



**KING COUNTY**

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**Signature Report**

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**Ordinance 15263**

**Proposed No.** 2005-0038.2

**Sponsors** Gossett and Edmonds

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the regulation of taxicab and  
2 for-hire vehicle businesses and drivers; establishing  
3 licensing and standards of operations for the wheelchair  
4 accessible taxicab pilot demonstration project; making  
5 technical changes; and amending Ordinance 10498, Section  
6 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.010, Ordinance 10498,  
7 Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.025, Ordinance  
8 10498, Section 15, and K.C.C. 6.64.350, Ordinance 10498,  
9 Section 22, and K.C.C. 6.64.420, Ordinance 10498, Section  
10 24, and K.C.C. 6.64.440, Ordinance 10498, Section 31, and  
11 K.C.C. 6.64.540, Ordinance 10498, Section 34, and K.C.C.  
12 6.64.570, Ordinance 10498, Section 35, and K.C.C.  
13 6.64.580, Ordinance 10498, Sections 47 through 60, and  
14 K.C.C. 6.64.660, Ordinance 10498, Sections 61 through 68,  
15 and K.C.C. 6.64.680, Ordinance 10498, Section 89, and  
16 K.C.C. 6.64.700, Ordinance 10498, Section 90, and K.C.C.

17 6.64.710 and Ordinance 10498, Section 18, and K.C.C.

18 6.64.380.

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21 PREAMBLE:

22 King County's Metro transit division and King County's records, elections  
23 and licensing services division ("WAT group") have created a partnership to  
24 coordinate a two-year demonstration project to provide accessible taxicab  
25 ("WAT") services in greater King County to people with disabilities who  
26 use wheelchairs or other mobility devices.

27 Temporary WAT licenses will be issued to a group of qualified licensed  
28 taxicab drivers as determined by a request for information selection process  
29 administered by the WAT group.

30 The accessible taxicabs will charge the same rates as nonaccessible taxicabs  
31 and prioritize use for people who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices  
32 over the general public.

33 The goals of the demonstration project are to test the economic viability and  
34 feasibility of operating a privately owned wheelchair accessible taxicab that  
35 provides on-demand services to private pay passengers at taxicab rates, to  
36 evaluate the need for wheelchair accessible taxicabs, and to determine how  
37 many wheelchair accessible taxicabs may be necessary to provide  
38 responsive service. This ordinance is required to implement temporary  
39 licenses and standards of operation for wheelchair accessible taxicabs and  
40 drivers.

41 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

42 SECTION 1. Ordinance 10498, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.010 are  
43 hereby amended to read as follows:

44 **Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter and unless the context plainly requires  
45 otherwise, the following definitions apply:

46 A. "Affiliated representative" means the individual within the service organization  
47 who has the authority to file special rates and contract agreement rates and charges for a  
48 group of affiliated taxicabs, and who is designated as the individual responsible for the  
49 receipt of any correspondence or notices pertaining to the service organization or the  
50 taxicabs or for-hire vehicles operating within the service organization.

51 B. "Affiliated taxicab" means a taxicab associated with a service organization.

52 C. "Alcohol" means a mixture containing no less than eighty-five percent  
53 methanol, ethanol or other alcohols, in any combination, by volume.

54 D. "Alternative fuel" means a means for propulsion by other than gasoline or diesel  
55 fuel (~~and shall~~). "Alternative fuel" includes:

56 1. Alcohol(~~(-)~~);

57 2. Dual energy(~~(-)~~);

58 3. Electricity(~~(-)~~);

59 4. Natural gas(~~(-)~~);

60 5. Propane(~~(-)~~); and

61 6. Human power(~~(ed)~~).

