enters the vehicle lane designated by the Airport Manager for hotel shuttles to pick up passengers;

(g) in addition to the fees imposed by Subsections (e) and (f), the permittee shall pay a dwell fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for each ten-minute period of time (or portion thereof) beyond the first ten minutes that a vehicle identified in the permit remains in the vehicle lane designated by the Airport Manager for hotel shuttles to pick up passengers; and

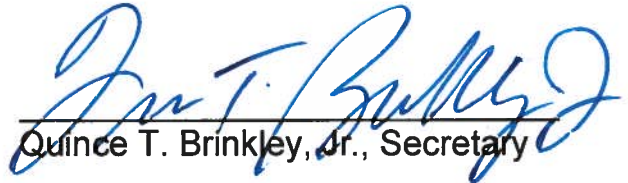
(h) provided, however, that permitted vehicles that use fuel other than solely gasoline or diesel and are eligible for clean, special fuel license plates according to the standards of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles shall only be obliged to pay one half of the annual

fee imposed by Subsection (e) and one half the per trip fee imposed by Subsection (f).

(3) The failure by a permittee to comply with any provision of Subsection (2) shall be grounds to revoke the permit.

(4) The President is authorized to establish rules reasonably necessary to foster the efficient administration of the permit system created by this section."

Adopted May 21, 2014



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