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At the meeting of the Rules and Regulations Subcommittee on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 the following resolution(s) and finding(s) were adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-XX**

REPLACING SECTIONS 5.D AND 5.G OF THE TAXICAB/RAMPED TAXI RULES AND REGULATIONS:

**WHEREAS**, the Rules and Regulations Subcommittee recommends replacing Sections 5.D and 5.G of the Taxicab/Ramped Taxi Rules and Regulations as described below; and

**5.D Spare Vehicles**

1. **SPARE DESIGNATION.** Only a vehicle in its sixth model year may operate as a spare vehicle. Once a vehicle is designated as a spare, it may not be re-introduced to the fleet except by approval of the Commission or its designee for emergency circumstances. All spare vehicles must be registered and insured under the color scheme as required by these Rules, the Municipal Police Code, and the laws of the State of California.
2. **SPARE OPERATION:** A spare vehicle may operate with a sedan medallion borrowed from an out-of-service vehicle. A spare vehicle may operate with a ramp medallion as defined in Municipal Police Code § 1148.6 notwithstanding the provisions of this Section.
3. **SPARE TIME RESTRICTIONS.** Spare vehicles shall only be used to replace temporarily disabled medallion vehicles. Color schemes shall notify the Commission or its designee if a spare vehicle will be operated for more than seventy-two (72) hours. A spare vehicle may not operate in place of a single regular vehicle more than thirty (30) days in accordance with Section 5.G.8. During any the time a spare vehicle is operating, the regular vehicle it is replacing shall be available for inspection by the Commission or its designee.
4. **SPARE NUMBERS, ISSUANCE.** Each Color Scheme shall be issued a series of "spare numbers" at the ratio of one (1) spare number for every five (5) vehicles operating at that Color Scheme.

5. **SPARE VEHICLES, STORAGE.** All spare vehicles shall be kept on the Color Scheme Holder's designated business property when not in actual use with a medallion.

#### **Section 5.G Inspections:**

1. **INSPECTIONS REQUIRED, PASSING INSPECTIONS.** There shall be inspections of all taxicab vehicles by the Taxi Commission or its designee. Inspections shall be done every six months for spare vehicles and every twelve months for regular vehicles at a date and time designed by the Commission or its designee, and at any other time deemed necessary. If the Commission or its designee determines that the vehicle has passed inspection, an SFIA decal shall be affixed to the vehicle, authorizing the vehicle to be operated for the time period specified on the decal. The decal shall be conspicuously displayed on the taxicab vehicle at all times or the vehicle shall be considered to be operating without a permit in violation of these Rules and the Municipal Police Code.
2. **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.** At the time of the scheduled inspection of the taxicab vehicle, the Color Scheme Holder must submit the following:
  - a. Valid and current State of California vehicle registration card which complies with Rule 4.B.3.
  - b. Proof of insurance meeting the requirements of the Municipal Police Code, the Vehicle Code, and the laws of the State of California concerning public passenger vehicles.
  - c. Valid and current Brake Certificate issued by an official inspection station certified by the State of California within sixty (60) days prior to inspection.
3. **MILEAGE.** Any vehicle that has reached 200,000 miles, including a London Taxi or other purpose-built vehicle, must pass inspection every six months to be operated as a taxicab. No vehicle may be operated as a taxicab after the vehicle has reached 350,000 miles except for London Taxis and other purpose-built vehicles placed into service before January 24, 2006, which have no cap.
4. **AGE.** Beginning January 1, 2009, no vehicle which is older than five (5) model years may serve as a taxicab, including London Taxis and other purpose-built vehicle. Vehicles may serve as spare vehicles according to Section 5.D of these Rules and Regulations.
5. **NEW VEHICLES.** If a new vehicle is purchased for use as a taxicab vehicle, the taxicab operator may furnish a written certificate of compliance issued by the automobile dealership in lieu of the required documents above, provided that the certificate is dated within sixty (60) days of the annual inspection. The automobile dealership must be certified by the State of California as an official inspection station.
6. **USED VEHICLES.** Starting mileage may not be more than 60,000 miles when a vehicle is placed into service. No vehicles which have been designated as "Salvage" by the California Department of Motor Vehicles may serve as taxicabs.
7. **ORDERED INSPECTIONS.** A Color Scheme Holder shall make any vehicle available for inspection when ordered by the Taxi Commission or its designee. If

a Color Scheme Holder fails to make a vehicle available for inspection or if the Taxi Commission or its designee determines that a vehicle is not in compliance with these Regulations, the Commission or its designee may order the vehicle to be removed from service until it passes inspection.

8. **FAILING INSPECTIONS.** If, on inspection, the Commission or its designee determines that a vehicle does not meet the requirements described in these Rules and Regulations or in the Municipal Police Code, the vehicle may fail inspection and may be ordered out of service until the condition(s) are corrected. A failed vehicle must be re-inspected and approved by the Commission or its designee before being returned to service and must pass another inspection in six months from the date of return to service. If a vehicle does not return to service within thirty (30) days it shall be permanently out of service. The decision to pass or fail a vehicle shall be at the sole discretion of the Commission or its designee.
9. **PERIODIC INSPECTIONS.** The Commission or its designee shall conduct periodic inspections of the vehicles for compliance with these Regulations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rules and Regulations Subcommittee recommends adopting the changes described above.

**AYES:**  
**ABSENT:**

**NOES: 0**  
**RECUSED: 0**

Respectfully submitted,

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