62 E. "Approved mechanic facility" means a garage or repair facility (~~(who)~~) that  
63 employs mechanics;

64           1. ~~((w))~~Who have successfully passed the examinations of, and met the  
65           experience requirements prescribed by, the National Institute for Automotive Service  
66           Excellence~~((, and))~~;

67           2. ~~((w))~~Who have been awarded ~~((C))~~certificates in ~~((E))~~evidence of  
68           ~~((C))~~competence satisfactory to the director~~((, and))~~;

69           3. ~~((w))~~Who are ~~((A))~~authorized ~~((E))~~emission ~~((S))~~specialists certified by the  
70           Washington Department of Ecology~~((, and))~~;

71           4. ~~((n))~~None of whom are the owner, lessee~~((,))~~ or driver of a taxicab~~((,))~~ or for-  
72           hire vehicle or the employee of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle company~~((,))~~; and

73           5. ~~((n))~~None of whom have a financial interest in a taxicab or for-hire vehicle or  
74           taxicab or for-hire vehicle company.

75           F. "Contract agreement rate" means the rate specified in a written agreement signed  
76           by both parties in advance of the dispatch of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle for the services  
77           identified in the contract.

78           G. "Director" means the director of the King County department of executive  
79           services and his or her duly appointed representatives.

80           H. "Dual energy" means capable of being operated using an alternative fuel and  
81           gasoline or diesel fuel.

82           I. "Engage in the business of operating a taxicab or vehicle for hire" means the  
83           pickup and transportation of any fare paying passenger from a point within the  
84           geographical confines of unincorporated King County, whether or not the vehicle is  
85           dispatched from a taxicab stand or office within any other municipal corporation, and  
86           whether or not the ultimate destination or route of travel is within the confines of

87 unincorporated King County(~~(; provided, that)~~). However, nothing in this chapter shall be  
88 construed to apply to taxicabs or for-hire vehicles licensed by any other municipal  
89 corporation and transporting passengers from a point within the licensing municipality to a  
90 destination outside thereof, whether or not the ultimate destination or route traveled is  
91 within unincorporated King County.

92 J. "For-hire driver" means any person in control of, operating or driving a taxicab  
93 or for-hire vehicle and includes a lease driver, owner(~~(/)~~)-operator(~~(;)~~) or driver of taxicabs  
94 or for-hire vehicles as an employee.

95 K. "For-hire vehicle" means and includes every motor vehicle used for the  
96 transportation of passengers for hire(~~(;)~~) and not operated exclusively over a fixed and  
97 definite route, except:

- 98 1. Taxicabs;
- 99 2. Passenger vehicles carrying passengers on a noncommercial enterprise basis;
- 100 3. Vehicles or operators expressly exempt by the RCW from county regulation;
- 101 4. Operators of charter boats.

102 L. "He" means and includes in all references either he or she.

103 M. "His" means and includes in all references either his or her.

104 N. "Independent taxicab" means a taxicab that is not affiliated with a service  
105 organization.

106 O. "Lease driver" means a for-hire driver who is an independent contractor(~~(/)~~) or  
107 sole proprietor and who has a taxicab for-hire vehicle lease contract or other form of  
108 agreement with a taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner or service organization.

109 P. "Lessor" means an owner of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle who leases, by contract  
110 or other form of agreement, to a lease driver (~~as defined in this section~~).

111 Q. "Licensee" means all applicants, including for-hire drivers, vehicle owners(~~(;)~~)  
112 and service organizations including the affiliated representative required to license under  
113 (~~the provisions of~~) this chapter.

114 R. "Motor vehicle" means every motorized vehicle by or upon which any person  
115 may be transported or carried upon a public street, highway or alley(~~(; provided, that)~~),  
116 though vehicles used exclusively upon stationary rail tracks or propelled by use of  
117 overhead electric wires shall not come under (~~the provisions of~~) this chapter.

118 S. "Service organization" means a group of taxicabs owned or operated by the  
119 same or various owners and using the same color scheme, trade name(~~(;)~~) and dispatch  
120 services, and having an affiliated representative.

121 T. "Special rate" means discounted rates for senior citizens and disabled.

122 U. "Taxicab" means every motor vehicle used for the transportation of passengers  
123 for hire, where the route traveled or destination is controlled by a customer and the fare is  
124 based on an amount recorded and indicated on a taximeter(~~(;)~~) or on a special fare rate or  
125 contracted agreement as permitted by this chapter.

126 V. "Taxicab vehicle owner" means the registered owner of the vehicle as defined  
127 (~~by~~) in RCW 46.04.460, as now or hereafter amended.

