



**Taxi & Limousine
Commission**

OWNER-MUST-DRIVE RULES

PROPOSED CHANGES TO OMD REQUIREMENTS

TLC COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 29, 2015



OMD HISTORY

- ❑ Passed in 1990 – prior to this date, no requirement for Independent Medallion Owners to drive.
- ❑ Purpose of Rules: To promote safety and customer service. TLC data indicated that owner-drivers provide better and safer service.
- ❑ Rules included:
 - Minimum number of shifts required to be driven by Medallion Owner yearly (210 nine-hour shifts).
 - Accommodations for an inheriting spouse.
 - Penalties/fines for non-compliance.

CHANGES TO ALL DRIVER SEGMENTS

- ❑ 2011 - Rules modified to provide more flexibility to owners of OMD Medallions.

- ❑ 2014 - All Driver Segments and Medallion Types
 - City Council actions in support of Vision Zero initiative.
 - Accountability when vehicle crashes result in critical injury or death.
 - Changes to the TLC Persistent Violator program to include DMV points.
 - TLC changes to Driver Training Curriculum to assure all drivers are safer/better drivers.
 - Defensive Driving course.
 - Distracted Driving course.
 - Remedial Course for Persistent Violators

- ❑ 2015 – Proposed OMD Revisions

PROPOSED OMD REVISIONS

Number of Required “Shifts”

- Changed to “Hours” on a yearly basis.
- Also applies to Inheriting Spouse requirements.

General Rule

- Reduced driving requirements from 180 nine-hour shifts (1,620 hours yearly) to 900 hours yearly.

Special Rule for Individuals

- Reduced driving requirements from 150 seven-hour shifts (1,050 hours yearly) to 600 hours yearly if 62 or older and meets other requirements.

Fines for Missed Hours

- Reduced from between \$1,000 and \$10,000 to between \$500 and \$4,000.

PROPOSED OMD REVISIONS

Independent Driver Option

- Reduction from 10 years to 5 years for:
 - Medallion Ownership
 - Previously meeting the OMD requirements
- Timing flexibility in the election of the Independent Driver Option.
- Penalties reduced from \$5,000 or \$2,500 (62+) to \$1,000 or \$500 (62+)

Waivers

- Length of time waivers can be granted increased from up to six months to up to twelve months.