

# Transportation-for-Hire Vehicle Requirements

## CITY OF DALLAS VEHICLE PERMIT.

### DIVISION 3.

#### **SEC. 47A-2.3.1. VEHICLE PERMIT REQUIRED.**

No vehicle may be used to provide transportation-for-hire services without a valid permit for that vehicle issued under this article.

#### **SEC. 47A-2.3.2. REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLE PERMIT.**

To obtain a vehicle permit or renewal of a vehicle permit, a person must provide the director or an approved company with the following information and documents:

- (1) current state issued registration and safety inspection;
- (2) proof that, within the preceding 90 days, the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the requirements in Section 47A-2.3.3.

#### **SEC. 47A-2.3.3 VEHICLE QUALITY STANDARDS.**

(a) An operating authority shall maintain all motorized vehicles operating under its permit, and a driver shall maintain the motorized transportation-for-hire vehicle he is driving for hire, in a condition such that each vehicle is mechanically sound and road worthy, the exterior and interior are clean and appear new or substantially like new, and meets the following standards:

- (1) body panels, trim, and moldings are free of dents (other than minor door dings that do not involve paint damage), scratches or other obvious unrepaired damage;
- (2) paint in good condition, free of scratches or other obvious unrepaired damage, visible fading, runs, peeling, overspray, mismatched colors, or excessive "orange peel";
- (3) all recall work recommended by the vehicle's manufacturer has been performed;
- (4) all exterior lights function and are aimed as designed by the manufacturer;

- (5) all doors open and close smoothly using interior and exterior door handles;
- (6) windshield and windows are in good condition, free of cracks or any condition that obscures visibility;
- (7) front and rear seats, armrests, interior door panels, headliners, carpet, mats, and front and rear dashboards are in good condition, free of cracks, rips, tears or excessive wear;
- (8) all seat belts function smoothly, lock securely, and are free of twists, cuts or visible signs of wear;
- (9) power windows and locks function properly;
- (10) windshield wipers function as designed and wiper blades clean properly;
- (11) all dashboard lights illuminate as designed;
- (12) air conditioner, heater, and defoggers function properly;
- (13) all interior lights function properly;
- (14) all power controlled rearview mirrors function properly;
- (15) trunk lid functions properly;
- (16) trunk compartment contains a proper spare tire in good condition with proper tread depth and air pressure, and all tools required to change a tire;
- (17) engine hood release operates properly;
- (18) all engine compartment fluid levels are at manufacturer recommended levels;
- (19) no leaks or excessive noise emitting from the fuel pump, cooling system, water pump, engine, or transmission;
- (20) all engine belts are in good condition with no visible signs of damage or excessive wear;
- (21) air filter is clean;
- (22) engine oil is clean and free of contaminants;

- (23) battery is at full charge, tests to proper standards and shows no visible signs of damage or leakage;
- (24) front and rear tires, wheels and wheel covers match and are the proper size and type for the vehicle;
- (25) front and rear tires contain the proper air pressure, sidewalls are in good condition, and tread depth is a minimum of 5/32”;
- (26) all lug nuts are properly torqued;
- (27) brake rotors show no signs of warpage, heat damage, or excessive wear;
- (28) brakes, including parking brakes, and brake assemblies, calipers, lines, hoses and cables show no signs of leakage, damage, or excessive wear;
- (29) vehicle chassis, including frame rails, subframe, transmission case or pan, drive shaft, fuel tank and components, steering system, differential assembly, exhaust system, transmission mounts, and struts/shocks show no sign of damage, leakage, or excessive wear;
- (30) on startup, engine idles normally; and
- (31) while driving, engine performs normally, transmission shifts normally, brakes function normally, no warning lights illuminate, and steering functions normally, with no abnormal vibration.

(b) It is a defense to prosecution for a violation of Subsection (a) that the violation was remedied within twenty-one (21) days after receiving the citation.

(c) A person commits an offense if he knowingly falsely certifies, requests another to falsely certify, or intentionally causes another to falsely certify that a transportation-for-hire vehicle meets the standards in Subsection (a).