128 W. "Taximeter" means any instrument or device by which the charge for hire of a  
129 passenger-carrying vehicle is measured or calculated either for the distance traveled by  
130 (~~such~~) the vehicle or for waiting time, or for both, and upon which (~~such~~) the calculated  
131 charges shall be indicated by means of figures.

132            X. "Wheelchair accessible taxicab" means a taxicab designed or modified to  
 133            transport passengers in wheelchairs or other mobility devices and conforming to the  
 134            requirements of the American with Disabilities Act and inspected and approved by the  
 135            director or the director's designee.

136            SECTION 2. Ordinance 10498, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.025 are  
 137 hereby amended to read as follows:

138            **License fees and penalties.**

139            The following nonrefundable fees for taxicab and for-hire vehicles shall apply:

140            A. Taxicab or for-hire vehicle license

141	Taxicab	\$300.00
142	<u>Wheelchair accessible taxicab</u>	<u>No fee</u>
143	Taxicab late fee	\$30.00
144	For-hire vehicle	\$300.00
145	For-hire vehicle late fee	\$30.00
146	Vehicle equipment change	\$50.00
147	Change of owner: Sept/Feb	\$300.00
148	March/Aug	\$150.00
149	Replace taxicab plate	\$10.00

150            B. For-hire driver

151	Taxicab and for-hire license	\$75.00
152	Late fee	\$10.00
153	ID photo	\$5.00
154	Fingerprinting	per charge authorized by

155 RCW 10.97.100

156 Replacement license \$5.00

157 Training fee per contract

158 SECTION 3. Ordinance 10498, Section 15, and K.C.C. 6.64.350 are hereby

159 amended to read as follows:

160 **Insurance required.**

161 A. The applicant shall ~~((file a certificate of))~~ provide an insurance ~~((providing~~  
162 ~~proof of))~~ policy declaration or insurance binder proving compliance with ~~((RCW~~  
163 ~~€))~~ chapter 46.72 RCW, as now or hereafter amended, for each taxicab or for-hire vehicle  
164 to be licensed. The ~~((certificate))~~ policy declaration or insurance binder shall also provide  
165 that the insurer notify the director of any cancellation, in writing, at least thirty days ~~((prior~~  
166 ~~to))~~ before cancellation of the policy;

167 B. ~~((Such certificate))~~ The policy shall be issued by ~~((a company authorized to~~  
168 ~~carry on an insurance business))~~ an admitted carrier in the ~~((S))~~ state of Washington with at  
169 least an A- financial rating by A.M. Best, but the director may temporarily suspend either  
170 or both of these requirements if no other viable insurance options are available to the  
171 industry;

172 C. King County, its officers, officials, agents and employees shall be named as  
173 ~~((a certificate holder))~~ an additional insured. Applicant shall provide a copy of the  
174 additional insured endorsement;

175 D. Not include self-insured retention, nonstandard deductibles, aggregate limits,  
176 territorial restrictions, named driver requirements or any other provisions that limit  
177 insurance coverage;



178           E. In addition, all applicants shall maintain a policy of underinsured motorist  
179 coverage which runs to the benefit of passengers (~~(; provided, that a certificate of self-~~  
180 ~~insurance issued pursuant to RCW 46.29.630 may be filed with the director in lieu of~~  
181 ~~such policy)~~). Proof of compliance will be a ~~((certificate))~~ policy declarations or a binder  
182 of insurance indicating a minimum coverage of ~~((ten))~~ fifty thousand dollars per person,  
183 and ~~((twenty))~~ one hundred thousand dollars per accident;

184           ~~((E-))~~ F. If an insurance policy is cancelled, proof of a new policy must be filed  
185 ~~((prior to))~~ before the date of cancellation or the taxicab or for-hire vehicle license is  
186 automatically suspended and must be surrendered to the director.

