



MOTOR VEHICLE FOR-HIRE AUTHORITY
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Proposed R&R Changes – 07142015

- **Inspections** – allow for the companies to go to an ASE Certified Technician with certifications in at least 3 areas (engine, brakes, suspension & steering).
- **Insurance** – require 10 days’ notice for cancelation or changes per the Interlocal Agreement and have the policy in the name of the company.
- **Driver Permit Applications-** Allow companies to submit their own documentation for criminal background checks, driver motor vehicle reports, and pay for the drug screen out of pocket. This will allow for companies like Uber that want to run their own investigations to do so. A list of approved vendors for will be provided. Companies will then submit all paperwork to the Authority for review. If a driver or company wishes to use the current method of going through the Authority to run all applicable investigations, they may do so. This gives the companies/drivers an option.
- **Permit Duration** – lower the duration from 2 years to 1 year.
- **Dress Code** – Removed
- **Customer Service Course** - Removed
- **Cruising** – Removal of the prohibition on cruising.
- **Service Standards** – Removal of requirement that taxicab companies offer 24/7 service.
- **Cellular Phone Use** – Removal of prohibition on cell phone use by drivers while driving a customer.
- **Methods of Payment** - Rewording on this section to require all drivers to accept major credit cards and bans any additional fees levied on customers.
- **Receipts** – require all taxicabs to have the capability to print a receipt from the taximeter or credit card terminal. Prohibition on handwritten receipts.
- **MDOT Exclusion** - Exempt vehicles regulated by Mississippi Department of Transportation that are 11 passengers or more and/or gross vehicle weight of 10,001 or more pounds. This will basically be the large buses. Applicable to Limousines, Shuttles, and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation.