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**86 Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles Added to District’s Taxicab Fleet**

*Renewal of Operating Authority Denied for Taxicab Companies Not In Compliance*

**(WASHINGTON, D.C.) –** Today, the DC Taxicab Commission announced that 86 wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAVs) have been added to the District’s taxicab fleet as a result of the requirement set forth in the Taxicab Service Improvement Act that established a benchmark of 6% of a taxicab company’s fleet be comprised of WAVs by December 31, 2014.

While the minimum number of WAVs expected in taxi company fleets to meet the legislative requirement is 92, several companies exceeded their minimum requirements. However, of the 91 companies authorized to operate in the District, 21 did not meet the 6% mandate. The companies that have not met their responsibility have been notified that the renewal of their authority to operate is being denied. They have also been advised to cease all operations as a taxicab company effective July 15, 2015. Pursuant to Section 709.3 of the Title 31 regulations, company owners have 14 days to appeal this denial of renewal of their certificate of operating authority.

The companies that have been denied renewal include:

1.         Ambassador Cab Association

2.         Black Pearl Cab Company

3.         Classic Cab Association

4.         Columbia Cab Association

5.         Constitution Cab Company

6.         Dial Cab Company

7.         Dynasty Cab Company

8.         Empire Cab Association

9.         Essence Cab Company

10.       Fairway Cab Association

11.       Grand Cab Company

12.       Luxury Cab Company

13.       Maine Cab Company

14.       Meritt Cab Association

15.       Patriot Cab Company

16.       Presidential Cab Association

17.       Rock Creek Cab Company

18.       Silver Cab Association

19.       Sun Cab Association

20.       Travelers Cab Company

21.       VIP Cab Company

According to the legislation, taxi companies will need to convert 12% of their fleet to WAVs by December 31, 2016.