187           SECTION 4. Ordinance 10498, Section 22, and K.C.C. 6.64.420 are hereby  
188 amended to read as follows:

189           **Taxicab and for-hire ~~((owner))~~ licensee – ~~((R))~~responsibilities.** It is the responsibility of  
190 each taxicab or for-hire vehicle ~~((owner))~~ licensee to ensure that the following conditions  
191 or requirements are met and continually maintained:

192           A. Proof of insurance as required in K.C.C. 6.64.350 is on file with the director~~((;))~~  
193 (Class M);

194           B. Any person driving, operating, in control of or any lessee of the taxicab or for-  
195 hire vehicle has been issued a for-hire driver's license and ~~((such))~~ the license is valid~~((;))~~  
196 (Class M);

197           C. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle meets the safety standards ~~((as set forth))~~ in  
198 K.C.C. 6.64.360 at all times the vehicle is operating~~((;))~~ (Class I or M);

199           D. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle meets the vehicle standards as set forth in K.C.C.  
200 6.64.370 at all times the vehicle is operating~~((;))~~ (Class I or M);

201 E. The taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner shall maintain a business address and a  
202 mailing address where he can accept mail, and a business telephone in working order that  
203 can be answered during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, and during all  
204 hours of operation(~~(;)~~) (Class I); and

205 F. A wheelchair accessible taxicab licensee must personally operate the vehicle a  
206 minimum of forty hours per week for at least forty weeks per year (Class I).

207 SECTION 5. Ordinance 10498, Section 24, and K.C.C. 6.64.440 are hereby  
208 amended to read as follows:

209 **Standards for suspension(~~(f)~~) and revocation – (~~(F)~~)taxicab or for-hire vehicle**  
210 **(~~(owner)~~) licensee.**

211 A. A taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner's license shall be immediately suspended if:

212 1. At any time the insurance as required in K.C.C. 6.64.350 expires, lapses, is  
213 cancelled or is revoked;

214 2. The taximeter security seal is missing, broken(~~(;)~~) or tampered with;

215 3. The director places the vehicle out-of-service for a violation of a vehicle  
216 standard which is found to be an immediate safety hazard (~~(as further defined in this~~  
217 ~~chapter)) and summary suspension is necessary to prevent a clear, substantial and imminent~~  
218 hazard to life, safety, or property;

219 4. The vehicle owner fails to comply with a written (~~(N)~~)notice of (~~(V)~~)violation  
220 or (~~(N)~~)notice of (~~(E)~~)correction within the prescribed time;

221 5. It is discovered after license issuance that the applicant(~~(;)~~) or if the applicant is  
222 a corporation, any of the officers or registered agent, failed to meet the applicant

223 qualifications((;)) or that the vehicle failed to meet the vehicle qualifications, at the time the  
224 license was issued.

225 B. The director may suspend or revoke a taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner's license  
226 if he determines that the licensee has:

227 1. Received a conviction or bail forfeiture for a crime ((which)) that would be  
228 grounds for denial as set forth in K.C.C. 6.64.430;

229 2. Been found to have exhibited a record ((which)) that would lead the director to  
230 reasonably conclude that the taxicab or for-hire vehicle owner licensee would not comply  
231 with the provisions of the chapter related to vehicle standards or operating requirements;

232 3. Allowed the operation of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle that does not meet the  
233 safety standards and the vehicle standards as set forth in this chapter;

234 4. Submitted a safety inspection form that was not completed by an approved  
235 mechanic facility as defined in this chapter;

236 5. Provided false information in connection with the annual industry reporting  
237 required in this chapter; or

238 6. If licensed as a wheelchair accessible taxicab:

239 a. failed to personally operate the vehicle for a minimum of forty hours per week  
240 for at least forty weeks per year;

241 b. failed to provide priority service to private pay passengers in wheelchairs or  
242 other mobility devices; or

243 c. failed to comply with any of the requirements in the wheelchair accessible  
244 taxicab demonstration project operating agreement.

245            SECTION 6. Ordinance 10498, Section 31, and K.C.C. 6.64.540 are hereby  
246 amended to read as follows:

247            **Temporary permit.**

248            A. Upon application for a for-hire driver's license and successful completion of the  
249 written and oral examination, the director may, at his or her discretion, issue a temporary  
250 permit, which shall entitle the applicant to operate a taxicab or for-hire vehicle pending  
251 final action upon ~~((his))~~ the applicant's application for a period not to exceed ~~((60))~~ sixty  
252 days from the date of the application.

