

**Amendment 1 Version 1 to CB 120653 – Taxicab and For-Hire Vehicle Regulations**

**Sponsor:** Councilmember Pedersen

Establish conditions for Director rules permitting autonomous operation of autonomous vehicles providing for-hire transportation services.

**Effect:** This amendment would require the Director of the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (Director) to meet certain conditions before granting authority for the autonomous operation of autonomous vehicles providing for-hire transportation services:

1. The Director would be required to obtain written concurrence from other Department Directors before granting such authority by rule; and
2. The Director would be required to establish safety and regulatory requirements for autonomous operation of an autonomous vehicle providing for-hire transportation services.

Amend Section 1 of CB 120653 as follows:

**6.311.470 Rulemaking authority**

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C. The Director may establish rules either for taxicabs or for-hire vehicles or for both to operate when equipped with an automated driving system and may establish associated penalties. Unless granted such authority by the Director by rule, an autonomous vehicle providing for-hire transportation services is prohibited from autonomous operation. A Director's rule granting such authority is subject to the following conditions:

1. The Director must obtain written concurrence in advance from the Directors of the Community Safety and Communications Center (CSCC), Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), Seattle Fire Department (SFD), and Seattle Police Department (SPD) to authorize autonomous operation of an autonomous vehicle providing for-hire transportation services; and

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2. The Director must establish safety and regulatory requirements for autonomous operation of an autonomous vehicle providing for-hire transportation services, including but not limited to requiring the following items before deployment: advanced notification of deployment; notice of contact information and public outreach events; first responder interaction information with CSCC, SFD, and SPD; proof of insurance acceptable to the City; indemnification acceptable to the City; notification of collisions, moving violations, or other reportable events as required by state law; and demonstrated compliance with Washington State Department of Licensing requirements, including but not limited to self-certification; and any other requirements from state law.