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SEC. 1101. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF REGULATIONS

- (a) Scope of Regulations
 - (1) Classes of Permits

This Article, adopted pursuant to San Francisco Charter Section 8A.101(b) and Police Code Section 1075.1, as amended (File No. 08138, Ordinance No. 303-08), shall apply to the following classes of permits issued by the SFMTA:

- (A) Permits issued to a person:
 - (i) Driver *permits* Permits
- **(B)** Permits issued to a person for use with an identified vehicle or vehicle(s):
 - (i) Taxi/Ramp Taxi *permits Medallions*
 - (ii) Non-Standard Vehicle *permits* Permits
- **(C)** Permits issued to a business that affiliates with permitted vehicles:
 - (i) Color Scheme *permits* Permits
 - (ii) Dispatch Service *permits* Permits
- (2) Exclusion for Certain Vehicles

This Article shall not apply to the operation of a motor vehicle:

(A) Engaged in the business of, or used for, transporting passengers for hire when such motor vehicle is operated under and by authority of certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC); however, this Article shall only be inapplicable to the extent, character and type of

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operation expressly authorized by such certificate, and any such commercial operation of a motor vehicle pursuant to a CPUC certificate within the City and County of San Francisco shall be limited by and entirely within the scope of such certificate;

- Licensed by any city, city and county, county or other public entity as (B) a motor vehicle for hire which may enter the City and County of San Francisco for the purpose of delivering passengers who have hired the vehicle in a jurisdiction in which it is licensed to operate, provided, however, that no such motor vehicle for hire may solicit or accept any passenger while in the City;
- (C) A vehicle that That is regularly operated by a business to transport employees;
- (D) Operated as a private ambulance and regulated by Article 14 of the San Francisco Health Code; or
 - (E) Operating on fixed tracks or rails.
- (3)Application of Regulations to Permit Holder Conduct This Article applies to the conduct of Permit Holders at all times while engaged in activity related to the permit.

(b) Purpose of Regulations; Limitation of Liability

It is the purpose of this Article to require all persons, businesses or corporations holding permits issued pursuant to this Article to take steps to improve taxi service to the public and to protect the public health and safety when providing such service. By adopting this Article, the SFMTA is assuming an undertaking to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing

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on its officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach proximately caused injury.

(c) Notice of Regulations

The SFMTA shall provide a copy of this Article to each person who is applying for or renewing a permit at the time of application or renewal.

(d) Conflict of Interest

No permit governed by this Article may be issued to an employee of the SFMTA except with the prior written approval of the Director of Transportation.

(e) (d) Severability

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Article or any part thereof, is for any reason held to be invalid or ineffective, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Article or any part thereof. The SFMTA Board hereby declares that it would have adopted and promulgated each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or ineffective.

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