253            B. The temporary permit shall not be transferable or assignable and shall be valid  
254 only for the taxicab~~((s))~~ or taxicabs or for-hire vehicle~~((s))~~ or vehicles to which ~~((it))~~ the  
255 permit was originally issued.

256            C. The temporary permit shall be immediately null and void should at any time the  
257 applicant's Washington ~~((S))~~ state driver's license become expired, suspended or revoked, or  
258 following the denial of an application. The permit shall remain null and void pending the  
259 resolution of any appeal as provided.

260            D. In cases where the applicant fails to complete the license issuance process, a  
261 temporary license will not be issued, unless the incomplete license application was filed at  
262 least two years preceding the application under consideration.

263            SECTION 7. Ordinance 10498, Section 34, and K.C.C. 6.64.570 are hereby  
264 amended to read as follows:

265            **Training program.**

266            A. All for-hire driver applicants are required to complete a training program  
267 providing information about the history and geography of the Puget Sound area,

268 ~~((incentives for))~~ defensive driving, use of emergency procedures and equipment for the  
269 driver's personal safety, and enhancement of driver/passenger relations, appearance and  
270 communication skills.

271 B. ~~((Such))~~ The training shall be required upon initial application. ~~((and e))~~ Every  
272 ~~((two))~~ three years thereafter, the applicant shall be required to complete a refresher course  
273 that covers, at a minimum, driver personal safety.

274 C. The director shall assure that this training is offered by the county ~~((and/))~~ or  
275 offered by another public or private entity, or offered by both. If training offered by a  
276 ~~((non-county))~~ noncounty entity, certification for purposes of obtaining or renewing a  
277 license pursuant to this chapter is contingent upon the director's approval that contents  
278 and training staff capability are equivalent to what would be provided through the county.

279 D. A for-hire driver who operates a wheelchair accessible taxicab must  
280 successfully complete a separate training program for the special needs of passengers in  
281 wheelchairs including, but not limited to, loading and tie-down procedures and door-to-  
282 door service.

283 SECTION 8. Ordinance 10498, Section 35, and K.C.C. 6.64.580 are hereby  
284 amended to read as follows:

285 **Written and oral examination.**

286 A. An applicant for an initial for-hire license shall be required to successfully  
287 complete a written and oral examination. Existing for-hire driver licensees who have not  
288 completed the written oral examination are required to do so at the time the for-hire license  
289 is renewed.

290 B. The written examination (~~((will))~~) shall test the applicant's knowledge of the  
291 chapter requirements dealing with fare determination, driver-passenger relations, conduct  
292 including the applicant's ability to understand oral and written directions in the English  
293 language, vehicle safety requirements and driver regulations (~~((and a satisfactory))~~), risk  
294 factors for crimes against for-hire drivers, emergency procedures and taxicab equipment for  
295 driver's personal safety. The written examination shall also test the applicant's  
296 geographical knowledge of King County and surrounding areas and local public and tourist  
297 destinations and attractions. The director shall prescribe the content of the examination  
298 ~~((will be prescribed by the director)).~~

299 C. The oral examination shall test the applicant's ability to speak and understand  
300 English sufficiently to perform the responsibilities of a for-hire driver.

301 D. The temporary license issued pursuant to K.C.C. 6.64.540 will not be issued  
302 until successful completion of both the written and oral examination.

303 ~~((D.))~~ E. The written examination is not required for the renewal of a for-hire  
304 driver's license unless the applicant's license has remained expired for more than one year.

305 SECTION 9. Ordinance 10498, Sections 47 through 60, and K.C.C. 6.64.660 are  
306 hereby amended to read as follows:

307 **Conduct standards.**

308 A. A driver shall (~~((not))~~) neither drink any alcoholic beverage while on duty or  
309 eight hours (~~((prior to))~~) before going on duty nor have in his or her possession an open or  
310 unsealed container of any alcoholic beverage(~~((s))~~) (Class M).

311 B. A driver shall, at the end of each trip, check his or her vehicle for any article that  
312 is left behind by his or her passenger(~~((s))~~) or passengers. (~~((Such))~~) The articles are to be

313 reported as found property on the TAXI Hotline, as well as to the service organization, and  
314 ~~((such property is))~~ the articles are to be returned to the service organization~~((/))~~ or  
315 affiliated representative at the end of the shift or sooner if possible. Unaffiliated taxicabs or  
316 for-hire vehicles shall deposit ~~((said items))~~ the articles at the ~~((King County business~~  
317 ~~license section.))~~ records, elections and licensing services division (Class M).

318 C. A driver shall have in his or her possession a valid for-hire driver's license at  
319 any time he or she is driving, in control of or operating a taxicab or for-hire vehicle and  
320 ~~((such))~~ the license shall be displayed as prescribed by the director~~((/))~~ (Class I).

321 D. A driver shall comply with any written ~~((N))~~notice of ~~((V))~~violation or  
322 ~~((N))~~notice of ~~((C))~~correction by the director including removal from service. (Class M)

323 E. A driver shall not operate a taxicab or for-hire vehicle when ~~((such))~~ the taxicab  
324 or for-hire vehicle has been placed out-of-service by order of the director~~((/))~~ (Class M);

325 F. A driver shall immediately surrender the vehicle license plate or decal to the  
326 director upon written notice that ~~((such))~~ the vehicle is out-of-service~~((/))~~ (Class M).

327 G. A driver shall ~~((not))~~ be in control of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle for neither  
328 more than twelve ~~((12))~~ consecutive hours nor for more than twelve ~~((12))~~ hours spread  
329 over a total of fifteen ~~((15))~~ hours in any ~~((24))~~ twenty-four-hour period. Thereafter,  
330 ~~((such))~~ driver shall not drive any taxicab until eight ~~((8))~~ consecutive hours have  
331 elapsed~~((/))~~ (Class I).

332 H. A driver shall not drive, operate~~((/))~~ or be in control of a taxicab or for-hire  
333 vehicle other than that designated on ~~((his))~~ the driver's temporary for-hire permit~~((/))~~  
334 (Class I).

335 I. A driver shall not drive, be in control of or operate a taxicab or for-hire vehicle  
336 where the customer information board, as required under ~~((the vehicle standards section of~~  
337 ~~this chapter))~~ K.C.C. 6.64.410 is not present and contains the required information~~((:))~~  
338 (Class I).

339 J. A driver shall operate the taxicab or for-hire vehicle with due regard for the  
340 safety, comfort and convenience of passengers~~((:))~~ (Class I).

341 K. A driver shall ~~((not))~~ neither solicit for prostitution nor allow the vehicle to be  
342 used for such an unlawful purpose~~((:))~~ (Class M).

343 L. A driver shall not knowingly allow the taxicab or for-hire vehicle to be used for  
344 the illegal solicitation, transportation, ~~((or))~~ sale~~((:))~~ or any other activity related to  
345 controlled substances~~((:))~~ (Class M).

346 M. A driver shall deposit all refuse appropriately and under no circumstances~~((:))~~  
347 may litter~~((:))~~ (Class I).

348 N. A driver shall not use offensive language, expressions~~((:))~~ or gestures to any  
349 person while the driver is driving, operating~~((:))~~ or in control of a taxicab or for-hire  
350 vehicle~~((:))~~ (Class I).

351 O. A driver shall not operate a wheelchair accessible taxicab unless the driver has  
352 successfully completed the special training requirements in K.C.C. 6.64.570.

353 P. A driver shall not use a cell phone while a passenger is in the taxicab.

354 SECTION 10. Ordinance 10498, Sections 61 through 68, and K.C.C. 6.64.680 are  
355 hereby amended to read as follows:

356 **Driver-passenger relations standards.**



357           A.1. A driver shall wear suitable clothes that are neat and clean((;)) and the driver  
358 shall be well groomed at all times while on duty. ~~((The term "well groomed" shall refer to~~  
359 ~~that state of personal hygiene, body cleanliness and absence of offensive body odor~~  
360 ~~normally associated with bathing or showering on a regular basis, and shall mean that hair~~  
361 ~~is neatly trimmed, beards and mustaches groomed and neatly trimmed at all times in order~~  
362 ~~not to present a ragged appearance, and scalp and facial hair combed and brushed. The~~  
363 ~~term))~~

364           2. For the purposes of this subsection:

365           a. "~~((n))~~Neat and clean," as it relates to clothes ~~((shall))~~, means that all clothing  
366 is clean, free from soil, grease and dirt and without unrepaired rips or tears~~((The term))~~;

367           b. "~~((s))~~Suitable clothes" ~~((shall))~~ mean full-length pants, collared shirt~~((;))~~ and  
368 shoes. It shall not be permissible for any driver to wear as an outer garment any of the  
369 following:

370           (1) undershirts or underwear~~((;))~~;

371           (2) tank tops~~((;))~~;

372           (3) body shirts (see-through mesh)~~((;))~~;

373           (4) swimwear~~((;))~~;

374           (5) jogging or warm-up suits or sweatshirts or similar attire~~((;))~~;

375           (6) shorts or trunks (jogging or bathing)~~((;))~~;

376           (7) sandals~~((;))~~; or

377           (8) any similar clothing~~((;))~~; and

378           c. "Well groomed" refers to that state of personal hygiene, body cleanliness and  
379 absence of offensive body odor normally associated with bathing or showering on a regular

380 basis, and means that hair is neatly trimmed, beards and mustaches are groomed and neatly  
381 trimmed at all times in order not to present a ragged appearance and scalp and facial hair  
382 are combed and brushed (Class I).

383 B. A driver shall provide his or her customer with professional and courteous  
384 service at all times~~((:))~~ (Class I).

385 C. A driver shall not refuse a request for service because of the driver's position in  
386 line at a taxicab zone; a passenger may select any taxicab in line~~((:))~~ (Class M).

387 D. A driver shall at all times assist a passenger by placing luggage or packages ~~((f))~~  
388 that are under fifty ~~((50))~~ pounds~~((t))~~ in and out of the taxicab or for-hire vehicle~~((:))~~  
389 (Class I).

390 E. A driver shall not refuse to transport in the taxicab or for-hire vehicle:

391 1. ~~((a))~~Any passenger's wheelchair ~~((which))~~ that can be folded and placed in  
392 either the passenger, driver~~((:))~~ or trunk compartment of the taxicab or for-hire vehicle~~((:))~~;

393 2. ~~((a))~~An assist dog or guide dog to assist the disabled or handicapped~~((:))~~; and

394 3. ~~((g))~~Groceries, packages or luggage when accompanied by a passenger~~((:))~~

395 (Class M).

396 F. A driver shall provide each passenger a receipt upon payment of the fare. The  
397 receipt shall accurately show the date and time, the amount of the fare, the taxicab name  
398 and number~~((:))~~ and the printed name and for-hire driver license number of the for-hire  
399 driver~~((:))~~ (Class I).

400 G. A driver shall use the most direct available route on all trips unless the  
401 passenger specifically requests to change the route~~((:))~~ (Class M).

402 H. A driver shall not permit a ~~((non-fare-paying))~~ non-fare-paying passenger, or  
403 pets, to ride in the taxicab or for-hire vehicle. Validly licensed trainees, when approved by  
404 the passenger, are exempt from this requirement~~((:))~~ (Class I).

405 I. A driver shall not refuse to transport any person except when:

406 1. The driver has already been dispatched on another call;

407 2. The passenger is acting in a disorderly ~~((or))~~, threatening or suspicious manner,  
408 or otherwise causes the driver to reasonably believe that ~~((his))~~ the driver's health or safety,  
409 or that of others, may be endangered;

410 3. The passenger cannot, upon request, show ability to pay fare~~((:))~~; or

411 4. The passenger refuses to state a specific destination upon entering the taxicab

412 (Class M).

413 J. A driver shall not smoke while the taxicab or for-hire vehicle is occupied without  
414 the consent of all passengers~~((:))~~ (Class I).

415 K. A driver shall be able to provide a reasonable and prudent amount of change,  
416 and if correct change is not available, no additional charge ~~((will))~~ may be made to the  
417 passenger in attempting to secure the change~~((:))~~ (Class I).

418 L. If operating a wheelchair accessible taxicab, a driver shall provide priority  
419 service to private pay passengers in wheelchairs or other mobility devices.

420 SECTION 11. Ordinance 10498, Section 89, and K.C.C. 6.64.700 are hereby  
421 amended to read as follows:

422 **Taxicab~~((:))~~ = ~~((M))~~ maximum number.**

423 A. The King County council finds that the safety, reliability and economic viability  
424 of privately operated taxi transportation is a matter of county concern and regulation of

425 ~~((such))~~ that type of transportation is an essential government function. The council further  
426 finds that the number of taxicab licenses in effect as of May 31, 1991, is sufficient to  
427 provide the public adequate taxicab service.

428 B. The total number of taxicab licenses issued shall not exceed ~~((the number in~~  
429 ~~effect as of May 31, 1991))~~ five hundred sixty-one.

430 C. The director may~~((, at his discretion,))~~ issue temporary taxicab licenses, as part  
431 of a demonstration project, to ~~((special service))~~ wheelchair accessible taxicab vehicles  
432 used to provide transportation to disabled persons ~~((defined in K.C.C. 6.64.010))~~ who use  
433 wheelchairs or other mobility devices. The temporary licenses are nontransferable and  
434 shall not be included in calculating the maximum number of taxicab licenses allowable  
435 pursuant to subsection B. of this section. The transit division shall coordinate a  
436 demonstration project to determine the economic feasibility of the long-term issuance of  
437 wheelchair accessible taxicabs.

438 D. The executive shall formulate and forward to the council for its approval a  
439 methodology for apportioning taxicab licenses when the total number of taxicab licenses in  
440 effect is less than the maximum number allowed. The executive shall submit this  
441 information to the council no later than ~~((April 1, 1994))~~ March 1, 2006.

442 SECTION 12. Ordinance 10498, Section 90, and K.C.C. 6.64.710 are hereby  
443 amended to read as follows:

444 **Transfer of ((permit)) license.** Transfer ~~((f))~~ or sale((t)) of a ~~((permit))~~ license  
445 to any other person is authorized, except that temporary wheelchair accessible taxicab  
446 licenses are nontransferable. Application for transfer of a permit to another person shall  
447 include the name of the transferee, and the trade name and color scheme under which the

448 vehicle will be operated, the sales price and other information required by the director.  
449 The transferee shall comply with all requirements of this chapter. Any transfer of a  
450 taxicab license shall be for the transfer of all licenses issued to ~~((said))~~ the vehicle. If the  
451 transfer is for one vehicle license only, the remaining taxicab license shall be considered  
452 abandoned, nonrenewable or ~~((non-transferable))~~ nontransferable.

453 SECTION 13. ORDINANCE 10498, Section 18, and K.C.C. 6.64.380 are each  
454 hereby amended to read as follows:

Ordinance 15263

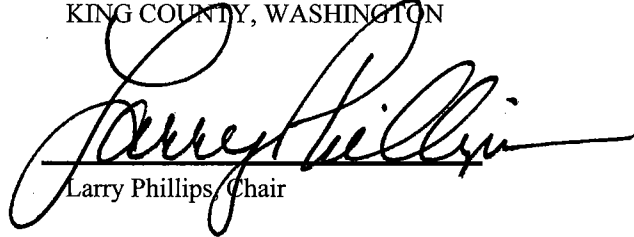
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455 Taxicab and for-hire vehicle license expiration. All taxicab and for-hire licenses  
456 shall expire on (~~August 31st~~) June 30 of each year.  
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Ordinance 15263 was introduced on 2/14/2005 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 8/29/2005, by the following vote:

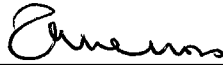
Yes: 12 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Ms. Edmonds

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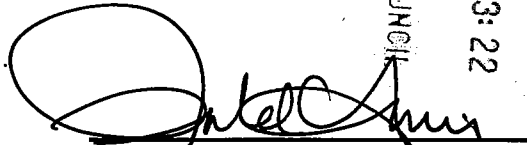
Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 8 day of September, 2005.



Ron Sims, County Executive

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